

Keeping Our Fires

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Keeping Our Fires: Action In Community

Since October 2024, the five participating organizations in the Keeping Our Fires Project began carrying out their action plans of performing community readiness assessments in their regions. This consists of having conversations with six members of their community around community efforts, community knowledge, community climate, leadership, and available resources. This will assist our participants in discovering their community’s existing gaps/barriers, strengths, and level of readiness to address STBBIs. Each organization will continue to work collaboratively with CAAN’s Promising Practices Coordinator to score their assessments to determine their level of readiness and receive support in action implementation and co-creating resources highlighting promising practices and raising awareness. We are excited to see the accomplishments of our team’s hard work!



Recommendations for Performing a Community Readiness Assessment

- Connect with your team to determine your area of focus and tasks prior to performing your assessment.
- Choose 6 community members to interview - each representing different segments of your community (e.g. Youth, Elders, Health/Medical professionals, treatment services, etc.).
- Read over the interview questions and adjust questions before meeting with your community members.
- Introduce yourself, and your organization, and explain the process and purpose of your meeting.
- Have sacred medicines, snacks, and beverages available if performing your assessment in person.
- Record or write written responses, including nonverbal cues.
- Avoid personal comments, discussions, or interpretations of responses.
- Have 2 team members (who didn't conduct the

interviews) score your assessment separately then meet together to reach a consensus on your readiness scores.

Invitation to Join Keeping Our Fires 2024-2025

Does your organization want to strengthen your capacity to provide STBBI services?

Does your organization want to co-create a resource with CAAN Communities, Alliances, and Networks?

If you answered yes to both of these questions, we want to work with you in 2024. Please contact CAAN's Promising Practices Coordinator, Tash Dingwell at tashd@caan.ca.

