

## **SPF SIG Monthly Summary October 2006**

### **Workgroups:**

- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met October 4, 2006. The group discussed its role as an advisory board and the level it should set or should not set direction for the SPF SIG. Also discussed purpose of the workgroup, if it should remain as founded, make adjustments, and find out why people attend so needs are met.
- ❑ The *Prevention Centers of Excellence (PCoE)* key community contact staff met with four of the funded counties to assist in capacity and readiness assessment. They also met with three of the unfunded counties to discuss the SPF and the needs assessment and strategic planning grant.
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup* met October 3, 2006. An overview on the HEAPP (Higher Education Alcohol Prevention Program) survey was presented. The group also discussed the overlap of binge drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug use.
- ❑ The Executive Management Team did not meet in October.

### **Other Items:**

- During the month of October the Strategic Planning and Environmental Programming grantees began readiness assessments, began developing key informant interview protocol, collected pre-existing needs assessments and strategic plans in their county.
- The Cultural Subpopulations grantees worked on further dissemination of their studies findings by posting reports to their websites, developing a resource guide, and presenting findings at community meetings.
- United Way of Lincoln became the twelfth SPEP grantee, and will be doing needs assessment and strategic planning with partners in Lincoln County.
- Three of the remain 4 unfunded counties expressed interest in participating in doing countywide needs assessment and strategic planning over the next 8 months, these include Penobscot, Waldo, and Aroostook.