

## **SPF SIG Monthly Summary September 2006**

### **Workgroups:**

- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met September 6, 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)* met with each other to further work on providing TA to grantees and unfunded counties. They attended and participated in each regional grantee meeting held in September.
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup* did not meet in September.
- ❑ The Executive Management Team met September 6, 2006. Presented updates on SPF SIG- Epi Profile, UGS study, Cultural Subpopulations studies, and that the SPF SIG has a new CSAP Project Officer. Discussed community level evaluation tools and plans that HZA is preparing, the technical assistance they are planning for the phase II SPEP grantees on linking intervening variables to objectives. There was a recommendation that the Maine General Population Survey be conducted again at the end of the SPF SIG. Information on CSAP's community level instrument (CLI) was presented. Mayatech is planning to come to Maine late fall to give a training to each SPF SIG grantee on CLI.
- ❑ The *Unified Governance Structure Study (UGS)* was completed. The report "What Coalitions Can Do" was printed, and distributed at the September 27 Dissemination Conference. This report is also available online at [www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa)

### **Other Items:**

- SPEP grantees began September 1, 2006. Three regional meetings were held to orient grantees and their partners to the SPF SIG, expectations of the SPEP grant, the Prevention Centers of Excellence, and to go over the County Epi profile, and assessment and planning guide.
- The Insights for Program Planners (dissemination conference) was held in Farmington September 27. Information was presented on the findings of the UGS study and the Cultural Subpopulations studies.
- The Northeast CAPT came to Maine to determine needs for the upcoming year for Technical Assistance around the SPF SIG.
- The SPF substance abuse strategic plan was approved by CSAP September 28, 2006.
- The SPF SIG Prevention Specialist retired September 29, 2006. Plans are underway to post the position.