

2025 Alaska Prevention Summit

Weaving Our Future

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Acronyms & Terms

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDVSA – State of Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

CPT – Community prevention team - *Attendees were asked to reflect on how participating in the summit influenced their ability to work effectively within a community prevention team—a term used broadly in this report to encompass coalitions, alliances, and other collaborative community groups focused on prevention efforts.*

CQI – Continuous quality improvement

DBH – Division of Behavioral Health

DV – **Domestic violence:** *Domestic violence is perpetrated by romantic partner(s), household or family members and includes a pattern of violent, controlling, coercive behaviors intended to punish, abuse, and control the thoughts, beliefs, and actions of the victim.*

PPPG – Primary prevention programming grant, a funding initiative by CDVSA. This grant supports community-based efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault by fostering coalition-driven, culturally relevant prevention plans and programs.

SA – **Sexual assault:** *Sexual assault occurs any time a person is forced into a sexual act through physical violence, verbal threats, manipulation, abusing authority, or other ways that a person cannot and does not consent to sexual acts.*

SV – **Sexual violence:** Sexual violence is any sexual act, attempt at a sexual act, or other act directed against a person's sexuality without their consent, or when they are unable to consent, regardless of the relationships between the perpetrator and victim. Sexual violence encompasses various forms including sexual assault, rape, and unwanted sexual contact.

SEM – Social ecological model

SPS – Strategic Prevention Solutions

TA – Technical assistance refers to the support, guidance, and expertise provided to help individuals, organizations, or teams build skills, improve processes, and effectively implement strategies. This typically involves training, consultation, resource sharing, and problem-solving to enhance capacity and achieve specific goals.

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Purpose: To empower Alaska communities to create a future free of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), in collaboration with other state and national partners, supports efforts to strengthen community and prevention team capacity in planning, implementing, and evaluating primary prevention programs for domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA). As part of the capacity building strategy, CDVSA hosts and funds a biannual statewide gathering to support its grantees and community prevention teams (CPTs).

This report compiles and summarizes feedback from attendees of the 2025 Prevention Summit. The Summit is designed to strengthen knowledge and skills in best practices for the primary prevention of violence, with a focus on program implementation, evaluation, and statewide capacity.

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Funding for this year's Primary Prevention Summit was provided by CDVSA and the Division of Behavioral Health.

Executive Summary

From March 5-7, 2025, the Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) hosted the eighth Primary Prevention Summit: Weaving Our Future, a biennial gathering dedicated to strengthening community-based efforts to prevent domestic violence (DV), sexual assault (SA), dating violence, and other wellness issues across Alaska.

This year's Summit was held in Juneau, AK in partnership with the Division of Behavioral Health's "Voice's of Prevention" annual training, uniting prevention practitioners from different sectors and communities for three days of collaboration and learning. The event focused on deepening and enriching knowledge in primary prevention strategies and initiatives, including coalition building, policy, and evaluation.

The planning committee reflected a strong statewide network of partners including representatives from the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Haa Tóoch Lichéesh Coalition, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center, Department of Education, Department of Health Section of Women & Children's Health, Strategic Prevention Solutions, Recover Alaska Alliance, and others.

To evaluate the impact of the Weaving Our Future 2025 Prevention Summit and gather feedback a retrospective pre-post survey design was used and focused on participant experiences and learning outcomes. The survey combined multiple-choice and open-ended questions, collected demographic information, satisfaction levels, and feedback on the content and relevance to prevention efforts. Respondents represented a broad spectrum of prevention professionals, from newcomers (17% new to prevention, 20% with less than one year of experience) to seasoned professionals (24% with 11+ years). The largest group (38%) described themselves as somewhat experienced, indicating a solid mid-career cohort.

Key Learnings

The findings and summary highlights from the 2025 Alaska Primary Prevention Summit evaluation can be used to guide future decisions and areas of opportunity, providing actionable guidance to enhance future events and maximizing the impact of funded prevention across the state in several ways.

The 2025 Prevention Summit successfully met the needs of a broad experience range, with especially strong benefits for newcomers and mid-career professionals. The positive impact on confidence and understanding suggests the Summit effectively builds capacity to address complex violence prevention challenges through evidence-based and culturally relevant frameworks.

- ✧ Respondents provided highly positive feedback regarding the summit:

- **Expectations and Relevance:** 89% said the Summit met their expectations, and 96% found the content relevant.

- **Engagement and Organization:** 87% felt engaged by speakers/activities; 89% agreed the event was well organized.
- **Knowledge and Tools:** 87% reported improved understanding of statewide prevention priorities; 80% felt they received useful tools and resources.
- **Networking and Support:** 83% felt supported in connecting with other grantees, with newcomers rating networking benefits especially high (93% vs. 75% for more experienced participants).
- **Impact and Recommendation:** 87% believed the Summit would positively impact their work, and 89% would recommend it.

Networking and peer learning emerged as critical elements, reinforcing the value of community and collaboration within the prevention field. The integration of Indigenous perspectives enriched the content and resonated deeply with attendees, highlighting the importance of cultural responsiveness in prevention work. The expressed desire for more interactive, collaborative, and in-depth learning opportunities signals an opportunity to enhance future Summits by prioritizing participant engagement and practical application.

- ✧ **Attendees valued in-person peer learning and the Indigenous-centered content,** remarking the Calricaraq model, other Indigenous approaches, and the Summit's theme on shared risk and protective factors provided new conceptual lenses, fostering deeper insights into cultural and relational protective factors.
- ✧ **The Summit substantially increased attendees' confidence in core prevention competencies,** particularly in explaining shared risk and protective factors, linking programming to broader efforts, implementing community-based programs, building partnerships, and using evaluation data for decision-making. For example, confidence explaining shared factors rose from 78% pre-Summit to 90% post-Summit.
- ✧ **Most respondents reported the Summit helped them in better understanding and aligning their programming to meet their community needs.** Attendees requested increased networking and collaboration opportunities, more breakout sessions for deeper discussion, and a focus on coalition-building and culturally specific topics (youth, gender, rural communities, Indigenous practices). Suggestions emphasized a "quality over quantity" approach with practical tools and interactive formats to facilitate application and peer exchange.
- ✧ **Specific actions or next steps respondents want to take from the Summit and bring to their work** were largely ideas related to collaboration, partnership building and using learnings like protective factors for future prevention planning. Respondents identified concrete next steps, including enhancing partnerships, improving data and evaluation practices, advancing culturally grounded strategies, and integrating holistic prevention models like the Icelandic framework.

Key Lessons

Survey respondents represented a wide range of communities, organizations, and levels of experience. Most of the feedback related to the overall Prevention Summit can be summarized as the following:

- ✧ Overall, there were positive experiences associated with the Summit that were directly related to the topics, speakers and sharing the same space with other state agencies.
- ✧ There was a request for more opportunities to network with these state agencies. Whether through small group discussions or specific networking times, respondents indicated while they appreciated being in the same space, they wanted more intentional time with other agencies.
- ✧ Another suggestion was providing opportunities for meaningful discussions and application. While respondents enjoyed the topics and panel of speakers, they inquired more opportunities to dive deeper into specific topics for a “quality over quantity” experience, as one respondent mentioned.

Overview of the 2025 Prevention Summit

The three-day 2025 Alaska Prevention Summit¹, "**Weaving Our Future**", held March 7 – 9, offered a varied and rich agenda constructed to strengthen connections, share knowledge, and advance best practices in violence prevention and community wellness. This event provides prevention practitioners and community teams from across Alaska with opportunities to network and share their expertise around prevention of DV, SA, and other social and health-related challenges. Summit panels, sessions, and activities ([full agenda in appendix](#)) were designed to encourage knowledge sharing, broaden awareness to Alaska-based programs and coalitions, and promote best practices in prevention.



Panel: Shared Risk & Protective Factors – Michael Powell, Wendi Siebold, Amber Webb, Pat Sidmore

Day 01 Themes :: Centering Connection, Community, Shared Factors, and Prevention

- Welcome & Cultural Opening featuring Yéese Ku.oo Dance Group
- Panel on Shared Risk & Protective Factors, brining together diverse voices and perspectives to discuss core elements of effective prevention

¹ <https://dps.alaska.gov/cdvs/prevention/summit>

- Panel on food as a protective factor, discussing and sharing around traditional foods, wellness, and healing practices
- Communication strategies and messaging for prevention
- Tabling for networking, resource sharing, and connections



Yéese Ku.oo Dance Group at 2025 Prevention Summit

Day 02 Themes :: Strategy, Policy, and Prevention in Practice

- Icelandic Model, frameworks for prevention success
- Breakout evaluation workshops for hands-on learning and feedback
- Panel featuring Alaskan leaders and discussing the intersection of policy & prevention
- Calricaraq case study, hearing deep insights into Indigenous, culturally grounded wellness work



Panel: Prevention at the Policy Level – Tami Truett Jerue, Christina Love, Geran Tarr, Pat Sidmore, Rose Dominick

Day 03 Themes :: Community Wellness & Coalition Building

- Panel on prevention's role in addressing housing insecurity
- Collaborative approaches and navigating working together as coalitions
- Holistic and environmental approaches & connections, wellness and plant teachings
- Real-world discussion and application using World Cafés



Plant Teachings for Wellness – Kaasei Naomi Michalsen of Kaasei Indigenous Foodways with Support from Haa Tóoch Lichéesh Coalition

Summary of Respondent Feedback

Survey Methodology and Participation

To assess the overall impact of the *Weaving Our Future* 2025 Prevention Summit and gather attendee feedback, CDVSA contracted Strategic Prevention Solutions (SPS) to conduct an evaluation. The evaluation focused on participants' experiences and learning outcomes using a retrospective pre-post survey design administered after the event. The survey included a combination of multiple-choice and open-ended questions for attendees to share experiences and perceptions.

Survey respondents provided demographic and professional background information, along with feedback on their satisfaction with the event, content, and its relevance to their prevention work. Attendees were also asked to identify additional topics of interest and suggest areas for improvement to help guide future Summits.

In addition, participants from CDVSA-funded DV/SA primary prevention grantee communities were asked a set of tailored questions about their community-based prevention teams. These responses help inform the development of targeted technical assistance (TA) to better support their ongoing prevention efforts.

A QR code directing prospective respondents to the survey link was made available on tables during the final half of the last day. Survey invitations were sent to all registered attendees, with a link to the survey following the event. A reminder to complete the survey was sent a week after the invitation. The survey was open for feedback for approximately 2 weeks.

Considerations & Limitations

The post-event survey was designed to gather feedback on attendees' experiences at the summit, but there are some limitations to consider. Participation in the post-survey was voluntary and not incentivized, meaning the results reflect only those who chose to respond. Responses may not fully represent all attendees. To maximize access, the survey was shared in multiple ways—via QR codes on tables, displayed on screen at event, and emails. However, we cannot confirm that all participants received or engaged in it. The survey also served as an attendance tracker, requiring respondents to include their names. While we assured participants feedback would be shared in aggregate and in anonymous form, this may have influenced how openly some individuals shared opinions. Lastly, a separate survey was conducted during an evaluation session at the Summit and included similar questions about satisfaction and learning, which may have caused some confusion and/or impacted participation.

Attendance Overview & Representation

This section begins with an overview of survey respondents, including background information such as their community affiliation and previous Summit attendance. It continues with an analysis of respondents' feedback on their experience with the Summit. Narrative feedback, including open-ended responses, is presented in direct quotations throughout the report. Finally, the report concludes with comparisons of this year's survey data to those from prior Prevention Summits, highlighting insights over time.

This year's Summit had 180 registered participants, including presenters and CDVSA staff. Of those registered, 125 either signed in at the event or confirmed their attendance through the survey; with an additional 20 attending virtually. Among non-speaker attendees for whom we have attendance ($n = 104$), the majority participated all three days (64%), while others attended two days (14%) or just one day (22%). There was a diverse range of communities and sectors engaged in the Summit, with most from service-oriented and health-related fields.

A total of 35 complete surveys were received and 12 partially completed surveys were received; in these cases, respondents did not answer all the questions for which a response was expected². The analysis included partial and complete responses for this report ($n = 47$). In cases where there were notably fewer responses to a particular item, the number of respondents is noted. Percentages were calculated to the second decimal place and rounded to whole numbers for ease of reading, with values at .54 or below rounded down and .56 or above rounded up. CPT items were asked only to respondents who indicated they were a PPPG recipient.

Almost all the survey respondents attended the Summit in-person, with only about 13% attending either exclusively virtually or a combination of virtual and in-person ($n = 6$). Many respondents were Primary Prevention Program Grant (PPPG) recipients or partners ($n = 14$, 31%)³ where 75% had attended a CDVSA Prevention Summit previously. The remainder of respondents were Alaska's Department of Health Behavioral Health Grantee recipients ($n=18$, 40%) and community partners who were not direct grantee recipients ($n=17$, 38%).



Summit attendees engage in discussion and collaborative sharing during a breakout session.

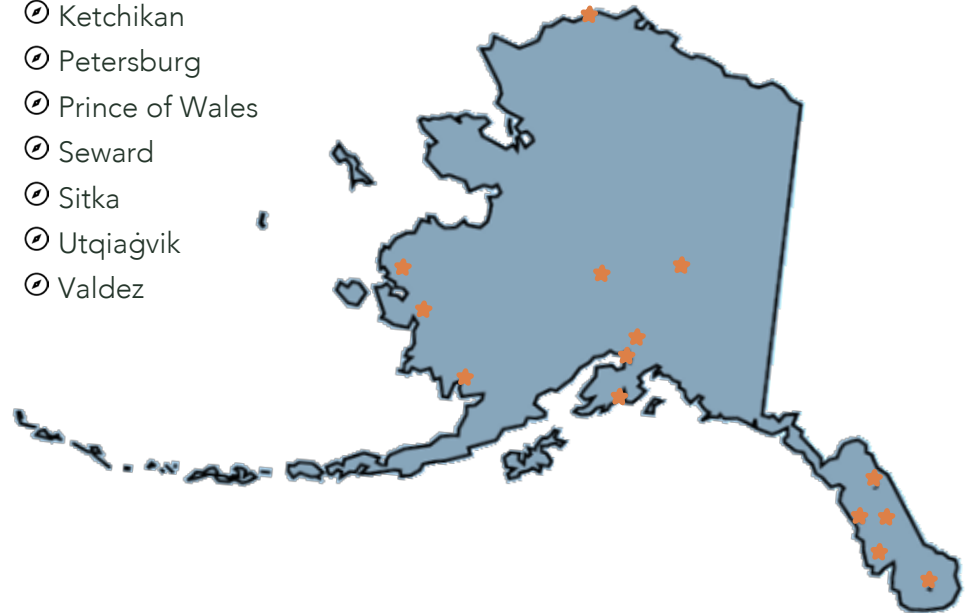
² Overall, the response rate for the 2025 Prevention Summit Evaluation Survey was 38%; this includes partial responses. Total survey responses: 47, only those attending 1-3 days, or virtually were invited to participate ($n = 123$); speakers and those not in attendance were excluded from the survey solicitation or disqualified from the analysis.

³ This includes respondents who indicated they were both CDVSA and DBH grantees ($n=2$).

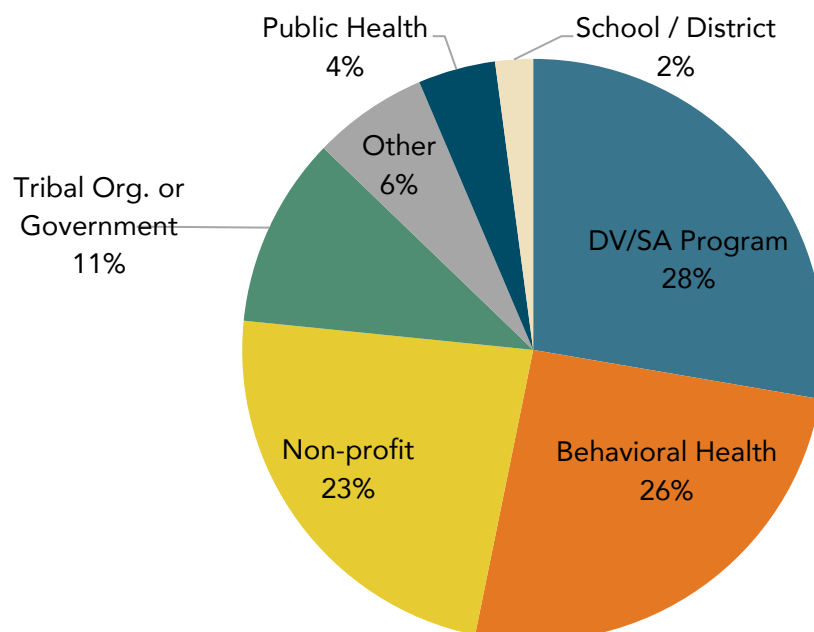
This 2025 Summit hosted representatives from nearly 20 Alaskan communities and organizations. Slightly more than a quarter of respondents (26%) had attended a Prevention Summit previously, meaning more participants were first time attendees.

Attendees Represented Community

- ⦿ Anchorage
- ⦿ Bethel
- ⦿ Chickaloon
- ⦿ Dillingham
- ⦿ Fairbanks
- ⦿ Hooper Bay
- ⦿ Juneau
- ⦿ Kenai
- ⦿ Ketchikan
- ⦿ Petersburg
- ⦿ Prince of Wales
- ⦿ Seward
- ⦿ Sitka
- ⦿ Utqiagvik
- ⦿ Valdez



In terms of organizations or professional affiliations represented in the survey, most were from DV/SA programs (28%). Close behind were attendees from the behavioral health sector, accounting for 26%, followed by non-profit organizations comprising 23% of respondents. Smaller portions of respondents were from tribal organizations or governments, public health, or schools.



Violence Prevention Experience

The data indicates that most respondents have at least some experience in prevention work, with a fairly even distribution across years of experience. In terms of time working on violence prevention in their communities, 20% of respondents reported less than one year of experience—highlighting a significant group of newcomers—while 24% reported having 11 or more years of experience. The largest group (38%) described themselves as *somewhat experienced*, suggesting a moderate level of familiarity. An additional 26% identified as *experienced*, and 19% rated themselves as *very experienced* or having *advanced expertise*. A smaller but notable portion (17%) considered themselves *new* to prevention. Respondents with six or more years of experience were more likely to rate themselves as knowledgeable and experienced. Overall, the distribution suggests a diverse mix of new, mid-range, and seasoned prevention professionals, with strong representation among those in the early to middle stages of their prevention careers.

From newcomers to veterans - respondents represent a blend of experience in prevention.



Over half of respondents were either new or somewhat experienced in prevention, indicating a growing base of emerging practitioners.



Amber Webb, Christina Love, & Tiffany Webb at the 2025 Prevention Summit

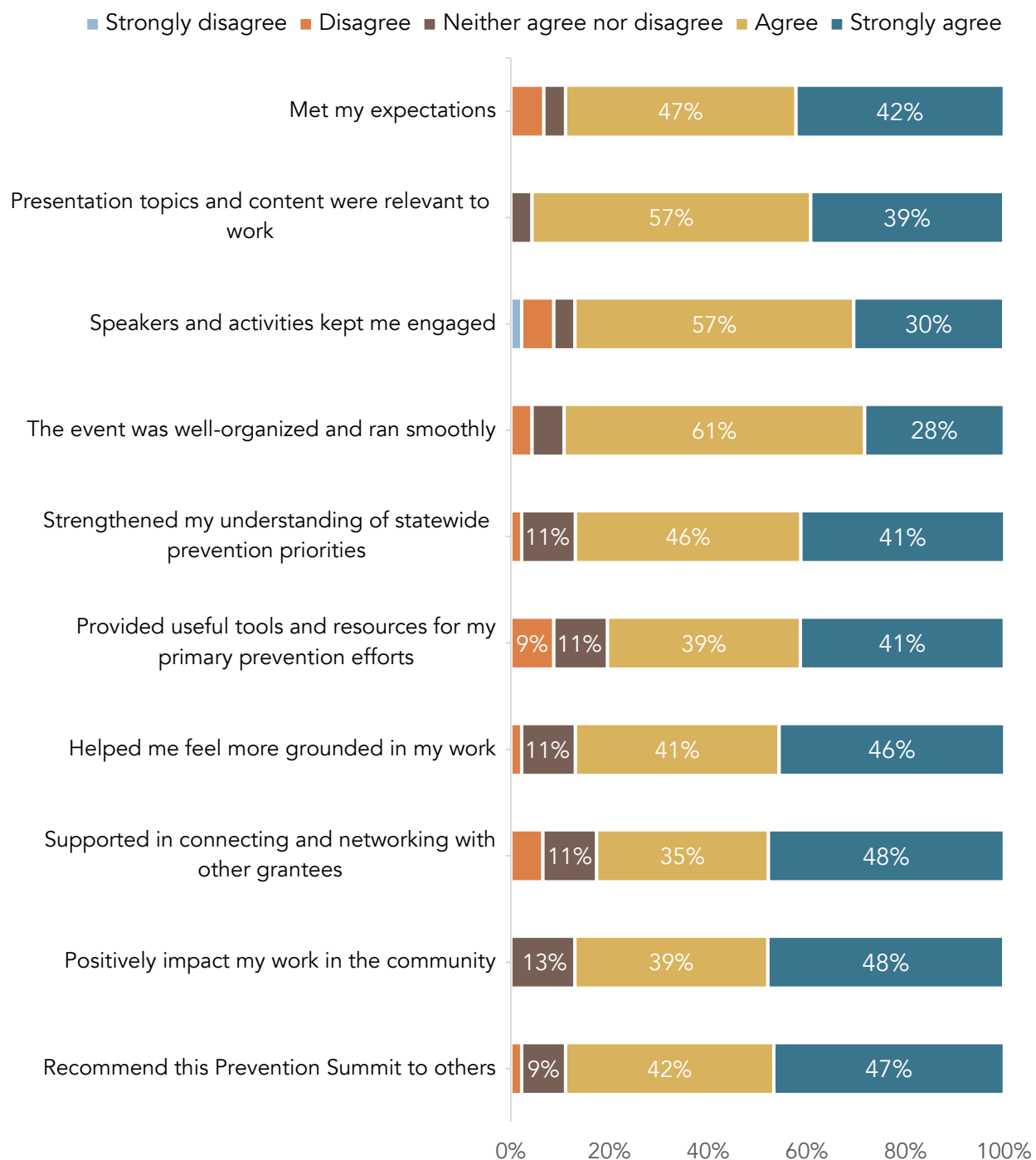


Overall, Summit Experience & Satisfaction

About 46 respondents provided feedback related to their overall perceptions about the Summit.

Majority consensus:

Positive attitudes towards attending the 2025 Prevention Summit...



The feedback from attendees of the 2025 Prevention Summit was overwhelmingly positive. A strong majority either *agreed* or *strongly agreed* with all the statements regarding the event's effectiveness and relevance:

Expectations Met: 89% of respondents felt the summit met their expectations.

Relevance and Engagement: 96% found the content relevant to their work, and 87% felt engaged by speakers and activities.

Organization: 89% agreed the event was well organized and ran smoothly.

Understanding and Tools: 87% said the summit strengthened their understanding of statewide prevention priorities, and 80% felt it provided useful tools and resources.

Grounding and Networking: 82% felt more grounded in their work, and 83% felt supported in connecting with other grantees.

Impact and Recommendation: 87% believed the summit would positively impact their community work, and 89% would recommend it to others.

Overall, most attendees agreed or strongly agreed that the summit met their expectations, covered relevant topics, and had a positive impact on their work. When responses were analyzed by years of experience, a clear trend emerged: newer or somewhat experienced participants were more likely to strongly agree with these positive outcomes than their more experienced peers.

Notable differences appeared in perceptions of the summit's usefulness, particularly around tools and networking opportunities. Among participants with up to two years of prevention experience, 93% (n = 16) agreed or strongly agreed that the summit provided useful tools and resources. In contrast, only 72% of those with three or more years of experience (n = 29) felt the same. Similarly, 93% of newer participants felt supported in connecting and networking with other grantees, compared to 75% of those with more experience. These findings suggest the summit may have been especially valuable for those in the earlier stages of their prevention careers, offering both practical resources and meaningful connections.

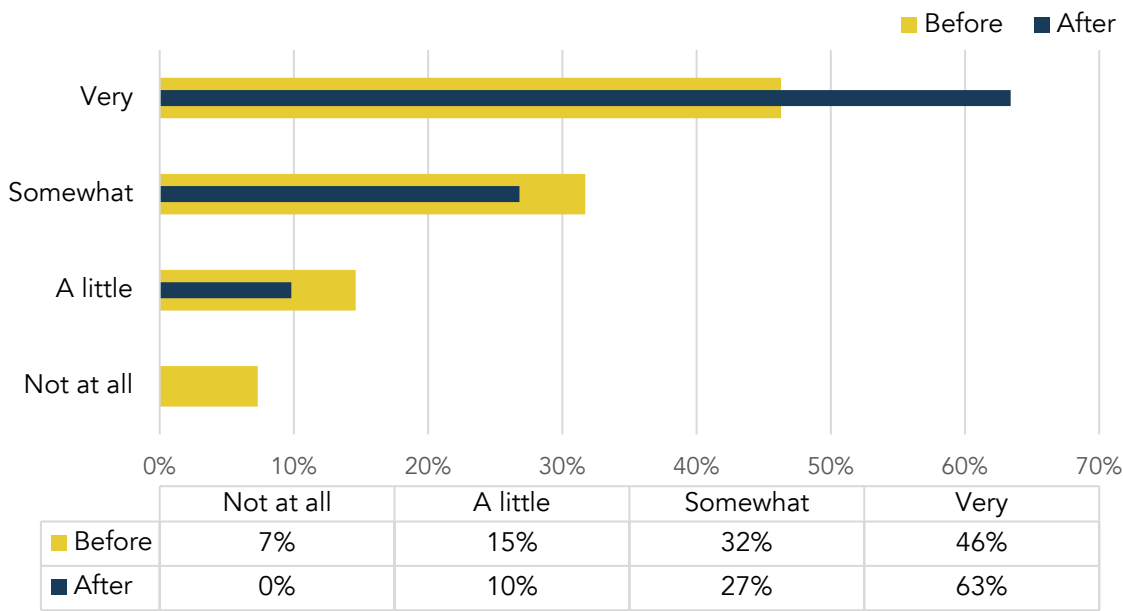
Personal Confidence in Prevention Efforts

Overall, respondents reported improvements in their confidence across most domains, especially in their ability to explain the connection between prevention programming and other efforts addressing shared factors, and their ability to confidently use evaluation findings to make data-driven decisions and improvements. About 40 respondents shared their personal feelings of confidence related to shared risk and protective factors related to violence prevention efforts. Their changes in confidence are shared below for each domain.

Explaining shared risk and protective factors

Before attending this year’s Summit, 22% of respondents reported feeling not at all or a little confident in their ability to explain shared risk and protective factors for primary prevention. After the Summit, that number dropped to just 10%. Conversely, the percentage of respondents that reported feeling somewhat or very confident in their ability to explain shared risk and protective factors increased from 78% prior to the Summit, to 90% afterward.

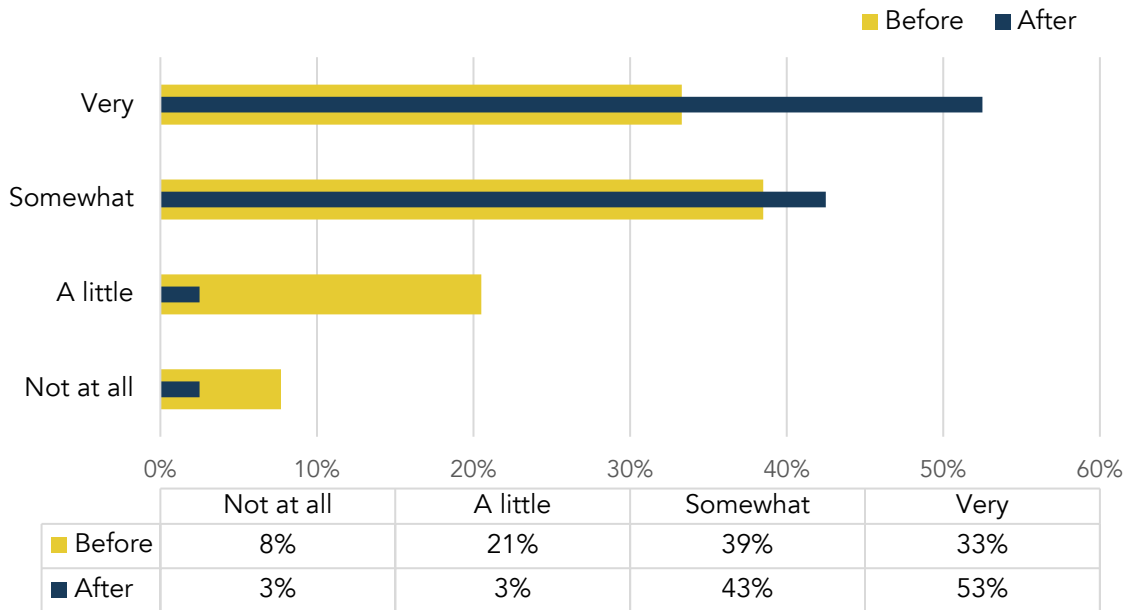
90% of respondents felt at least somewhat confident in their ability to explain shared risk and protective factors after the Summit.



Explaining the connection between prevention programming and shared factors

Prior to attending this year’s Summit, 28% of respondents reported feeling not at all or a little confidence in their ability to explain the connection between their prevention programming and other efforts to address shared factors, which decreased to 5% of respondents after attending the Prevention Summit. The number of respondents that reported feeling somewhat or very confident increased before (72%) to after (96%) the Summit.

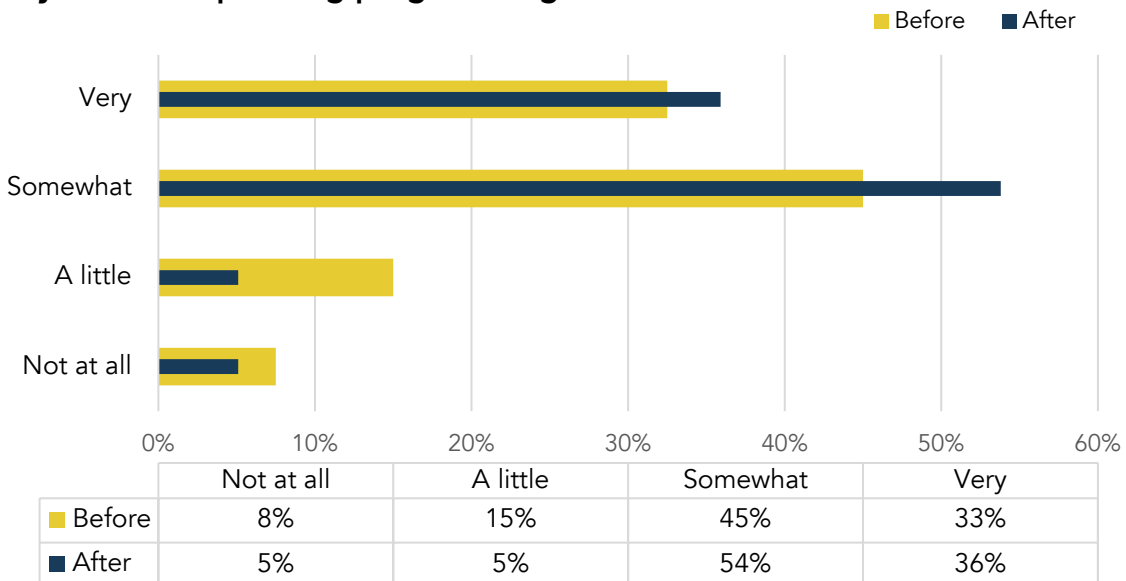
After the summit, 96% of respondents felt at least somewhat confident in explaining how their prevention work connects to broader efforts addressing shared factors.



Planning Programming

Before the Prevention Summit, 23% of respondents felt not at all or only slightly confident in their ability to plan violence prevention programming. After attending, that dropped to just 10%.

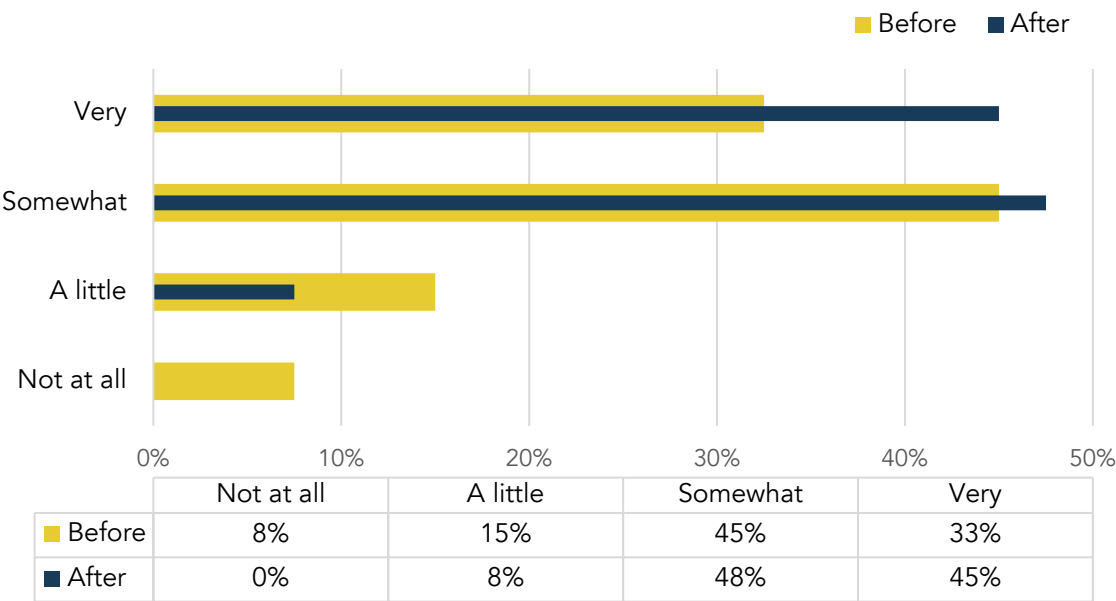
There was a 15% increase in the number of respondents who felt somewhat or very confident planning programming after the Summit.



Implementation of programs addressing risk factors and root causes

Attending the Summit helped boost participants’ confidence in implementing programs addressing shared factors within their communities. The findings show 23% of respondents reported feeling not at all or a little confidence in their ability to implement programs that address root causes and risk factors specific to their community, which decreased to 8% after attending the Prevention Summit.

93% of respondents felt confidence in their ability to to implement programs that address root causes and risk factors specific to their community after the Summit.

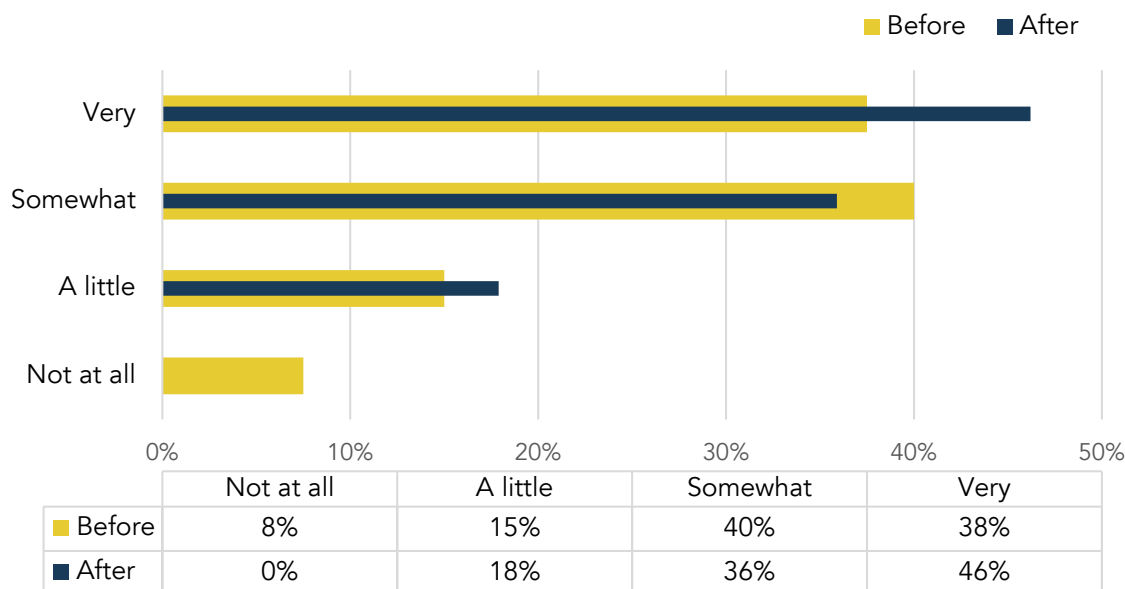


Building and maintaining effective partnerships

According to respondents, nearly a quarter (23%) felt not at all or a little confident in their ability to build and maintain effective partnerships with other prevention influences statewide, which decreased to 18% after the Prevention Summit. Findings suggest the summit helped attendees feel more confident in their ability to build and maintain effective partnerships.



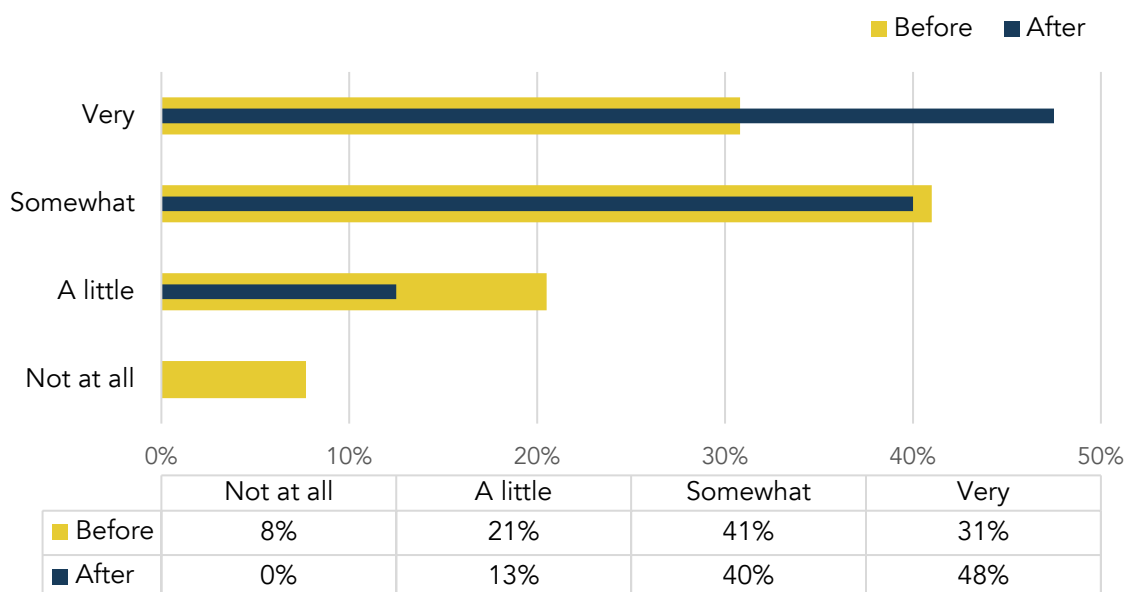
82% of respondents felt confidence in their ability to build and maintain effective partnerships with other prevention influences statewide after the Summit.



Using evaluation findings

Twenty-eight percent of respondents felt little to no confidence in using evaluation findings for data-driven decisions. After attending, this decreased to 13% of respondents, while the number of respondents feeling somewhat or very confident increased.

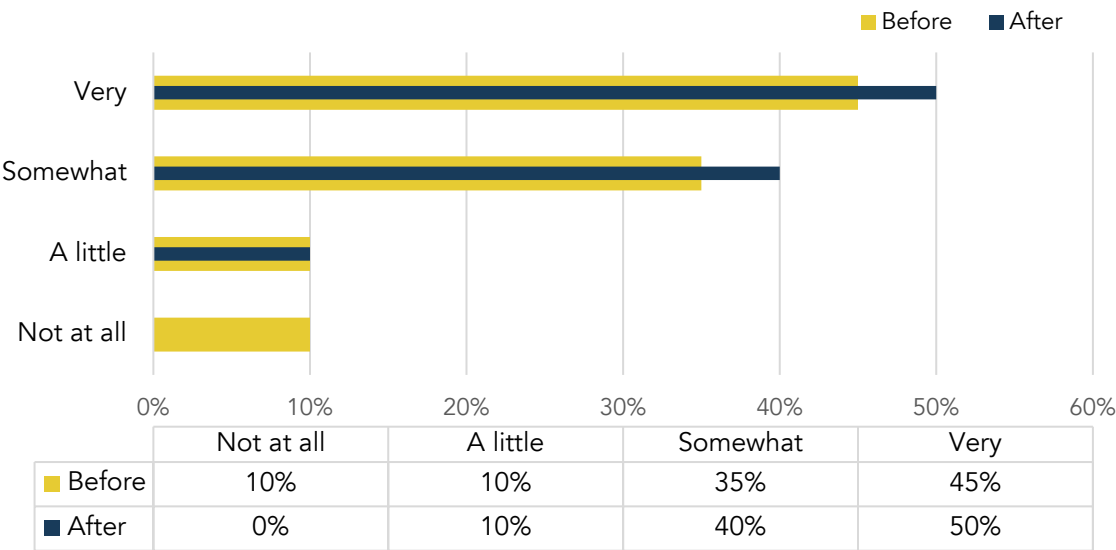
88% of respondents felt confident in using evaluation findings to make data-driven decisions and improvements after the Summit.



Sharing information with the community

Most respondents had some measure of comfort before the Summit in sharing information about primary prevention programming. However, for a few respondents' confidence increased after attending the Summit with everyone feeling at least a little confident doing this after the Summit.

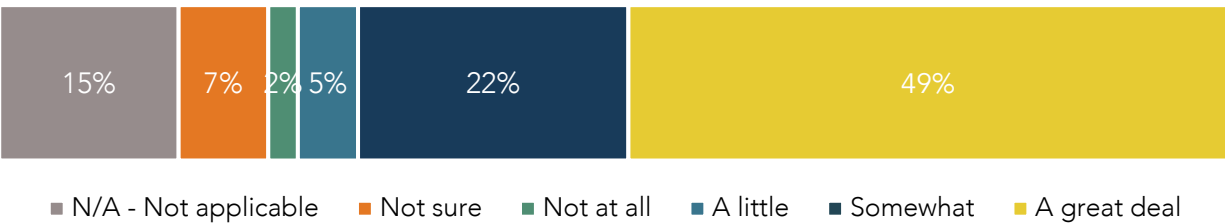
90% of respondents felt confident to share information with the community about primary prevention programming after the Summit.



Understanding Community Needs

Most respondents reported the Summit helped them in better understanding and aligning their programming to meet their community needs. About half of respondents (49%) reported the Summit helped them a great deal. This was followed by less than a quarter of respondents (22%) who said the Summit somewhat helped. A few stated they were not sure if it helped their understanding or alignment(7%), and fewer stated it helped only a little (5%) or not at all (2%).

The majority of respondents shared the Summit helped them a great deal in better understanding and aligning their programming to meet their community needs (49%), or at least somewhat did (22%).



When asked how the Summit helped them better understand and align their programming to meet their community needs, respondents shared that the ability to learn and connect with others was important. The experience of being in person and having opportunities to learn from and connect with others was prevalent in responses. The described peer learning was attributed to helping them identify what was and wasn't working in other, or similar communities. Several noted gaining deeper insights into implementation strategies, statewide data resources, and about policy. A few attendees highlighted the value of Indigenous-centered learning as especially impactful.

Selected Quotes : in what ways has it helped?

- ① "Different ways to look and understand community need."
- ① "Learning from other's experiences, implementing it and adjusting it to our community."
- ① "Connecting with others around the State on the efforts they're working on empowered me to align efforts as well as stick with and/or alter the efforts we're working on (situational for specific efforts)."
- ① "Hearing presenters and others working in prevention help add skills to my toolbox to effectively communicate with partners and the community."
- ① "By reviewing what's happening in prevention and what might be changing in prevention and making any changes or supplementing with any new ideas."

PPPG Grantee Insights

Participant Information

Among the survey participants, 12 identified as CDVSA PPPG grantees and 2 identified as grantees of both CDVSA and DBH. A majority (64%) of these respondents were attending the summit for the first time.

Violence Prevention Experience

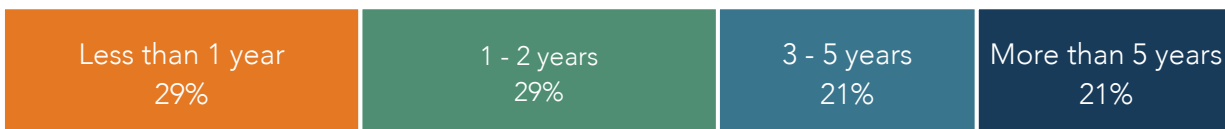
Equally represented were respondents who were both experienced and somewhat experienced with prevention work. Less than a quarter of respondents considered themselves new to prevention (21%) or generally experienced with prevention work (21%).

Respondents were fairly split between those with stronger experience in prevention and those with little or new to the work.



In addition, equally represented were individuals newer to prevention work. Among respondents, nearly one-third (29%) reported less than one year of experience, and another 29% reported one to two years of experience. In contrast, fewer respondents reported longer-term involvement, with 21% having worked in the field for 6–10 years and another 21% for 11 or more years. Overall, 58% of CDVSA PPPG grantees or dual grantees had two years or less of experience in prevention work, highlighting a relatively new and emerging group of prevention practitioners.

Most respondents have been working in violence prevention for less than 3 years.



CDVSA grantees reflect a diverse range of expertise among respondents, suggesting a need for both advanced and introductory resources or training in prevention work.

About their Community Prevention Teams

Comprehensiveness of Prevention Programming

PPPG survey respondents ($n = 10$) described a range of comprehensiveness in their existing prevention programming.

Most teams are struggling with organizational stability, collaboration and community engagement-related challenges in their efforts to improve primary prevention. When asked about challenges their team or organization faced in improving their primary prevention efforts in their community this year, most noted staffing challenges, such as turnover (80%), difficulty coordinating with other organizations (60%), and low community engagement (50%). Other highly reported challenges were insufficient funding (40%) and shortage of trained personnel (30%).

Most respondents feel their teams have comprehensive prevention programming. About 50% of these respondents reported their programming was at a medium level of comprehensiveness (i.e., programming includes prevention strategies in different settings or with different populations, and the same message is reinforced across those settings), while the remaining 30% reported a low level of comprehensiveness (i.e., programming includes mainly awareness-building activities, one-time prevention awareness talks, and/or programs that address only one population within one setting).

60% of respondents have a high or medium level of comprehensiveness in their programming.



Prevention Team Processes

A total of 10 survey respondents provided feedback related to their community prevention team meetings frequency. Prior to attending this year's Summit, half (50%, $n = 5$) of respondents reported they were scheduled to meet with their team on a regular basis (i.e., weekly, monthly, or quarterly) to plan how to prevent violence in the community. Those respondents meeting regularly meet monthly (80%).

Prior to this year's Prevention Summit, 50% of respondents reported their CPT was meeting on a regular basis.

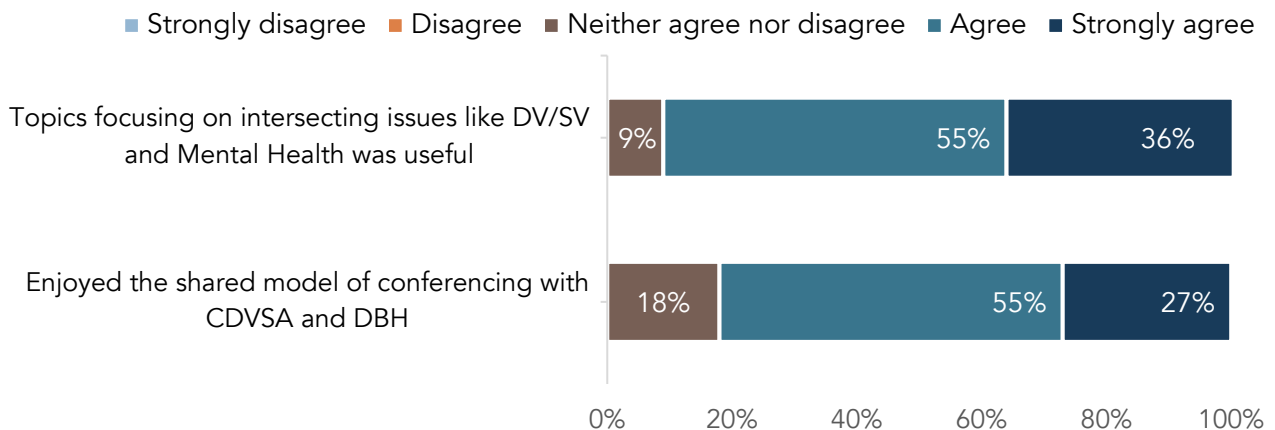


- We had not yet met as a team
- We met once or twice
- We met more than twice, but did not have regularly scheduled meetings
- We were scheduled to meet regularly

Summit Experience

In addition, the PPPG Grantees were asked specifically for feedback related to the new Summit structure. A huge majority of respondents reported they strongly agreed (37%) or agreed (55%) that the topics focusing on intersecting issues like DV/SV and mental health were useful. Another huge majority reported they strongly agreed (27%) or agreed (55%) that they enjoyed the shared model of conferencing with CDVSA and DBH.

Agreement about the new stucture of the Prevention Summit...



When asked to share more, respondents indicated that they saw value in learning about intersecting issues like mental illness and food insecurity and enjoyed the opportunity to network with others. They also suggested further enhancements to this intersectional conferencing model to include involving more coalition and community members, as well as make additional time for authentic connection and networking.

Selected Quotes : Reflections about the shared conferencing model

- ① "We need to continue working across silos to better meet our community's needs."
- ① "Helpful to approach shared problems and strengths from multiple angles."
- ① "Violence prevention and topics such as mental illness and food insecurity are directly related, though many people may not recognize it. Having these presentations and discussions are very important in our prevention efforts as we work with coalitions and community members."
- ① "Our problems are intersectional, and our solutions need to be as well, so it makes sense to partner with other kinds of advocates."



Summit attendees in World Cafe discussions.

Overall Learnings from the Summit

The most impactful takeaways – also described as “aha” moments – centered on the conference theme of **shared risk and protective factors**. Respondents noted gaining a new lens for understanding protective factors like culture, relationships, and social emotional learning. In general, respondents reported receiving a substantial amount of information, with some calling out specific highlights. These included standout speakers and topics, such as Rose Dominick and the Calricaraq⁴ model, which were noted as especially meaningful. There was a strong appreciation for the integration of Indigenous worldviews, approaches, and models throughout the sessions. The interactive elements of the activities were particularly well-received, enhancing engagement and connection.

Selected Quotes : Key takeaways & favorite experiences from the Summit

- ① “Each part is so valuable, isn't fair to limit this experience to one topic or one speaker. 100% helpful from everyone.”
- ① “I have a notebook full of takeways and quotes but the biggest impact on my work has just been the opportunity to connect with and learn from others across the state who are doing this work as well.”
- ① “I loved the panels and how indigenous a lot of the conversations leaned, it was very refreshing and grounding.”
- ① “Really appreciated the Plant Teachings for Wellness, feels good to practice activities that support prevention.”
- ① “Of course Rose Dominick was extremely moving and it's so important to listen to someone as wise as her. I also really enjoyed the plants and wellbeing activities, it brought everyone together to experience something so beautiful and meaningful, while also being a lot of fun.”
- ① “Culture is prevention.”
- ① “The people we serve are helped or harmed by how we interact with each other.”

⁴ [Calricaraq](#), translated “Healthy Living” is a culturally-based program utilizing Yup'ik culture, values and traditions to address behavioral health issues from a holistic, indigenous approach.

Respondents defined a range of actions or next steps they felt inspired by the Summit to bring to their communities and integrate into their work. Many of those intentions related to collaboration, partnership building, and using learnings about protective factors for future prevention planning. Considering actionable items that were taken away from this year's Prevention Summit, survey respondents most frequently referenced ideas to strengthen and/or deepen connections with current partners and build new ones. There was a strong emphasis around strengthening community relationships, staying informed about relevant policies, and building collaborative efforts.

Several respondents highlighted the importance of improving data collection and evaluation practices to better reflect community needs and feedback. Others expressed intention to advance cultural and community grounded strategies. A handful of respondents also mentioned shared risk and protective factors – with a desire to work with broader community partners and integrate things like housing into coalition and prevention planning efforts. A few respondents mentioned specifically the Icelandic model as one of their actionable things they would take back to their community.

Collectively, these intentions suggest respondents were motivated to translate the insights from the Summit into practice, guided by both evidence-based strategies and culturally responsive approaches.

Selected Quotes : What actionable things do you see in your work following the Summit?

- ① "I have a better understanding and more ideas on what actions I can do with my coalition. I met several people with organizations that can help facilitate trainings that the coalition has been requesting."
- ① "Strengthen connections between myself and the amazing people I have met here."
- ① "Work more intentionally on building coalition with other agencies that share risk factors."
- ① "To be more up to date with laws and policies."
- ① "Work on improving evaluation and surveys for meaningful data and feedback from community members."
- ① "Further collaboration with our communities. This meeting validated our push to get prevention workers into our schools."

Recommendations for Future Summits

All respondents were also asked to share their thoughts on how the Summit could be improved and made more effective. A lot of feedback was provided with key themes emerging around the desire for increased networking opportunities, more time and breakout sessions for in-depth discussions, and a range of suggested topics for future events and/or technical assistance.

Most improvement suggestions from respondents were around providing more opportunities to network and collaborate with other agencies. Throughout the survey, respondents frequently mentioned how they valued connecting with others during the Summit and inquired for more opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and networking. Several respondents mentioned the value of connecting with others to share best practices and strengthen or build relationships. Some specific suggestions included specific networking times, more small group discussions, opportunities for group work and collaboration (i.e. developing an action plan).

Selected Quote

"It would be nice to have specific networking to time to meet other grantees. To be able to hear names and titles and link names to faces. It would allow for strategic networking. Since we are so far from another getting time with the specific people that would support us best would be useful."

Another suggestion was providing opportunities for meaningful discussions and application. Respondents enjoyed the topics and panel of speakers and inquired more opportunities to dive deeper into specific topics for a "quality over quantity" experience, as one respondent mentioned. Other respondents suggested that the concepts and topics were helpful, but they lacked practical tools and interactive formats to effectively support one another and apply the learning. Respondents specifically suggested small group discussions and facilitated cross-sector collaboration and planning opportunities - where they can collaboratively learn and discuss a topic in more detail. Additionally designing future events with more focus on small-group discussion and hands-on workshops would provide opportunities to deepen learning and practical skill-building, particularly supporting newer prevention staff.

Selected Quotes

"Loved the panels, but perhaps something that would be helpful [sic] is creating time and space for participants to create an action plan and sharing that action plan with other participants."

"We rarely got the opportunity to break into small groups and discuss ways to better incorporate the shared risk and protective factor framework into our community planning, or discuss with our community partners ways we could be more aligned in our prevention work across sectors. It would have been helpful to practice using a tool in small groups; to share and learn from one another; to talk about successes and challenges, etc... [sic]."

Future topics some respondents recommended related to coalition building, collaboration, and cultural and community focuses. Several respondents mentioned coalition as a future topic to consider for a future event (e.g. coalition frameworks, engagement strategies for coalition members). Respondents also suggested several cultural-related topics of interest including youth, gender, sexuality, rural communities, and Indigenous practices. Continue integrating cultural and Indigenous grounded models to ensure diverse perspectives are included and encourage centralizing context as part of practice.

Develop and/or tailor content to diverse experience levels. Consider providing targeted tracks or sessions that address the distinct needs of new, mid-level, and highlight experienced prevention professionals, ensuring all participants gain access to relevant tools and strategies.

Support data and evaluation capacity. Provide ongoing TA and resources to strengthen skills in data collection, evaluation, and using evidence for decision-making aligned with community needs.

Appendices

Prevention Summit 2025 Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 5:

- 9:00 a.m. – Welcome and Introductions – Danielle Redmond, Tony Parker, Genevieve Casey
- 9:15 a.m. – Yéese Ku.oo Dance Group
- 9:45 a.m. – 'Aak'w Kwáan Tribal Welcome: Seikoonie Fran Houston & Kaasei Naomi Michalsen
- 10:00 a.m. – Break
- 10:15 a.m. – Panel: Shared Risk & Protective Factors – Michael Powell, Wendi Siebold, Amber Webb, Pat Sidmore
- 11:15 a.m. – Tabling: Networking Time
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (Provided On-Site)
- 1:00 p.m. – Panel: Food as a Protective Factor – Kaasei Naomi Michalsen, Christina Love, Calricaraq Team
- 1:45 p.m. – Activity: Movement Break
- 2:00 p.m. – Break
- 2:15 p.m. – Speaker: Communications – Kelby Murphy from Walsh Sheppard
- 2:45 p.m. – Closing Remarks / Announcements
- 3:00 p.m. – Spirit of Youth Needs Assessment at PFD Building with McKinley Research Group
- 3:30 p.m. Suicide Safety Planning – Aaron Surma, National Alliance on Mental Illness at Centennial Hall, Egan Room

Day 2 – Thursday, March 6:

- 9:00 a.m. – Speaker: Icelandic Model – Alfgeir Kristjansson
- 10:15 a.m. – Break
- 10:30 a.m. – Activity: Evaluation – Breakout #1: Strategic Prevention Solutions at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall – Breakout #2 for DBH Grantees: Saylor & Associates at Centennial Hall Egan Room
- 12:00 p.m. – Lunch (Provided On-Site)
- 1:00 p.m. – Panel: Prevention at the Policy Level – Tami Truett Jerue, Christina Love, Geran Tarr, Pat Sidmore, Rose Dominick

2:15 p.m. – Break

2:30 p.m. – Speakers: Calricaraq Case Study – Rose Dominick and Katrina Dominick

3:00 p.m. – Announcements

3:30 p.m. – Evaluation Session Continued with Saylor & Associates at Centennial Hall Egan Room

Day 3 – Friday, March 7:

9:00 a.m. – Panel: The Role of Prevention in the Housing Crisis – Tressa Millam, Tami Truett Jerue, Jorden Nigro

10:00 a.m. – Break

10:15 a.m. – Activity: Movement Break

10:30 a.m. – Activity: Wóoch Een – Working Together as Coalitions – Haa Tóoch Lichéesh Coalition

12:00 p.m. – Lunch (Provided On-Site)

1:00 p.m. – Panel: Supporting Families – Tressa Millam, Genevieve Casey

1:45 p.m. – Break

2:00 p.m. – Activity: Plant Teachings for Wellness – Kaasei Naomi Michalsen of Kaasei Indigenous Foodways with Support from Haa Tóoch Lichéesh Coalition

3:30 p.m. – World Café: Small Group Conversations on a Variety of Topics

4:15 p.m. – Closing Remarks/ Announcements/ Questions

4:30 p.m. – Conference Closed

About CDVSA

Alaska's [Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault](#)⁵ is housed within the Alaska Department of Public Safety, and is a state council that provides the coordination of statewide prevention and intervention services. CDVSA supports the coordination of government funding related to DV/SA. CDVSA's PPPG stands for the Primary Prevention Program Grant. This grant supports community-based efforts to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault by fostering coalition-driven, culturally relevant prevention plans and programs. The PPPG aims to enhance existing prevention strategies, extending their reach to new populations and settings, thereby strengthening community capacity to stop violent behaviors before they start.

[Strategic Prevention Solutions](#)⁶ is a research and evaluation firm that meets the research, evaluation, planning, and training needs of public and non-profit entities nationwide. We specialize in working with communities, states, Tribes, and national entities to address and prevent social and health problems, including interpersonal violence, youth violence, and substance abuse.

In accordance with our contract for professional services, SPS presents this document titled Alaska Primary Prevention Summit 2025 Evaluation Report. This document contains a summary of findings from a survey completed by 2025 Prevention Summit ("Summit") attendees. It also contains comparisons across key domains between this and previous Summit evaluations. The views expressed in this document do not necessarily represent the position or policies of CDVSA.

Our team holds close to the values of community, relationship, culture, and empowerment, all of which serve as the foundation for SPS's approach to our work. We would like to thank CDVSA for the opportunity to serve the State of Alaska and our local communities. We welcome the opportunity to share findings that provide insight into respondents' perceptions regarding the content, process, and impact of this year's Prevention Summit.

⁵ CDVSA <https://dps.alaska.gov/CDVSA/Home>

⁶ Strategic Prevention Solutions <https://www.strategicpreventionsolutions.com>

Open-ended Response Sets

If you agree with the shared conferencing model or intersecting topics, please share more.

I absolutely loved and felt great value in the networking opportunities! I did feel that a lot of the sessions were direct service heavy, and weren't topics that I can use in my work, however I did get information here and there that can improve my work.
Maybe a way to announce who you are, who you work for and your title/role in order to be able to network strategically. Also to allow to connect faces from online to names.
These issues are intersectional and trying to silo them inhibits our progress in prevention.
Violence prevention and topics such as mental illness and food insecurity are directly related, though many people may not recognize it. Having these presentations and discussions are very important in our prevention efforts as we work with coalitions and community members.
Helpful to approach shared problems and strengths from multiple angles
our problems are intersectional and our solutions need to be as well, so it makes sense to partner with other kinds of advocates
I thought this was a great idea. Had I been able to plan for this, I would have prioritized bringing along other coalition members who work in behavioral health prevention.
I think it was a good idea to bring grantees together from these various fields but I think we missed an opportunity to foster authentic connection and strategically plan ways to be more aligned and collaborative in our community-based prevention work.
We need to continue working across silos to better meet our community's needs.

Did attending the Prevention Summit help you better understand and align your programming to meet your community's needs? If so, how please explain how.

Different ways to look and understand community need
Better understanding of all the moving parts and how they relate to each other and networking to help out my community.
Building relationship and community and find their needs through that relationship
Learning from other's experiences, implementing it and adjusting it to our community.
I LOVE how much Native Alaskan teaching included in this training. Please continue that!
Yes because it gave me insight to others doing the work that has been successful and not successful. It allows me to learn and grow and connect.
Assessing abs addressing the community needs. Nothing about us without us is for us!
Hearing presenters and others working in prevention help add skills to my toolbox to effectively communicate with partners and the community.
I was able to see people face to face and learn about policies and implementation around families and violence prevention. Also more Rose Domnick
Indigenous-centered learning
I did not expect that to be my goal, but I do certainly recognize my ability to do so now.

By reviewing what's happening in prevention and what might be changing in prevention and making any changes or supplementing with any new ideas.

Summit felt helpful but it's hard to say how I would or could change much in my programming, given the lack of prevention staff and resources and lack of local data

Helping to connect across silos

Learned about some statewide data and regional resources

Connecting with others around the State on the efforts they're working on empowered me to align efforts as well as stick with and/or alter the efforts we're working on (situational for specific efforts).

Do you have any feedback on the Prevention Summit's effectiveness in supporting your community's prevention planning or on addressing shared risk and protective factors?

None

Areas for the summit to grow in, more connection activities within the attendees, less speakers talking at the attendees without handouts/slide shows, less quantity more quality with panel speakers, we want to hear from other coalitions in person instead of feeling like a zoom meeting.

I feel like this summit was very rushed and we tried to fit too many things into the program to have real and productive conversation. We needed more time to meet as coalitions and share strengths and weaknesses.

Thank you for the opportunity and I will be sharing this information with everyone

Loved the panels, but perhaps something that would be helpful to address this question is creating time and space for participants to create an action plan and sharing that action plan with other participants.

No

More group work and engagement activities

Great reminders and refreshers on tools available to promote risk and protective factors in the community.

I am certain it helped strengthen networking opportunities and improved evaluation awareness.

It would be nice to have specific networking time to meet other grantees. To be able to hear names and titles and link names to faces. It would allow for strategic networking. Since we are so far from another getting time with the specific people that would support us best would be useful

Very helpful in explaining protective factors.

It was amazing to hear others ways of practice and learn so many beautiful ways culture heals

The only thing I thought would have been good was a native man's panel about violence prevention.

More rural-specific content

no

The panel speakers were amazing, especially the ones speaking on policy

The breakout sessions were very useful to share ideas with other preventionists.
NA
I don't think this year's Summit provided tools for supporting community prevention planning. The concepts presented were helpful, but the panel/talking head approach does not foster learning and growth very effectively. We rarely got the opportunity to break into small groups and discuss ways to better incorporate the shared risk and protective factor framework into our community planning, or discuss with our community partners ways we could be more aligned in our prevention work across sectors. It would have been helpful to practice using a tool in small groups; to share and learn from one another; to talk about successes and challenges, etc... I also think we missed an opportunity to really examine better ways to align our prevention work across DV/SA, mental health, and substance use fields and discuss with partners what that could look like in our individual communities. This needed to be a facilitated process.
The Summit was very helpful.
no
none at this time
excellent tone to the summit. it was clear that there was a lot of care put into both the presenters and the "feel" (for lack of better word) of the event.
We needed time to discuss or process what was shared... a lot of great presenters but we didn't actually get time to plan or apply any ew ideas or learning. Would have liked more of that.
I think the selection of presenters was well rounded and spoke to various forms of prevention. It was helpful to remind me that programming can look and feel like so many different things in our given communities.

What is one specific actionable thing you learned at this year's Prevention Summit that you will bring back to your work? This could also include an immediate next step (or two) for your coalition.

We will share what we've learned to the rest of the staff.
Suicide prevention plans and better data surveys.
Kindness
To be more up to date with laws and policies.
Icelandic Modeling
I already have plans with other preventionists to meet and combine efforts
Sharing the shared risk and protective factors chart that intersects with the socioecological model
Build stronger relationships in the community
Compassion
Strengthen connections between myself and the amazing people I have met here.
Motivational interviewing
Community building

Work on improving evaluation and surveys for meaningful data and feedback from community members.
Movement is a protective factor
Indigenizing and decolonizing the dna of our coalition
We identified legislation to follow that is in related fields so understanding the interconnection better between fields.
Building relationship and connect with the presenter of the Iceland model
Further collaboration with our communities. This meeting validated our push to get prevention workers into our schools.
Encourage tribal programs to connect with regional prevention programs
CNA
I have a better understanding and more ideas on what actions I can do with my coalition. I met several people with organizations that can help facilitate trainings that the coalition has been requesting.
I met people I am planning future events with
Inviting additional types of practitioners to the Bethel violence prevention coalition
The need for continued and strengthened support for Alaska Native populations.
Better collaboration with community partners
Creative case management: Continue to engage and strategize with active efforts that help individuals in the family unit to discover their value, skills, strengths and voice so they can begin to advocate for themselves and others.
work more intentionally on building coalition with other agencies that share risk factors (eg.CAC)
The learning will definitely influence our prevention planning for the next grant cycle.
NA
We are and have been working with a shared risk and protective factor framework and approach for many years with our coalition. We will continue working to better align our work across sectors as it makes sense to do so.
I will incorporate more protective factors into my community.
Adding additional information to our MIS/Dashboard
Knowledge
I learned quite a bit and new information
more confidently find common ground in shared risk/protective factors with other organizations.
Need more plant teaching curriculum!!
Look into housing challenges in the community and who is already addressing them.
I have already incorporated language I heard about AK Native cultural competency discussions we've been having in Homer since I've returned. Learning from a Yupik Elder that she doesn't use the word, "Culture" to describe the way of life her and her family lives was really impactful to me to understand just how much unlearning I have to do.
Additional justification for public investment in safe housing and other community facilities to support protective factors (community centers, youth centers, sports facilities, etc.)

Reflecting on the programming in your community, what is the single key takeaway you would want to convey to others about it's impact?

The he importance of taking the time to build relationship and build a solid foundation to build on.
Without addressing root causes we will continue to create more victims and continue the patterns that currently exist.
Programming in a community, no matter what it is or the goals, really creates a sense of community and belonging to participants. That can help with so many different areas of prevention.
Interconnectedness of challenges. Community collaboration as a response- resource sharing
Community work is so important to promote change and prevention work.
we need to teach and model healthy relationships with self and others for children and youth
I don't think I fully understand this question. I think you mean, what is the single key take away from the summit that I would want to communicate with others about. I hope to raise the issue of the impact of colonization in Petersburg and how we could begin to reflect about that together in the coalition and across the community. If I can cheat on this a little bit, I would add another take away, which is how important identity, belonging, culture, and community are as protective factors.
Our prevention programming is comprehensive - reaches multiple settings/populations, is ongoing, teaches various skills and concepts, addresses shared risk and protective factors. Several of our programs are co-implemented by coalition partners as partners see how one program can meet a variety of partner agency needs and address several shared risk and protective factors. Rather than working against each other with competing programs, we are working together as a collective to implement one program that reaches many students/families. There is buy-in and support from partners which is resulting in more visibility of the programs in the community. Parents are asking schools how to get their kid signed up before registration even opens.

Reflecting on your experience of the Summit, what key takeaways, new learnings, or "aha" moments from the Prevention Summit would you share with others? Include any favorite speaker(s), experiences, tools or creative, innovative ideas you discovered.

N/A
The people we serve are helped or harmed by how we interact with each other
Meeting people face to face.
All
Christina Love shared very impactful experiences and tools to take back to my community and coalition.
Each part is so valuable, isn't fair to limit this experience to one topic or one speaker. 100% helpful from everyone

I loved the panels and how indigenous a lot of the conversations leaned, it was very refreshing and grounding
Social Emotional Learning as a protective factor across multiple health outcomes
Calricaraq model group
Building healthy relationships will have a lasting impact
The plant wellness teachers were amazing and I want their curriculum/book/etc. I feel a lot more confident in being able to make an impact and my impact is important.
All were wonderful
Really appreciated the Plant Teachings for Wellness, feels good to practice activities that support prevention.
Grateful for the ending activities of making things and how to communicate how it relates to our mental health and wellbeing
I have a notebook full of takeaways and quotes but the biggest impact on my work has just been the opportunity to connect with and learn from others across the state who are doing this work as well
That protective factors can be viewed without a western lens.
The small group discussions at the end of the last day. Would love more time from natives. Many of us doing this good work are white and learn so much from hearing from the natives!
FT prevention workers in the schools
Harsh and how they engaged the audience by their interactive activities. The world cafe table approach by topics.
Culture is prevention
Of course Rose Dominick was extremely moving and it's so important to listen to someone as wise as her. I also really enjoyed the plants and wellbeing activities, it brought everyone together to experience something so beautiful and meaningful, while also being a lot of fun.
So many...i don't know if i can verbalize
Rose Domnick and Calricaraq. Excellent point of continued collaboration for the shared work in Bethel
The evaluation lecture was helpful.
Long-term programming is needed to see results.
Importance of village to school - school to village and ways of providing protective factors between the two.
Icelandic model- if we had enough funding and buy-in, we really could massively change society for the better within a generation
The panels were for the most part rich. I really enjoyed the housing/prevention panel, and appreciated the frankness of the panelists. People need more money. I've been in many prevention settings, and often I would receive this feedback from community members. My excuse was always, "We can't do that with our grant dollars." Eventually the organization I was working with learned from this feedback and started doing prevention community education-type work alongside cash transfers and other supports for families to increase their economic capacity and security, like repairing or building safe homes. Communities were

much more willing to engage with learning and organizing efforts when we combined these approaches.
I enjoyed the conversation about shared risk and protective factors, evaluation, and the small group activity facilitated by Haa Tóoch Lichéesh to discuss challenges and solutions to coalition work (though they needed 2 hours for this activity). It would have been nice to start the conference with the coalition activity as it helped us see common challenges across coalition work regardless of the focus as well as see common solutions. We also got an opportunity to connect with folks in other fields during this activity.
N/A
All the speakers were amazing!
helping find resources and met new people
Food as prevention factors
People who traffic people prey on people who do not have their basic needs met. I used that Geran quote in a meeting I had later that evening with our local Representative, [NAME]. Combining housing discussions and advocacy into prevention work connected a lot in my brain and heart for this work. Wendy's discussions and points about "data" and how that's not shared language with populations was helpful. Sharing stories, connecting people, lived experiences. "Trauma Slime" Great takeaways that are wracking around my brain this week while I work.
Just how unfair the "Just Say No" campaign has been to kids (I'm a kid of the Nancy Reagan era program)

What topics would you like us to consider for future events?

Combining Efforts Crossed Alaska
Make more space for attendees to collaborate and grow.
Bh
I liked all of the topics but felt like we were not able to go as in depth that we needed to go. Another topic I would like to discuss is nutrition and food security in youth specific spaces.
How to use our group to influence change at the national policy level.
Prevention programming, concrete strategies for community engagement and buy-in, navigating curricula
Not necessarily topics, but perhaps having more opportunities for small group discussions. Appreciated the last day of the summit for creating that time. It was generative!
None that I can think of at the moment
Men and boys prevention education.
Application to queer communities Application to rural towns Youth perspective panel
Upstream prevention Collaborative data sharing- specific strategies
Love to hear more and see more activities from around the state of prevention work being done in communities.
How cultural dances, drumming, and singing is a protective factor.
Sustainability - monetarily and emotionally

More insight from Native members doing work to support with understanding and providing insight to four job better
Not sure
Harm reduction
I would like there to be more small to medium sized group conversations about coalition engagement. I would also like to talk more about substance misuse prevention.
Native mens work
Alternate funding strategies. Direct cash transfer. How to engage community partners who historically do not attend coalition/community strategy events
Framework of Coalition work
no
explore prevention program options
I wish we had more of the world cafe time, and perhaps it would be good to have a full day separate from the behavioral health community where we could dig into more specific things around the practical aspects of the work we're doing around DV SA prevention. Also we could spend time exploring comprehensive DV or SA prevention models and learn more about what's working around the state.
We need access to tools for practical application - concepts are great, but not helpful if we can't go back to our community without concrete tools to apply. More conversation on the difference between primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention is necessary at every Summit - so often communities are not implementing primary prevention strategies even though they think they are. Discussion on activities vs. strategies and programs - our community is very activity-oriented and prides itself on breadth not depth of implementation. I see this across fields and it is sometimes a source of contention with partners outside of the DV/SA prevention world (and even inside of the DV/SA field). We can't talk about/learn about these concepts enough, especially with the chronic turnover we are seeing at every agency in our coalition. Other topics for the future: how to use CNAs to inform decision-making and programming considering many of us just updated our CNAs; engaging youth effectively, engaging men (how male engagement work is relevant to other fields and the negative health outcomes associated with unhealthy masculinity norms such as binge drinking and drugging, suicide, violence); collaboration continuum and how to progress to a more integrated level of collaboration; how to align efforts so we are not duplicating efforts; collective impact, aligning outcomes, tracking shared measures to evaluate impact and sustain efforts; supporting and effectively engaging families (what does that look like, how can we improve our efforts); partnering with non-traditional partners; leveraging funds for sustainability.
More sharing among grantees
Personal journeys impacted me the most
safety precautions for well being
Having a local Alaskan site that's focusing on Icelandic Prevention Model would be helpful- Youth 360 in the Valley or Swards stands out.

This is the final entry field. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share?

N/A
Things were always off schedule/late. I wish we had more time to dedicate to each topic as they're all so essential, but as a person who has a difficult time with plans changing, I felt out of step for a lot of the time. I think building in some flex time to pull from as things run long would be great!
I appreciate everyone's time brining this summit together. I with us was still in ANC and would love to help with the next one.
I felt like we were being talked at more than connecting with other coalitions. There was no visual presentations which made it hard to focus on the panel speakers.
GREAT JOB!!
Thank you so much for hosting us!
No
Thank you for this opportunity and allowing us to gather
Thank you so much, this was super valuable to me < 3
Thank you for the opportunity to network with other preventionists.
Thank you for the experience!
We should meet in person more often
Thank you so much! The networking with others was great, being able to see one another in person.
Thank you!!!
I really enjoyed the summit and feel it was very beneficial to my work in prevention. In the future I would like there to be more time allowed for certain topics because with some panels I feel like we were just scratching the surface. Maybe having breakout times for people to go to ones they're especially interested in to learn even more. Additionally, I would like there to be more group activities, such as on the last day. It's nice to have those conversations and activities all together.
So much love and appreciation for you all putting this together
Great Summit
very good conference- knowledgeable, engaging, passionate speakers
I appreciated the fragrance free space at last year's prevention gathering. Many of us have allergies or sensitivities to perfume, which, for me, means I need to take more meds or just live with a bad headache during the conference.
Though the housing crisis is at critical levels in many communities, it was not clear to me how my community could work to incorporate this issue into prevention work. It seems more like secondary and/or tertiary prevention work and that needed to be made clear. An activity to help us think about how to better incorporate the housing issue into primary prevention work more intentionally and effectively and what that could look like would have been helpful. Peer learning is a powerful learning tool - we need to ensure people working on the ground in community get an opportunity to share with each other in a structured manner at conferences like this (e.g. small group sessions/workshops). People who are working on the ground in

prevention should be at the planning table for this Summit - which is how planning for the Prevention Summit has historically been done.

Small factor but lunch didn't take dietary restrictions into consideration.

So much information in so little time! There were many times that we would have liked more time for discussion, but the conference covered so much that we understood.

not at this time

there was a running theme of not having enough time for each session. in particular, the HTL-lead coalition planning session had a lot of promise, but would have been much better with more time for us to interact with one another.

This was a heavy conference. I've attended before and I know that of this work, but three days of it was still very heavy on the heart. The movement pieces were key. And the creative production of health products with Kassei was really helpful to process much of what was said. Hands on, heart first work and more humor really helps us learn and process and feel at the same time. Any more humor that can be worked in will help us all connect. Thank you so much!

Great event

