

Prevention Technology Platform Select Programs Tool

The purpose of this guide is to help you identify and organize the information needed by the Select Programs Tool. When using the tool, databases containing appropriate programs will help you during the selection process.

Review Concepts [10 minutes / 2 screens]

Outlines the things to consider when selecting a program to implement in your community or State.

Search NREP Database [1-5 hours/ 7 screens]

Introduction [1 screen]

You can perform an advanced search to find a program based on various community or program characteristics or you can perform a simple text search of the program names and descriptions.

Type of Search [1 screen]

For advanced searches, determine which of the variables coded by NREP are most important to your search.

Select Variables [1 screen]

The list of variables includes:

- Age Range
- Domain
- Geographic Setting
- Intervention
- Gender
- Race
- Program Type
- Risk Factors
- Protective Factors

Rate Variables [1 screen]

Rate the variables in terms of importance on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the highest importance and 1 is the least. Also choose specific elements from each of the variable you select in which to focus your search. Your rating will determine what programs are displayed from the database.

Focus Search [1 screen]

From the variables you've selected as the most important, please choose specific elements to focus your search. Choose one or more elements from each of the variables, for example,

Intervention:

- Informational Material Develop/Dissemination
- Media/Publicity campaigns
- Education Services for Youth
- Prevention-Related Skills Development
- Professional/Community Activist Skills Development
- Access to Alternative Drug-free activities
- Recruitment of Youth for Community Service
- Youth/Adult Leadership (e.g. mentoring)
- Problem Identification Referral
- Counseling/Therapy/Advice (Individual or Group)
- Family Strengthening Activities

- Policy Enforcement, including Drug Testing
- Advocacy of Substance Abuse Policy Changes

Search Results [1 screen]

The results of your search will include programs that are:

- Proven effective with these groups
- Simply described by their developers as potentially applicable to these groups

Search CAPT Databases [1-2 hours/ 2 screens]

CAPT Source Lists [2 screens]

Search the various CAPT databases using the same search criteria that you used to search the NREP database. Identify a program to further review for goodness of fit with your project by:

- Recording the project name
- Writing a brief description
- Recording the URL
- Listing the program source

Examine Other Databases [1-2 hours/ 2 screens]

Use the same search procedure to locate programs from the Department of Education and the Department of Justice databases.

Assess Goodness of Fit [20 minutes/ 6 screens]

Select Keepers [1 screen]

Chose the programs and practices you have identified to review.

Four Sets of Criteria [1 screen]

Rate how well the programs/practices you selected from NREP and other databases, match up with your project's mission, goals, and objectives; implementation capacity; cultural relevance; and scientific strength and effectiveness.

Mission, Goals and Objectives [1 screen]

- Does the program fit your organization's mission?
- Has the program shown positive results in areas that are important to your community?
- Does the program fit with the values underlying your organization mission?
- Has the program been shown to be effective for areas similar to those you will address?
- Is the program compatible with your organization interest areas?
- Has the program been shown to be effective for ages similar to those you are working with?
- Can the program be implemented in the time that you have allowed?

Implementation Capacity [1 screen]

- Does your organization have the human capacity to implement this program?
- Does your organization have the technical capacity to implement this program?
- Does your organization have the appropriate funding to implement this program?
- Can you implement this program in the manner it was designed?
- Do you have the appropriate resources to implement this program?
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Cultural Relevance [1 screen]

- Is the program appropriate for the community's values and existing practices?
- Is the program appropriate for the culture and characteristics of the community being server?

- Does the program take into account the cultural context and readiness of the community and the targeted population of the proposed intervention?
- Does the program take into account the community's values and traditions that affect how its citizens and the targeted group regard health promotion issues?
- ⚡⚡ Does this program take into account varying levels of a community's willingness to change?

Science-Based and Effective [1 screen]

- Is the program based on a well-defined theory or model?
- Has the program been shown to have positive measurable outcomes?
- Have the results been replicated successfully by different researchers over time?
- Did the program deliver the sufficient intervention to the intended population?
- Does the program have suggested pretest and posttest protocols for the indicators that you want to change?
- Did the program make use of valid and reliable data collection instruments and analysis procedures?
- Did the program demonstrate a strong cause-and-effect relationship?

Choose Best Match [1 hour/ 3 screens]

Final Selection [1 screen]

Select the program you will actually use as a model in the Implement Programs tool.

View Your Work [20 minutes]

In the PrevTech site you can view your report and make edits or delete a report.