

Local Condition Prioritization Criteria

While it's likely that many of your local conditions are concerning, it's important to consider each indicator relative to the others. Remember that a local condition should explain why, in your specific community, an intervening variable is or is not a concern. Your priority local conditions should reflect the top reason *why* the three SPF SIG priorities exist in *your* community.

Below are some sample criteria and things to consider within each that you can use throughout the process of ranking or scoring your local condition indicators. It's important that everyone involved in the scoring process has the same understanding of each criterion, so be sure to review these carefully with the group involved in the prioritization process.

Magnitude

Is the size of this local condition particularly concerning? Does the indicator show a high number, percent, or rate of youth and young adults being exposed to a particular local condition?

Time Trends (if available)

Is the value or local condition getting better or worse over time? In looking at time trends, it's best to have at least three points in time.

Severity

How concerning is the local condition itself? How severe is the impact? How strong of a connection does the local condition play on the overall intervening variable and priority problem?

Political Will

Are the principal stakeholders in your community willing to address this local condition? There may be broader political will to address the three priority problems or consequence associated with alcohol use, or even political will to implement certain strategies, but does the community support change in this local condition?

Comparisons

Does this value show that this local condition is a greater problem in your community than the average across the average or in neighboring communities?

Capacity/Resources

To what degree does your community have the ability to address the local condition? Due to constraints in funding, human resources and other areas it may not be possible for your particular community to address all local conditions, so which local conditions are you better able to address given the resources available?

Changeability

To what degree is it possible to affect the local condition? More specifically, how likely is it that you will be able to change the value (i.e. the number or percent) of the local condition during the time frame laid out by the SPF SIG?

Economic Impact

What economic costs, if any, are associated with this indicator? Are there any economic benefits to improving this local condition?