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July: Brainstorm current + future state

Articulate how the SMPC carries out its legislative duties (current + desired action)

October: Develop an implementation plan

Develop annual workplan (activities for 2027)

Develop process for using and communicating about indicator and performance measure data

September: Define SMPC strategies and measurement

Formalize SMPC key strategies (across all duties)

Update performance measures

SMPC goals: long term outcomes we want to achieve

1. Increase protective factors and build resilience and feelings of connectedness in Vermont communities, across all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions.
2. Decrease risk factors for substance misuse in Vermont for individuals of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions.
3. Increase efficiency and collaboration on prevention efforts across all state, public, and private entities, through a consolidated and holistic approach to prevention that is sustainable, scalable, and equitable.

SMPC strategies: broad approaches to achieve the goals

1. Provide education to the legislature and other interested parties on data, best practices, and emerging issues to inform their decision-making.
2. Respond to proposed and enacted laws and policies to ensure they contribute to an effective and comprehensive approach to substance misuse prevention.
3. Provide advice and guidance to state agencies and committees that distribute substance misuse prevention funding, such as the Department of Health and the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, to address gaps, eliminate barriers, and improve coordination of services.
4. Review existing materials (such as needs assessments and program evaluations) to understand successes and challenges with existing community-based programming, including as geographic and demographic disparities.