

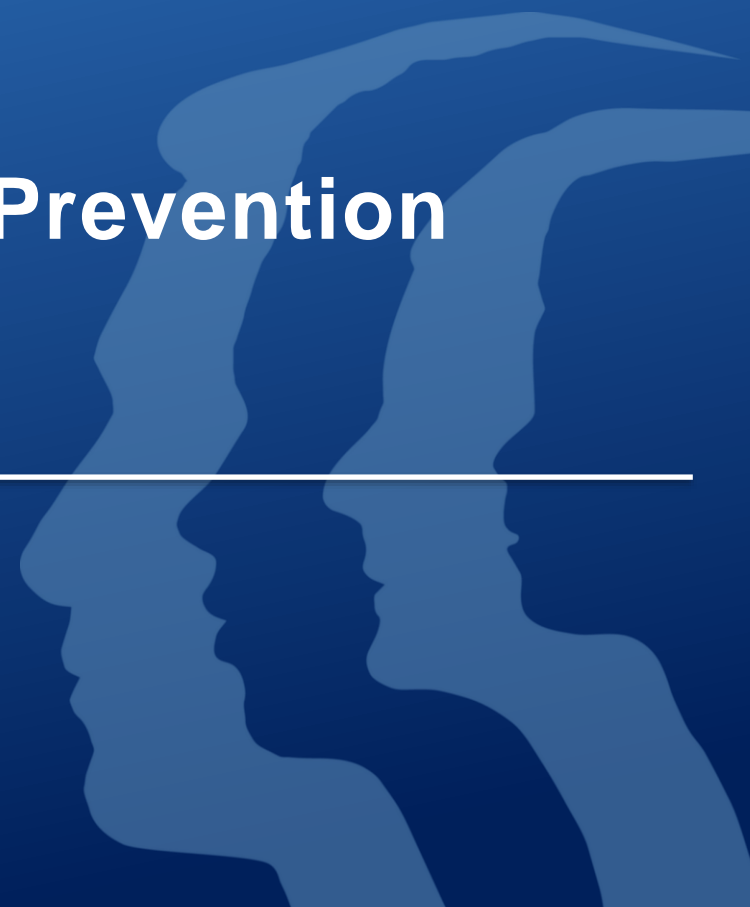


# Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

## Gender-Based Violence Prevention Policy Deputies Meeting

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November 14, 2024



# Prioritizing Gender Based Violence Prevention





# Agenda

## Agenda Item

Call to Order / Introductions

GBV Presentation / Discussion Items:

- Data
- Gap Analysis
- Staffing and Budget
- Sexual Assault Council
- GBV Prevention Policy Meetings: Representation, Focus and Priorities, Next Steps

Public Comment

Adjournment



# Background



## December 5, 2023

- Motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath – Prioritizing Gender Based Violence Prevention

## January 23, 2024

- Motion by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath - Establishing a Gender Based Violence Workgroup

## July 1, 2024

- CEO Board Report with definition, focus areas and structure for ongoing GBV work led by Public Health's OVP.

## October 2024

- During the Final Changes Budget Phase, the Board approved 2.0 positions for OVP to initiate the GBV work.



# Approved Countywide Definition of GBV\*

Gender-Based Violence is defined as violent acts or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuses that are used to harm, punish, or frighten due to a person's identified or perceived gender or sexual identity. GBV includes, but is not limited to, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, gendered cyber abuses, sexual harassment, sexual assault and exploitation, trafficking, homophobic and transphobic abuses.

\*Approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors July 23, 2024



# Gender Based Violence Focus Areas

- **Prevention:** Implement a multi-disciplinary, GBV primary prevention strategy.
- **Coordination:** Assemble a coalition of County departments, academia, community stakeholders, philanthropy, and individuals with lived experiences to identify and dismantle systems that have led to or perpetuate gender-based violence and oppression.
- **Resources and Programming:** Support funding for programs and services that have proven results in harm reduction and/or use best-practices in the provision of prevention services and programs.
- **Data Collection:** Work with stakeholders to establish metrics and methods for continual data collection and sharing for evaluation, pattern identification, trend forecasting, and funding requests.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Collaborate with stakeholders and partners to identify proposed legislation and gap areas that would improve systems and reduce barriers to disclosing violence.



# Progress Updates: Focus Areas





# Gender Based Violence Focus Areas Updates

- **Prevention:** OVP is currently surveying county departments to understand the landscape of county prevention and intervention programs, services and funding related to gender-based violence. Next steps will include working with community partners to understand their work around gender-based violence and continuing our research to learn from other jurisdictions.
- **Coordination:** OVP is utilizing our networks and county and community governance structure to coordinate with existing partners and to understand where there are gaps in representation. We continue to coordinate with Public Health's Office of Women's Health and Domestic Violence Council on issues of domestic violence, sexual violence and trafficking and to conduct outreach to enlist new partners including academia, philanthropy, and individuals with lived experience to involve in the work to increase access to services and dismantle systems that have led to or perpetuate gender-based violence.



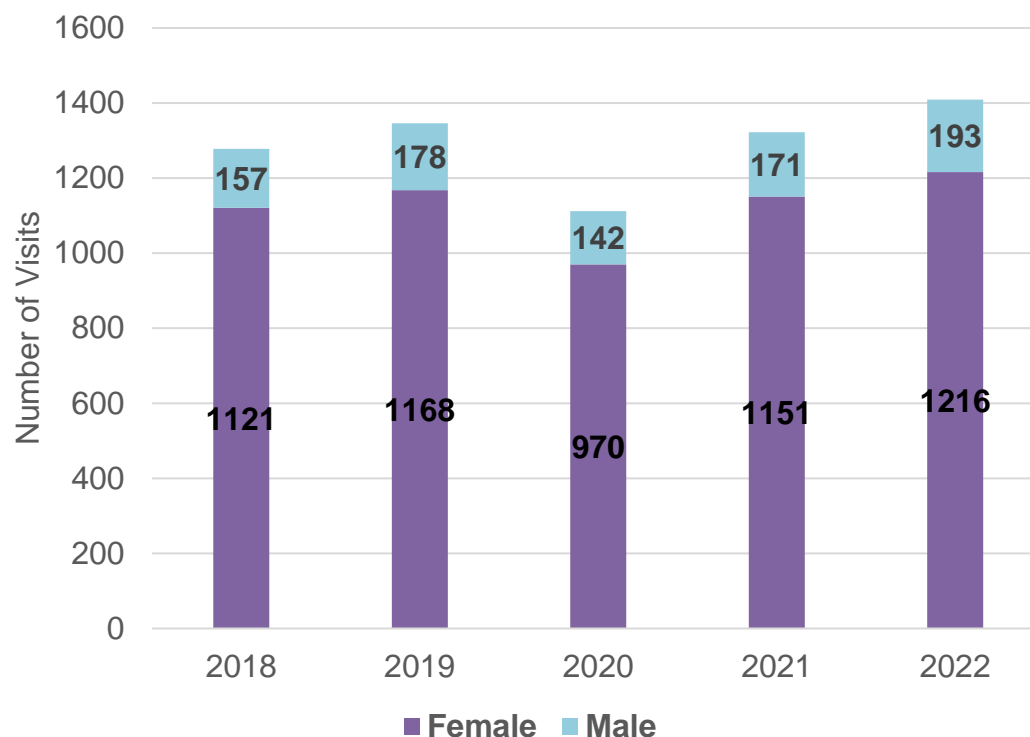
# Gender Based Violence Focus Areas Updates

- **Resources and Programming:** OVP is working with the Center for Strategic Partnerships to identify a Third-Party Administrator(TPA) to invest \$2M for prevention programs and services in 4 categories: teen dating violence, engaging men and boys, engaging LGBTQ+ youth leaders, and innovative financial empowerment strategies for girls.
- **Data Collection:** OVP has created an open data portal to publicly share and increase access to data on violence broken down by demographic groups including by gender. We are creating additional dashboards with a focus on intimate partner violence and sexual assaults. We will continue to work with county and community partners to establish metrics for tracking outcomes related to gender based violence.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** OVP will work with stakeholders, partners and Government Affairs to identify legislation and policy areas that would improve systems and reduce barriers to disclosing violence.



# Progress Updates: Data and Landscape Analysis

# Emergency Department Visits for Sexual Assault by Year, LA County Residents, 2018-2022



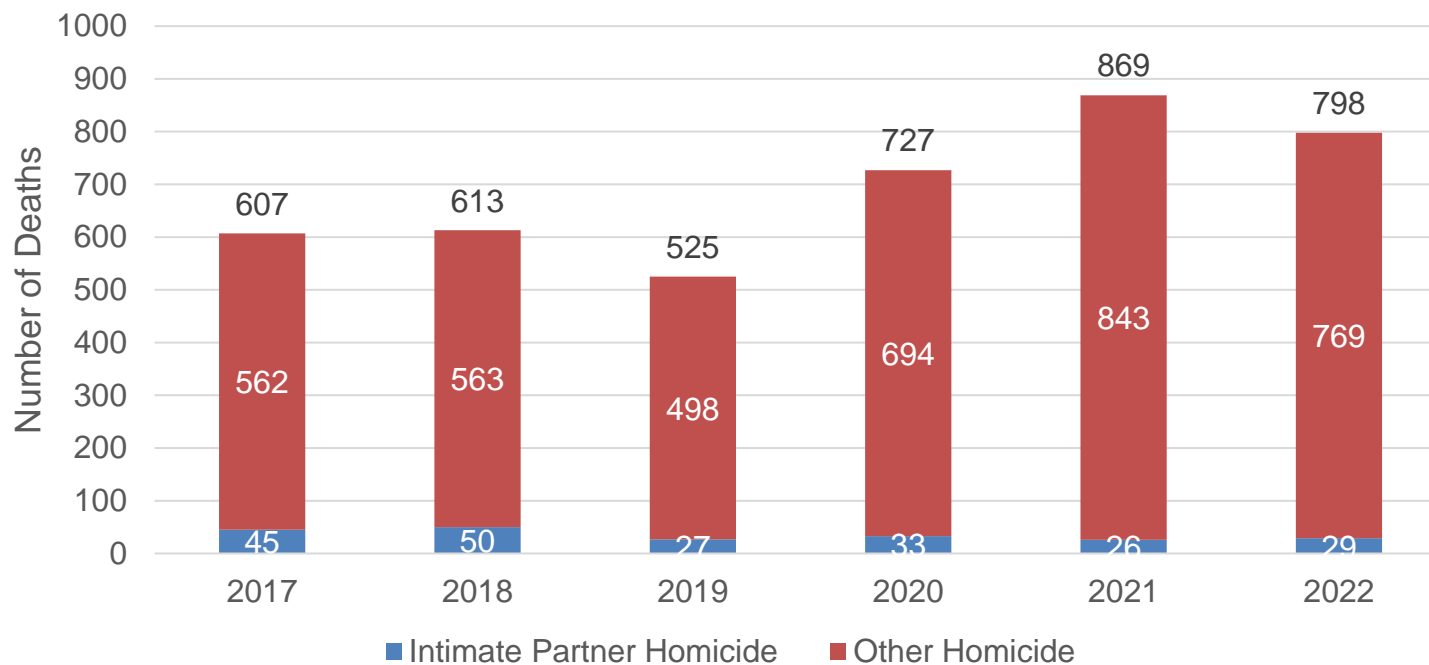
- There were a total of **6,267 visits** for the 5-year period
- Females accounted for **87%** of all visits for sexual assaults (5,626 total).
- **More than 140 males** were treated for sexual assaults each year.

Note: Data are not available for gender identities other than female and male.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Injury and Violence Prevention Branch. (2023, December 15). EpiCenter: California Injury Data Online. Retrieved September 2024, from <https://skylab4-dev.cdph.ca.gov/epicenter/>.



# Intimate Partner Homicides & Other Homicides by Year

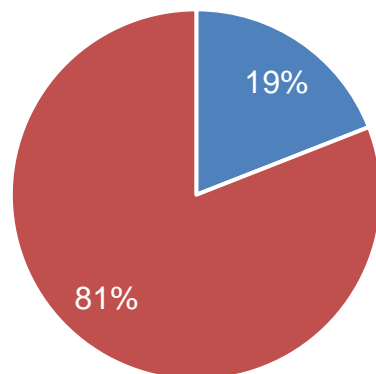


Between 2017 and 2022 210 homicide victims were killed by a current or former intimate partner.

This is 5% of the 4,139 total homicides reported during that time.

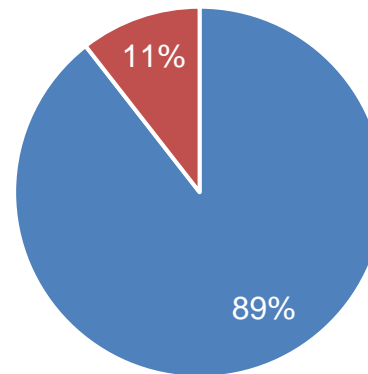
# Sex of Homicide Victims by Relationship Between Victim and Suspect, 2017 - 2022

**Victim was Current or Former Intimate Partner of Suspect**



■ Male ■ Female

**Other Relationship Between Victim & Suspect\***



■ Male ■ Female

81% of homicide victims killed by an intimate partner were female

89% of all other homicide victims were male.

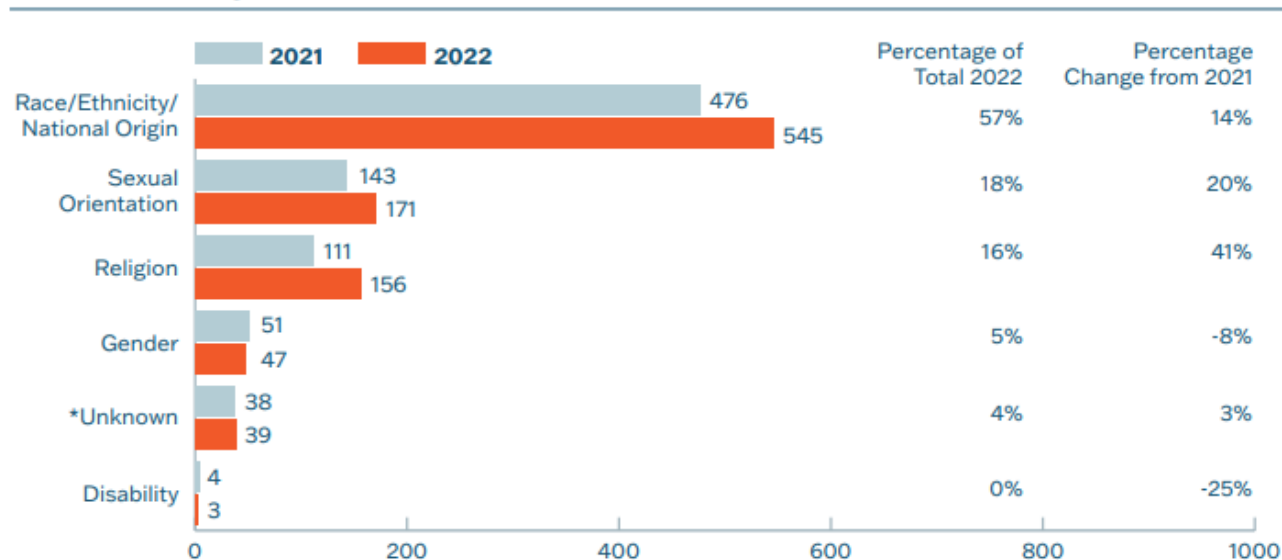
\* Includes homicides where victim and suspect were strangers and incidents where the suspect was not identified so the relationship between victim and suspect was unknown.

Data for individuals with gender identities other than male or female is not able to be reported.

Data Source: Los Angeles County Violent Death Reporting System

# Hate Crimes in Los Angeles County, 2022

## Hate Crimes by Motivation



\* These were primarily cases of vandalism that used hate symbols and the motivation could not be determined.

Note: Some cases contained multiple motivations. The total number of motivations does not equal the total number of hate crimes.

Source: Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission, 2022 Hate Crime Report

### Other Highlights from HRC Hate Crime Report:

72% of all hate crimes were violent.

91% of crimes motivated by gender were violent.

85% of crimes motivated by sexual orientation were violent.

# GBV Comprehensive Gap Analysis

- The CEO Report highlighted feedback from stakeholders and partners that indicated that a gap exists in understanding the landscape of community-based **primary prevention services** including funding amounts and funding streams.
- It was recommended that **OVP conduct a comprehensive gap analysis** of county departments and community providers.







# County Leadership Committee Meeting Highlights

## Research and Data

- Need more place-based data and additional sources
- SOGIE data through Medical Examiner
- LASD crime data
- DA victim and crime statistics

## Prevention Services

- More education and training opportunities for county departments
- Awareness campaigns – DA & HRC
- Engaging younger populations – grade school
- Social Media Messaging

## Intervention Services

- Victim services through LASD and DA; healing opportunities through Arts and DMH
- Human resources provides training and employee support
- CalWorks and GAIN programs from DPSS

## Referral Services

- Referral to victim services organizations and CBOs across multiple depts.
- Internal referrals to other departments
- Navigating referral networks, information about how to refer

## Opportunities

- Countywide training on resources, Trauma Informed Care, GBV signs and resources for County staff
- Expand education to younger audiences about GBV and healthy relationships; leverage social media
- Improve data sharing; more place-based data collection
- Better coordination and response across County systems
- Working with perpetrators
- Leveraging doctors and ER practitioners to identify signs of trafficking and GBV



# County Department Landscape Analysis

- Survey was sent to County Departments on 11/07/24.
- The survey will capture information on the landscape of GBV services provided by county departments including primary prevention and intervention services and resources; what data is collected and how is it shared; budgets and funding streams; and gaps, needs, and opportunities for enhancing service provision by geography.
- Survey results will be summarized and shared via written report by 12/15/24.



# Update: Staffing and Budget



# GBV Staffing and Budget Updates

- **Hiring:** Interviews being scheduled for Public Health Nurse Coordinator.
- **Grant Funding:** Working with Center for Strategic Partnerships to identify a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) and drafting Scopes of Work to fund local CBOs in each Supervisorial District to implement prevention strategies in four areas:
  - Healthy Relationship Education and Training
  - Engaging Men and Boys
  - Innovative Programs to Engage LGBTQ+ Youth
  - Economic Empowerment Strategies for Girls



# GBV Budget – Fiscal Year 2024/2025

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Personnel (APS PHN + HPA II)	\$445,000
Operating Expenses	\$87,815
Contracted Services:	\$2,055,000
<b>Healthy Relationships Training and Education</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Community Based Solutions to Engage Men &amp; Boys</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>Innovative Programs to Engage LGBTQ+ Youth Peers</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Economic Empowerment for Girls</b>	<b>\$205,000</b>
Indirect Cost	\$107,184
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,695,000</b>



# Update: Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council

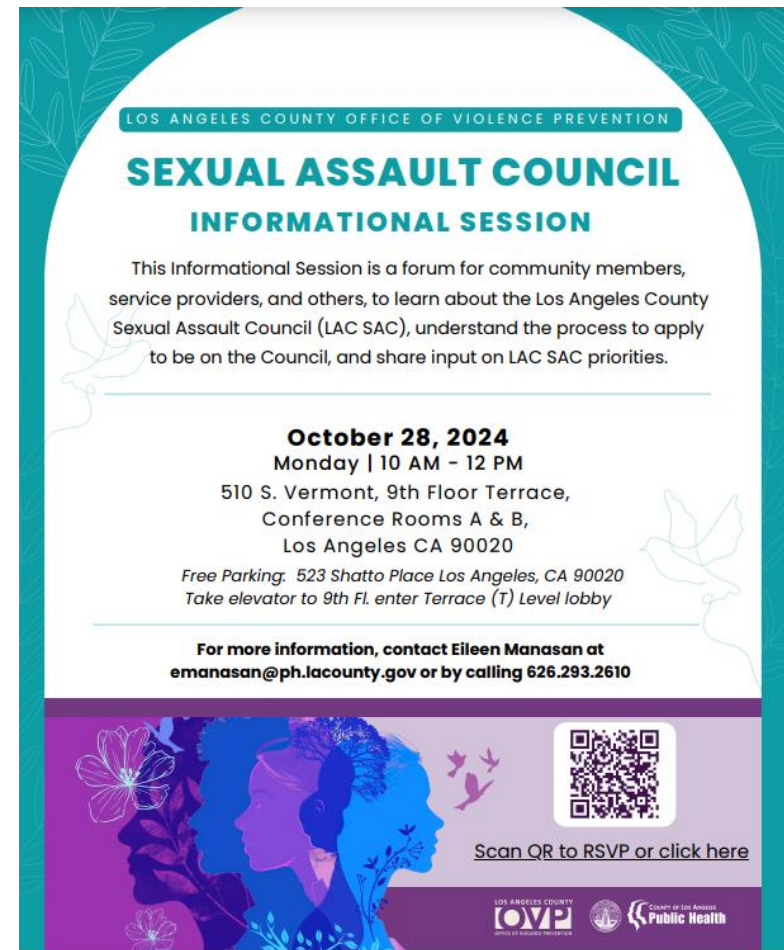


# Establishing the Sexual Assault Council (SAC)

The purpose of LAC SAC is to assemble multiple sectors and individuals with lived experience that have a connection to sexual violence to coordinate across systems, facilitate communication, and create alignment between public safety agencies, healthcare providers, legal systems, survivors, county, and community partners that will allow for better service collaboration and integration, and therefore, better support survivors and more adequately meet the needs of the community.

# Sexual Assault Council Community Session

- On October 28, 2024, OVP held a Community Session to share information about the Sexual Assault Council, how to apply to be on the Council and offer an opportunity to provide input on priorities.
- **70 participants** from multiple sectors including CBOs, community members, law enforcement, SART Center staff, Rape Crisis Centers, and DV organizations.



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## SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL SESSION

This Informational Session is a forum for community members, service providers, and others, to learn about the Los Angeles County Sexual Assault Council (LAC SAC), understand the process to apply to be on the Council, and share input on LAC SAC priorities.



**October 28, 2024**  
Monday | 10 AM - 12 PM  
510 S. Vermont, 9th Floor Terrace,  
Conference Rooms A & B,  
Los Angeles CA 90020

*Free Parking: 523 Shatto Place Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Take elevator to 9th Fl. enter Terrace (T) Level lobby*

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# SAC Community Session Recommendations

- **Training:** Need for “best-practices” and “evidence-based” training.
- **Advocacy:** Need for more rape crisis center advocates, and therapists.
- **Data:** Need for more SART Center and service provider data and not relying solely on emergency room and law enforcement data. Need for more standardized data collection practices.
- **Collaboration:** Need for better collaboration and coordination with mental health, homelessness services, domestic violence, school districts, emergency rooms, and healthcare providers among others.



# SAC Community Session Recommendations

- **Campaigns** –posting at bus stops, bathrooms, and community centers.
- **Definitions** – Establish common definitions for sexual assault.
- **Faith-based Partnerships** – include faith-based agencies at the table.
- **Follow-up Services** –There is a gap in following up beyond the immediate aftermath of a sexual assault.



# SAC Community Session Recommendations

## Crossover with GBV planning:

- Education and Training (by-stander, evidence-based)
- Data Collection and Sharing

## Recommendations on where to focus efforts:

- Black Women and Girls
  - Underserved communities
  - Indigenous communities
  - LGBTQ+
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- Prevention strategies starting in grade school
  - Engage parents



# Discussion



# GBV Representation and Intersection

1. What partners are missing from GBV discussion?
2. How do we ensure representation and an engagement mechanism that includes mix of county and community partners, includes multiple sectors?
3. Role and Function of GBVPP Deputies Meeting versus GBV Workgroup and Sexual Assault Council members and stakeholders?



# GBV Focus and Priorities

1. Determination of Focus and Priorities. Should be based on Gap Analysis, Funding, Resources and Partnerships.
2. Next Steps:
  - **Complete Landscape Analysis and Share Results**
  - **Onboard Staff**
  - **Work with Third Party Administrator (TPA) to Contract with Agencies for Prevention Services**
  - **Determine Meeting Cadence, Invite List**



# Public Comment



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