

Action Planning

Topic _____

Objectives	<p>Why is this topic a good one for collaboration?</p> <p>What is the objective of this collaboration?</p>	
Potential Partners	<p>Identify groups with whom it would be helpful to collaborate on this topic.</p> <p>What is the existing relationship between the state and these groups? (Cashman et al., 2007, pp. 29–30)</p> <p>Which individuals in these groups are working on the identified topic?</p> <p>What expertise do they bring? (Cashman et al., 2007, pp. 12, 28–29)</p>	
Initiating & Engaging	<p>How might you approach these groups?</p> <p>How can you engage the participants from these groups through information sharing?</p> <p>How can you engage the participants from these groups by taking action? (Cashman et al., 2007, pp. 29–34)</p>	

Obstacles	<p>What obstacles are there to forming a coalition on this topic?</p>			
	<p>What are strategies for overcoming these obstacles, increasing collaboration, and taking action? (Cashman et al., 2007, pp. 12, 28–9)</p>			
Next Steps	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task • Person responsible • Timeframe <p>(Cashman et al., 2007, pp. 33–35)</p>			

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