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## Community Needs Assessment Steering Committee

**Broad Goal:** Assess the problem of teen dating and sexual violence in Louisville Metro, both quantitatively and qualitatively. This involves using both existing data and assessment tools to uncover prevalence, community demographics, available resources and norms, attitudes and beliefs surrounding the issue. Based on information collected and reviewed, make recommendations to the Coalition for strategic planning purposes.

- Conduct focus groups with teens and college students.
  - Convene participants through creative recruitment strategies.
  - Secure meeting sites.
  - Provide a process that makes available voluntary, informed consent for participants or guardians of participants, minimizing any type of coercion for participation, no matter how subtle.
  - Offer resources in case of disclosure.
  - Utilize community resources to select a survey tool that is culturally sensitive and captures desired data on opinions, values, norms, beliefs, etc.
- Utilize asset mapping and secondary data analysis to create community profile.
  - Research existing asset maps that capture demographic characteristics of teens and community resources within Louisville Metro.
    - A helpful resource may be: [www.crnky.org](http://www.crnky.org) (see Handout)
  - Secondary Data Analysis.
    - Find existing local and national data on teen dating/sexual violence.
    - Form hypotheses based off of these data.
  - Recommend further analysis.
- Community Forums.
  - Arrange gatherings that are open to community participation.
  - Specifically and creatively recruit participants (i.e. parents, law enforcement, policy/judicial professionals, & education professionals).
  - Utilize exiting tools to ask open-ended questions that best sample the community's opinions, beliefs, norms, and values and are culturally sensitive.
  - Offer resources in case of disclosure.