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Community Public Health and Safety Networks: Projects and Performance Measures

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The state's Community Public Health and Safety Networks were established by the 1994 Legislature as part of the Violence Prevention Act. The Networks distributed funds to local communities with the goal of reducing at-risk behaviors. For the first year funding cycle (FY1997), the Institute obtained information on 544 projects funded by 42 (of 53) Networks, and examined project outcomes. Performance measurement for social service organizations includes a new language and approach for contracts. The short duration of the projects (an average of four months) made it difficult to demonstrate significant results. Approximately 11 percent of the projects were designed to directly influence and measure behavior change.

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