

**MISSOURI SUICIDE
PREVENTION COALITION
ACADEMY**

<https://www.mopiptraining.org/mospca/>



AGENDA

Introductions and background

Purpose, goals, and framework

Expectations and time commitment

Application and nomination process

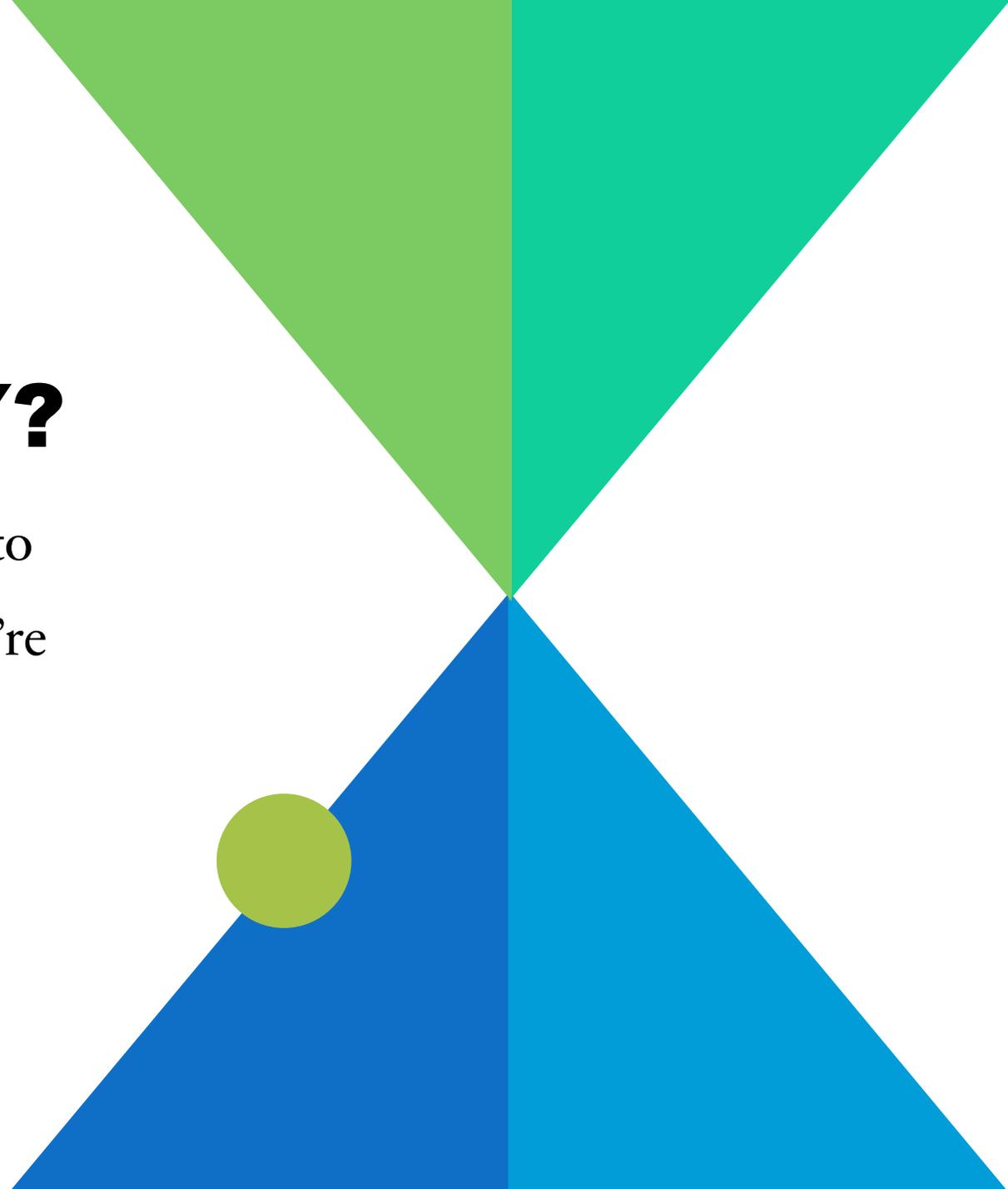
Timeline

FAQs

Next Steps

WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY?

Share in the chat (or come off mute) to share why you're attending, what you're hoping to learn more about, or any specific questions you have!



The Missouri Suicide Prevention Coalition Academy is a project funded by the Missouri Department of Mental Health in partnership with the Missouri Suicide Prevention Network Community Support Coalitions Subcommittee, Missouri Partners in Prevention, and the Education Development Center



MISSOURI
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
NETWORK

2024-2028

Missouri Suicide Prevention Plan

A statewide plan to help Missourians prevent and
lower the risk of suicide in their family and community

Together, we can all help prevent suicide!



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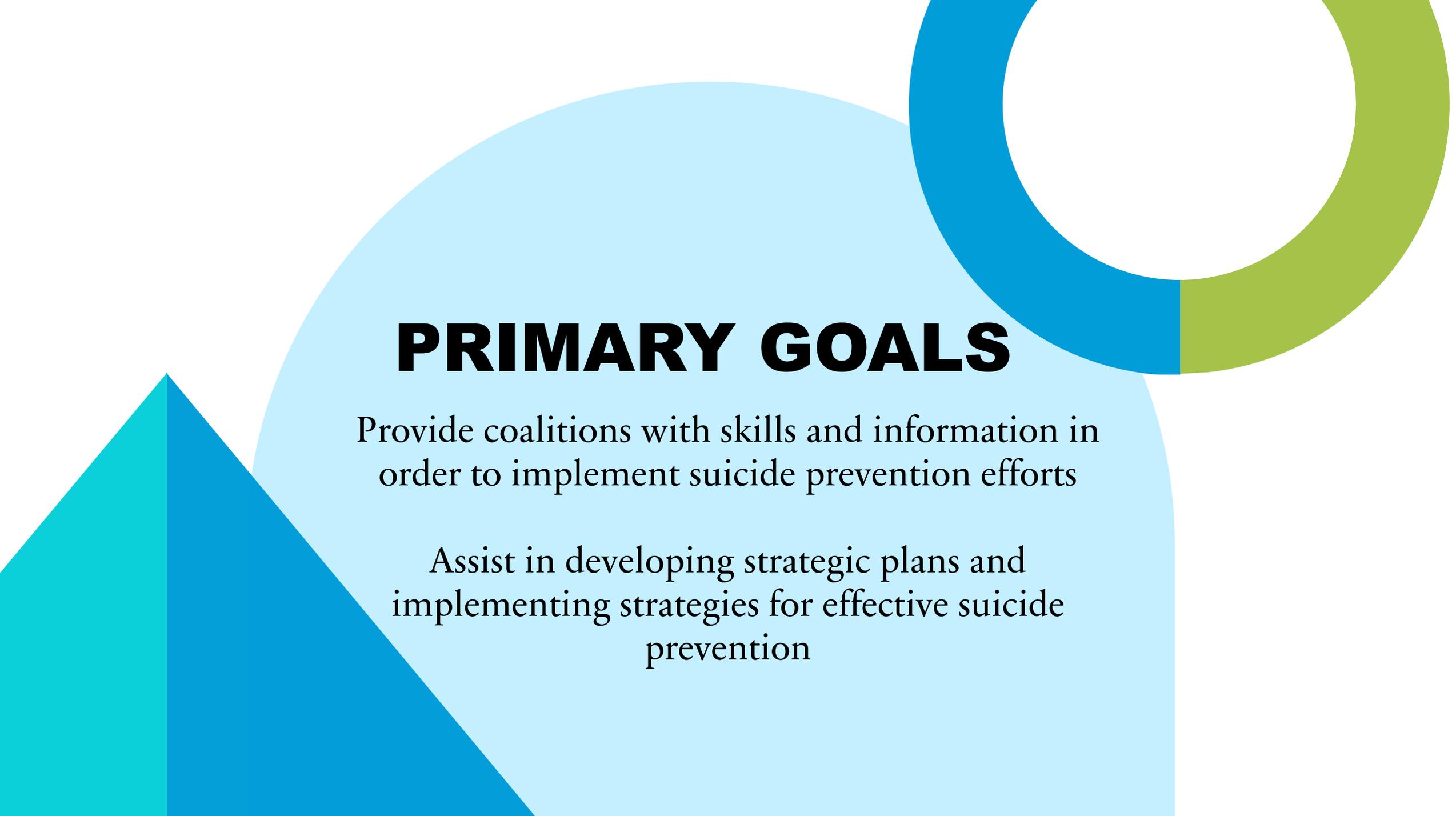
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- <https://www.mospn.org/about-9>
- **Priority 2: Support community-led efforts to promote suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention care**
- Consider [registering your coalition](#) with MSPN!

FORMAT

- Year-long Coalition Academy to be implemented with a cohort of coalitions
 - 2-day, in-person academy June 1st and 2nd, 2026 in Columbia, MO with a team of 3-5 coalition members
 - Monthly, virtual follow-up Community of Practice (CoP) sessions
- Blend coalition building and strategic prevention skills with evidence-based suicide prevention strategies
- Utilizing the Community-Led Suicide Prevention Toolkit from EDC as the basis for Academy curriculum
 - <http://communitysuicideprevention.org/>



PRIMARY GOALS

Provide coalitions with skills and information in order to implement suicide prevention efforts

Assist in developing strategic plans and implementing strategies for effective suicide prevention



PRIMARY GOALS

Create collaborations between community coalitions, local Prevention Resource Centers, MSPN, and other statewide agencies to provide mentorship and support

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION



Access training and technical assistance to implement evidence-based suicide prevention strategies



Relationship and network building with other community coalitions, Prevention Resource Centers, etc.



Connect with the Missouri Suicide Prevention Network and potentially register as a Suicide Prevention Coalition



Coalitions who participate in the Academy may be eligible for future funding



Community-Led
Suicide Prevention

IN CRISIS?

Call 988 or visit 988lifeline.org

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Resources

Saving Lives Where You Live

My community is...

- Just getting started in suicide prevention
- Choosing what to do to prevent suicide
- Looking to strengthen and sustain our prevention efforts

EDC

Education
Development
Center

<https://communitysuicideprevention.org/>

COMMUNITY LED SUICIDE PREVENTION FRAMEWORK



UNITY



DATA



PLANNING



FIT



INTEGRATION



COMMUNICATION



SUSTAINABILITY

Community Led Suicide Prevention: AT-A-GLANCE



Community-Led
Suicide Prevention



UNITY

How to Develop
Broad-Based Support
for a Shared Vision

KEY AREA 1:

Identifying leaders and partners and building their capacity

- STEP 1:** Create a list of individuals and organizations
- STEP 2:** Reach out to community leaders
- STEP 3:** Set up ways to collaborate
- STEP 4:** Address needs of the group related to suicide loss (postvention)
- STEP 5:** Educate leaders about suicide prevention
- STEP 6:** Formalize partnerships

KEY AREA 2:

Working with community coalitions and advisory groups

- STEP 1:** Identify local coalitions or other related groups
- STEP 2:** Ask community leaders to serve on a coalition
- STEP 3:** Broaden the coalition
- STEP 4:** Create coalition structures and roles
- STEP 5:** Set regular meeting times

KEY AREA 3:

Creating a shared vision

- STEP 1:** Analyze data
- STEP 2:** Discuss what the data mean for taking action
- STEP 3:** Agree on priority issues and groups of people
- STEP 4:** Develop unique roles for each partner
- STEP 5:** Regularly check with partners to monitor efforts



DATA

How to Use Data
to Guide Action
and Improve Efforts

KEY AREA 1:

Accessing systems data for planning

- STEP 1:** Ensure coalition can access and use quality data
- STEP 2:** Make a list of the data systems
- STEP 3:** Form a data subcommittee or workgroup
- STEP 4:** Identify data to use
- STEP 5:** Use data to prioritize groups and circumstances
- STEP 6:** Stay regularly up to date on local data

KEY AREA 2:

Gathering information on community context

- STEP 1:** Assess capacity to gather and analyze information
- STEP 2:** Form a CNA work group
- STEP 3:** Identify any CNAs already occurring
- STEP 4:** Determine if you need to gather more information
- STEP 5:** Coordinate with partnering agencies
- STEP 6:** Identify how to collect data
- STEP 7:** Draft CNA questions and gather information
- STEP 8:** Analyze the CNA results

KEY AREA 3:

Using data to assess progress and make changes

- STEP 1:** Establish expectations for monitoring data
- STEP 2:** Coordinate data monitoring with community data efforts
- STEP 3:** Identify and fill data gaps
- STEP 4:** Decide on your data collection method(s)
- STEP 5:** Create evaluation plans
- STEP 6:** Revisit and reaffirm or change your strategies

<https://communitysuicideprevention.org/at-a-glance/>



PREVIOUS COALITIONS

2023 Cohort 1

- Christian County Suicide Prevention Network
- Greene County Suicide Prevention Network
- Howell County Suicide Prevention Network
- Mental Health Awareness Coalition (Butler County)
- Missouri S&T Prevention Coalition, Health and Well-Being Committee, and the STEP UP! Committee
- St. Louis Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Stone County Community Health Coalition

2024 Cohort 2

- Taney County Suicide Prevention Network
- Iron County Health Coalition
- Northwest Missouri Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Maryville Partners in Prevention Suicide Prevention Subcommittee (located at Northwest Missouri State University)
- Webster County CommUNITY Partnership
- Lafayette County Veterans Suicide Prevention Coalition
- EBJ Callaway Community Suicide Prevention Coalition

2025 Cohort 3

- Excelsior Springs SAFE
- Northeast Missouri Suicide Prevention Coalition/Shelby County Cares
- Osage County Anti-Drug Community Action Team
- Osage County Health Department
- Randolph County Suicide Prevention Coalition
- St. Francois County Mental Health Board
- St. Louis Community College Missouri Suicide Prevention Coalition



PREVIOUS ACADEMIES





“ THE COALITION ACADEMY HAS BEEN A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE WE ARE A YOUNG COALITION. THE COALITION ACADEMY PROVIDES A SPACE WHERE WE CAN NETWORK WITH OTHER COALITIONS AND LEARN FROM THEIR SUCCESSES AS WELL AS A HUB WHERE WE CAN ACQUIRE INFORMATION AND LEARN SKILLS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SUICIDE PREVENTION. ”



COALITION ELIGIBILITY

- Any type of community coalition is welcome to apply!
 - Suicide prevention coalitions, substance use prevention coalitions, higher education coalitions, etc.
- Must have a desire and willingness to implement evidence-based suicide prevention efforts
- No specific requirements (coalition size, development stage, etc.), but coalitions should have the capacity to be fully engaged in the coalition academy and meet the expectations and time commitment
- Applications are due January 31st

EXPECTATIONS AND TIME COMMITMENT

- Complete the application process (applications due January 31st)
- Academy Prep webinar attendance by full team (March/April 2026)
- Complete a coalition readiness assessment (April/May 2026)
- Attendance of 3-5 team members at the in-person Coalition Academy to be held June 1st and 2nd in Columbia, Missouri. **Travel costs will be covered by project funding**
- Attendance by at least 1 team member at all monthly, virtual follow-up CoP sessions throughout the next year (August 2026 – May 2027). CoP sessions will last 60 minutes and there will be to-dos and deliverables between sessions
- Monitor and report on progress and action steps for suicide prevention efforts throughout the year

Expected time commitment per month: Approximately 1-2 hours related to coalition academy events, plus time spent integrating evidence-based strategies/tasks/events for suicide prevention into coalition work. There will be a heavier time commitment during:

- October-January to submit the application
- March/April/May for the Academy Prep webinar and coalition readiness assessment
- June for the in-person, 2-day Coalition Academy



APPLICATIONS & NOMINATIONS

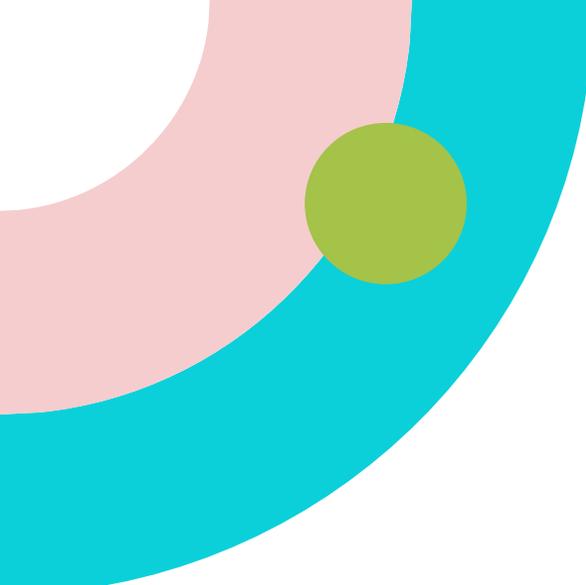
APPLICATIONS

- [Application form](#)
- Letter of commitment from senior/executive leader
- Coalition interest letter (2-4 pages)
- List and describe the 3-5 team members who will attend the Academy and their skills/knowledge/experience

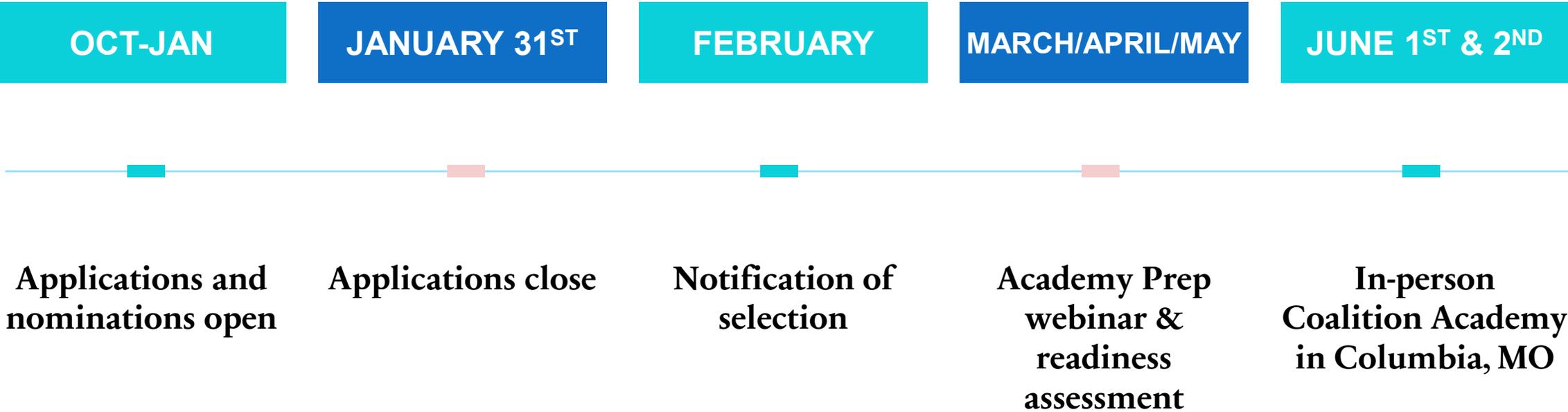
NOMINATIONS

- [Nomination form](#)
- Must provide the coalition name and primary contact name/email
- We recommend submitting nominations no later than January 1st (so that nominees have time to complete the application)

*Applications are due January 31st



TIMELINE



ONGOING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE AUGUST '26 – MAY '27

FAQS

- **Where do I apply?**
 - <https://www.mopiptraining.org/mospca/>
- **Is there a cost to participate in the academy?**
 - No costs/fees to participate. Our funding will cover travel costs and certain meals during the in-person Coalition Academy event and all CoP sessions will be held virtually
- **Will direct funding be provided to implement suicide prevention efforts?**
 - Unfortunately, not at this time. However, there may be an opportunity to apply for future funding through DMH, a condition of which is having attended the Academy
- **Can coalitions outside the state of Missouri apply?**
 - Unfortunately, due to our funding source, only coalitions based in the state of Missouri can apply to be a part of the Coalition Academy

FAQS CONT.

- **Who should prepare and submit the application?**
 - We recommend designating one individual as the lead applicant to compile and submit materials, this individual will receive all initial communications about the Academy
- **What is your selection criteria? What does a successful application look like?**
 - An application that is thorough and well thought out, demonstrates honesty and passion/interest in implementing suicide prevention strategies
 - Has identified a strong team of folks to attend
 - Has the capacity to be fully engaged in the coalition academy



FAQS CONT.

- **How many people from our organization can attend the Coalition Academy?**
 - 3-5 team members
 - Substitutions allowed
- **How many coalitions will be selected to participate in the cohort?**
 - We plan to select around 5-8 coalitions (made up of 3-5 team members) to participate
- **Who should we choose to attend from our organization?**
 - Strongly recommended to include:
 - An individual with authority for implementation decisions
 - Diverse group of members (various professional backgrounds, lived experiences, historically marginalized identities, or from communities with greater suicide risk, e.g., veterans, men, LGB+ individuals, etc.)

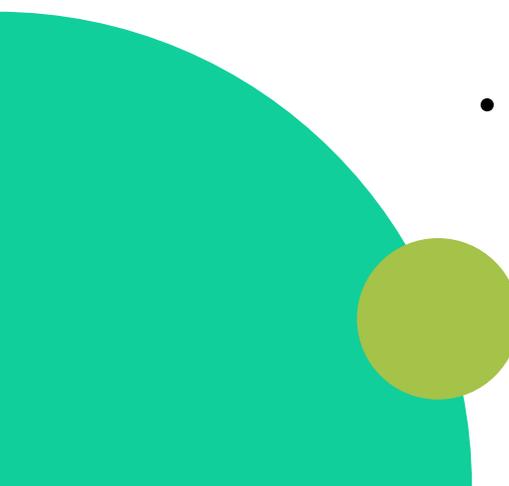
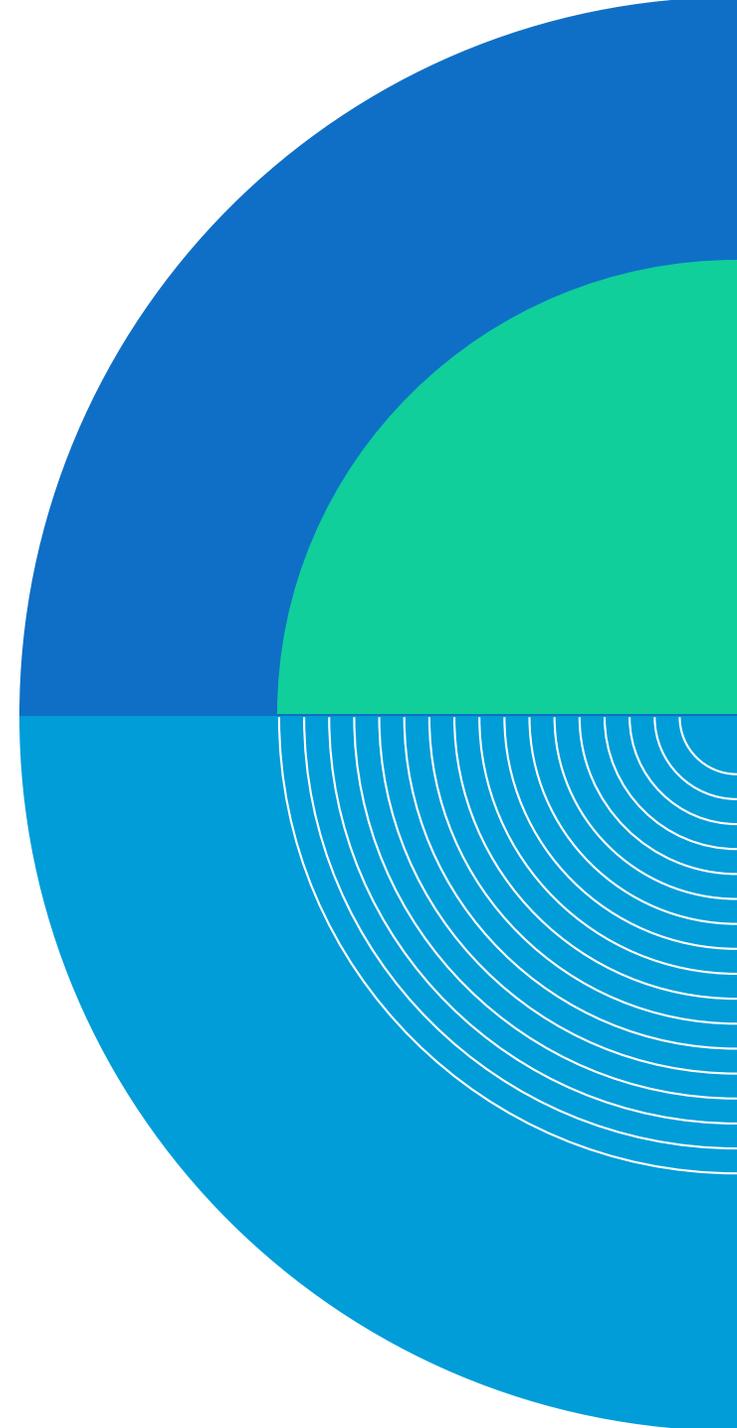


FAQS CONT.

- **Certification or CEUs?**
 - We anticipate providing CEUs through MIMH for suicide prevention clock hours, CHES credit through NCHEC, and MCB credentialing board hours for substance use prevention professionals
 - We can provide a certificate of attendance, but completion of the Academy will not ‘certify’ attendees
- **Is there anything our coalition needs to bring/prepare in advance of the in-person Academy?**
 - Copy of the application
 - Strategic plan, action plan, or any other guiding documents for your coalition

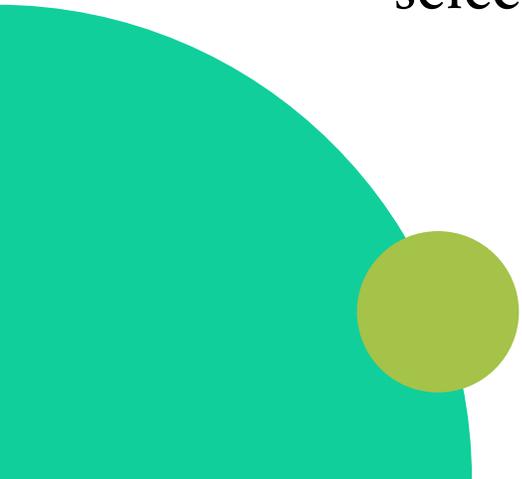
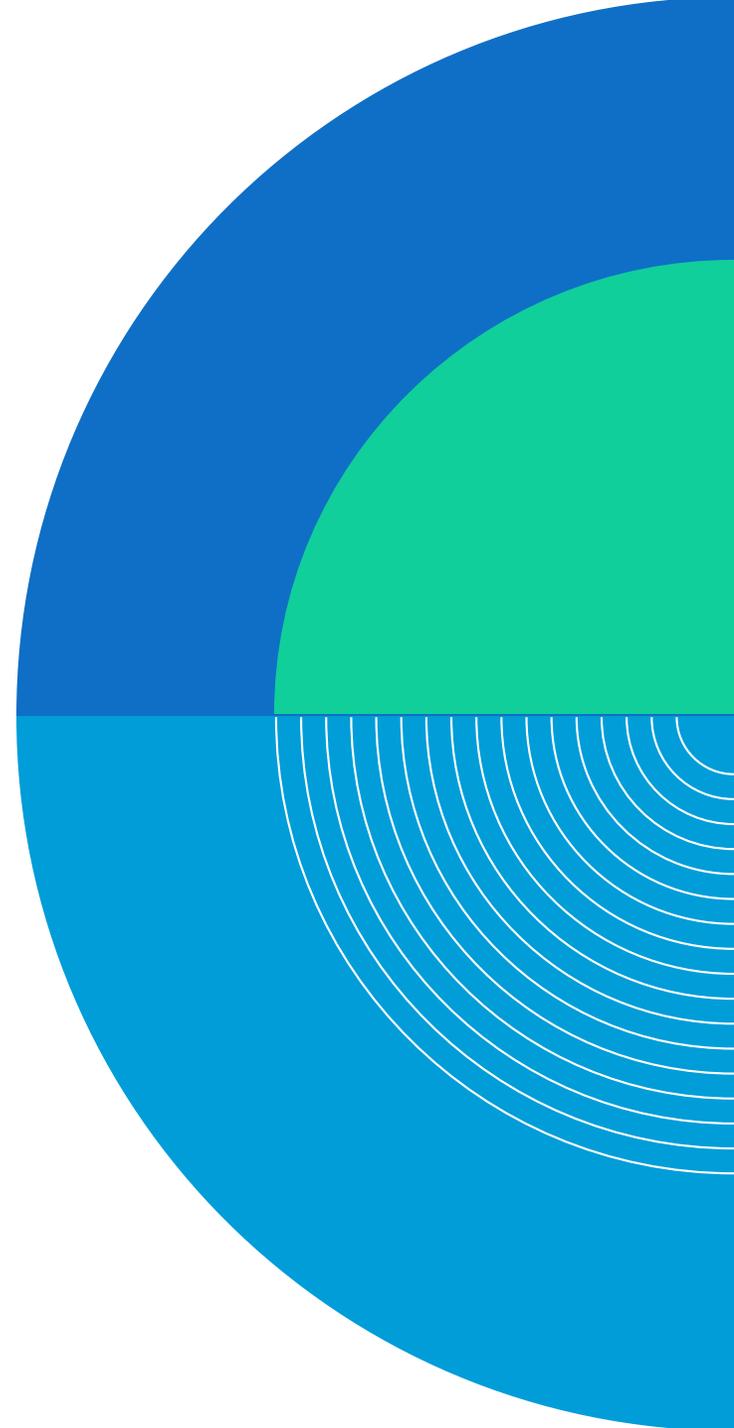
FAQS CONT.

- **Will the in-person Coalition Academy be recorded/available to access after the fact?**
 - No, we won't record the Academy (part of the experience is being there and learning from other attendees!)
 - We will record virtual Community of Practice (CoP) sessions and make them available for the cohort
- **If not selected this year, will there be another academy?**
 - We tentatively plan to host a fifth cohort in 2027, dependent on project funding
 - We are also continuing to support coalitions from our other cohorts and there is the potential for mentorship and making connections between the cohorts



FINAL NOTES

- For those watching the recording, it was not a requirement to attend this webinar in order to apply
- Applications are due January 31st and notification of selection will occur in February



NEXT STEPS



RECONVENE WITH YOUR COALITION

- Support from leadership?
- Able to meet expectations and time commitment?
- Is this a good fit for our coalition?



START TO COMPILE APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Letter of commitment from exec/senior leader
- Coalition interest letter (2-4 pages)
- List and describe team members and skills/knowledge/experience



REACH OUT TO US IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

- <https://www.mopiptraining.org/mospca/>
- pip@missouri.edu



RESOURCES

- [Registered MSPN Coalitions](#) are eligible for up to \$2,000 worth of funding! [Applications open now](#) through December 31st (and another round may be available in the Spring)
- [MSPN Community Conversations about Suicide Prevention – 2026 Series](#)
 - January 16th, April 17th, July 17th, October 16th
- [Missouri Ask. Listen. Refer.](#) free online suicide prevention training
- [Missouri 988](#)
- [Creating Suicide Prevention Community Coalitions](#) from Each Mind Matters
- [Suicide Prevention Resource Center – sprc.org](#)
- [National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention](#)

QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU

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