

Nine Habits of Effective Coalitions
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HOW DOES YOUR COALITION / PARTNERSHIP RATE?

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Habit #1: Empowering Leadership

1 2 3 4 5
 Our coalition leaders are actively involved in coalition efforts

1 2 3 4 5
 Our coalition leaders encourage decision making and action from other coalition members

1 2 3 4 5
 In our coalition, we recruit leaders and encourage members into leadership positions

Habit #2: Shared Decision Making

1 2 3 4 5
 Coalition members have the opportunity to engage in coalition decision -making

1 2 3 4 5
 Decisions are made based on a variety of sources such as data and diverse stakeholder input

Habit #3: Value-Added Collaboration

1 2 3 4 5
 Our coalition's efforts influence key decision-makers, government agencies, and other organizations

1 2 3 4 5
 Our coalition has visibility and credibility

1 2 3 4 5
 Members believe the coalition works on things that wouldn't happen if the coalition didn't work on them

Habit #4: Dedicated Staff

1 2 3 4 5
 Staff is sufficient to help the coalition make progress

1 2 3 4 5
 The roles and responsibilities of staff are clear and well communicated

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Habit #5: Diversified Funding

1 2 3 4 5
We assess our resource needs and know what resources we need to implement our efforts

Habit #6: Effective Communication

1 2 3 4 5
We have effective communication with the public and policy makers

1 2 3 4 5
Coalition meetings are interactive - we have meaningful discussions and get work accomplished

Habit #7: Clear Roles and Accountability

1 2 3 4 5
It is clear what roles the coalition plays to implement activities

1 2 3 4 5
The vast majority of members follow through with assignments and meet deadlines

Habit #8: Flexible Structure

1 2 3 4 5
New members are recruited to the coalition based on the priorities of the coalition

1 2 3 4 5
Coalition members get help in finding an active role with the coalition's efforts

1 2 3 4 5
Our coalition structure is flexible and adapts when needed to best implement our priorities

Habit #9: Priority Work Plans

1 2 3 4 5
Coalition priorities assessed and identified every 1-2 years

1 2 3 4 5
The coalition focuses its work on priorities actions

1 2 3 4 5
Members know about and are involved in developing action plans to implement strategies