

CORE-NC EXAMPLE MEASURES FOR STRATEGIES IN EARLY STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION



This document was developed to support local governments reporting impact of strategies in the early stages of implementation:

- **Exploration and Planning.** At this stage, communities are in the process of determining which strategy is the best fit by examining the degree to which a particular strategy meets their needs.
- **Preparation.** At this stage, communities are preparing for implementation by putting building blocks in place that are needed to initiate a selected strategy. They are also developing the knowledge, skills, and abilities of practitioners who will implement the strategy.

For more information about the **Stages of Implementation**, visit ncopioidsettlement.org/reporting.

For these early stages of implementation, the process and quality measures that are recommended in the Impact Report Measures Workbook may not fully capture the achievements local governments are making in their opioid settlement work. **We recommend that local governments in these stages use the “custom measures” sections in their Workbooks** (See Guide to the Measures Workbook for more information about custom measures). Here are some example measures local governments could use during early stages of implementation:

PROCESS MEASURES

These custom measures should answer the question, “How much did you do?”

- # of meetings with community partners to discuss strategy
- # of methods used to gather input on strategy
- # of new relationships with community partners established
- # of job postings created
- # of staff hired

QUALITY MEASURES

These custom measures should answer the question, “How well did you do it?”

- % of community partners who have provided input
- % of staff trained to serve people who use opioids and/or have opioid use disorder
- % of staff provided with equipment needed to serve people who use opioids and/or have opioid use disorder
- % of staff with lived experience

OUTCOME MEASURES

These custom measures should answer the question, “Is anyone better off?” During the early stages of implementation, data for program-level outcome measures may not be available. In this case, local governments should review their data on the [North Carolina Overdose Epidemic Data webpage](#) and select which population-level outcome measures they expect will change once the strategy is fully implemented.

