

Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE):

**Building a
Foundation of
Knowledge to
Prioritize
Community
Needs**



What is the CHANGE Tool?

- An assessment tool that helps develop an action plan for the community and move it toward sustainable change
 - Created and recommended by the CDC
 - Useful for pursuing additional funding
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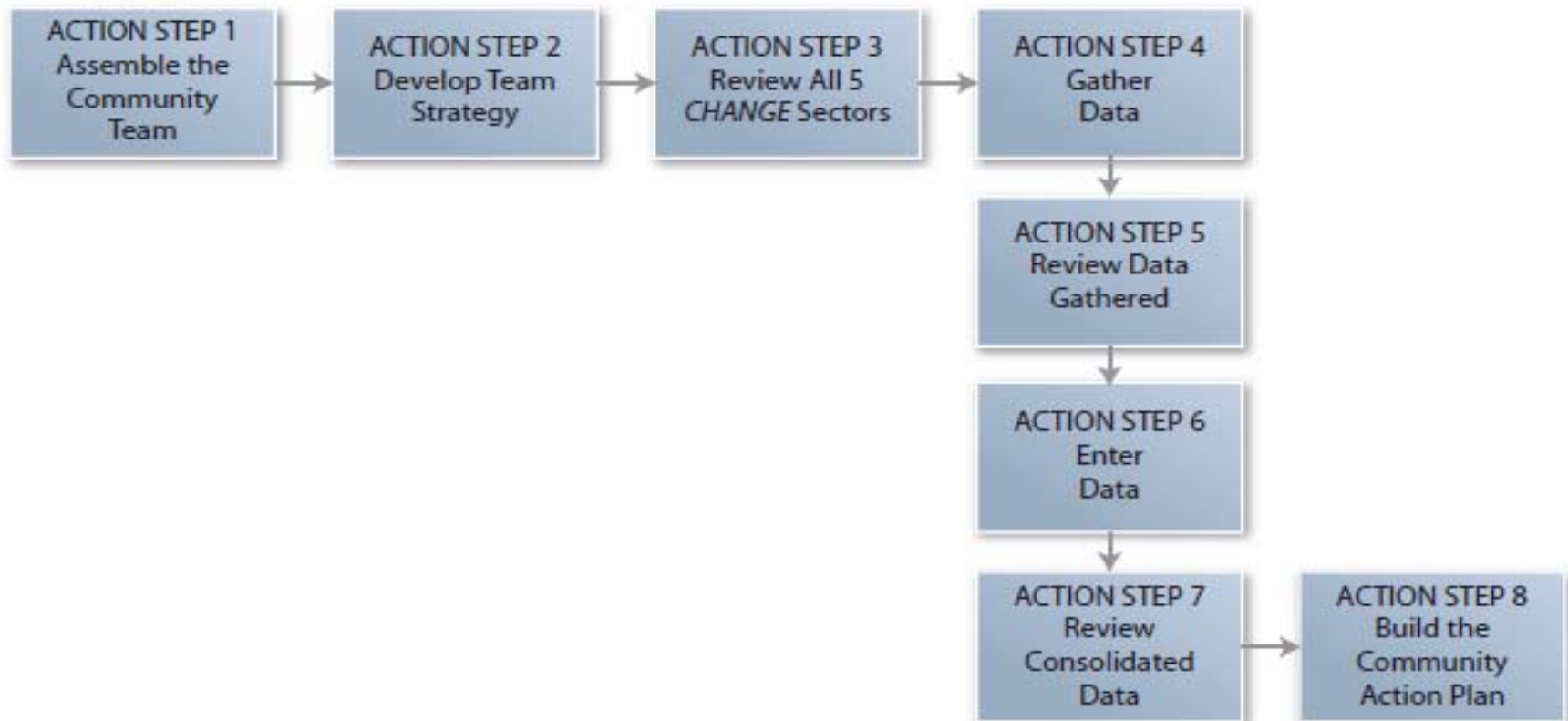
Change Tool Process

- Collects community wide data
 - Captures current PSE snapshot of the community
 - Provides group activity and consensus building
 - Helps people understand the value of community assessment
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Community Change Process

- Commitment.**
 - Assessment.**
 - Planning.**
 - Implementation.**
 - Evaluation.**
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Action Steps to Complete the *CHANGE* Tool



Possible Elements of a Community Team



Step by Step Process

ACTION STEP 1: Assemble the Community Team

- ❑ Representation from diverse sectors is key

ACTION STEP 2: Develop Team Strategy

- ❑ Decide whether to complete *CHANGE* as a whole team or divide into subgroups

ACTION STEP 3: Review All 5 *CHANGE* Sectors

- ❑ Review all 5 sectors prior to completing them so community team understands the total picture
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The Five Sectors of the CHANGE Tool

- Community-At-Large Sector
 - Community
Institution/Organization Sector
 - Health Care Sector
 - School Sector
 - Work Site Sector
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Next Steps

ACTION STEP 4: Gather Data

- Determine data collection methods

ACTION STEP 5: Review Data Gathered

- Focused on gathering and determining what the data means and gain consensus on how to rate each item

ACTION STEP 6: Enter Data

- Enter data (separate for each site) by a designated data manager.
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More Steps

ACTION STEP 7: Review Consolidated Data

- Ratings are assigned to each sector and areas for improvement are determined
- The action steps below provide a process to ensure resulting strategies are supported by the evidence

ACTION STEP 7a: Create a Summary Statement

ACTION STEP 7b: Complete the Sector Data Grid

ACTION STEP 7c: Fill out the Strategy Worksheets

ACTION STEP 7d: Complete the Community Health Improvement Planning Template

****Excel files**

Final Steps

ACTION STEP 8:

Build the Community Action Plan

- Utilize CHANGE data to identify and frame your Community Action Plan (CAP)

A Community Action Plan is a living document, usually time based, that enables a community to structure its activities around a common purpose and to prioritize needs.

To find the CHANGE Tool online...

- <http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/change/downloads.htm>
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/change/pdf/changeactionguide.pdf>
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