
Practice with Groups

THE HOW TO'S OF RUNNING A GROUP

AGENDA

Week 12 for SOWK 487w

Assignment 4 Discussion

Using Activities

Prevention Groups and Public Health Model

ASSIGNMENT 05

Research Paper to Inform Group Practice

Meta: Points 100 pts (20% of final grade); **Deadline** Friday 04/21/23 at 11:55 PM; **Completion** Submit an individual paper via My Heritage Assignments which is connected to Chalk and Wire

Success: Students will be assessed on their ability to demonstrate effective scholarly writing and practice behaviors. This paper will be graded according to the research and intervention practice behavior rubric and the APA research paper rubric. In addition, the competencies will be assessed through the practice behaviors rubric. Grades will be included in final grades, which must be submitted by the instructor no later than Wednesday, 05/17/23 at 5:00 PM. Students can also earn ten extra credit points by demonstrating that they worked with the tutoring services at the Academic Skills Center to review their papers before final submission. Documentation can be emailed to the instructor.

Task: Working individually, students will complete a research paper regarding a facilitated treatment group. It is helpful for the student to select a group they might be interested in providing in the future. The group can be on almost any topic. For instance, you may choose to research chemical dependency, sex offender treatment, sexual abuse recovery, grief and loss, parenting children with special needs, homeless teens, etc. The final paper will be 1,500 to 1,750 words in length. It should be written using APA format and strong academic and professional writing skills. A title page, abstract, written article, and reference page are all included. The paper will consist of a minimum of four sources that guide facilitating your group topic. At least two journal articles must be from peer-reviewed sources.

The final paper should include the following information:

- Discussion, synthesis, and analysis of the findings of the research
- Examination of how the research findings relate to each other, it is helpful to look for themes in the articles and base your paper around those themes
- Use of examples about how the information provided should be applied to practice with groups
- Understanding of how to apply the information to the knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in interventions with clients and constituencies



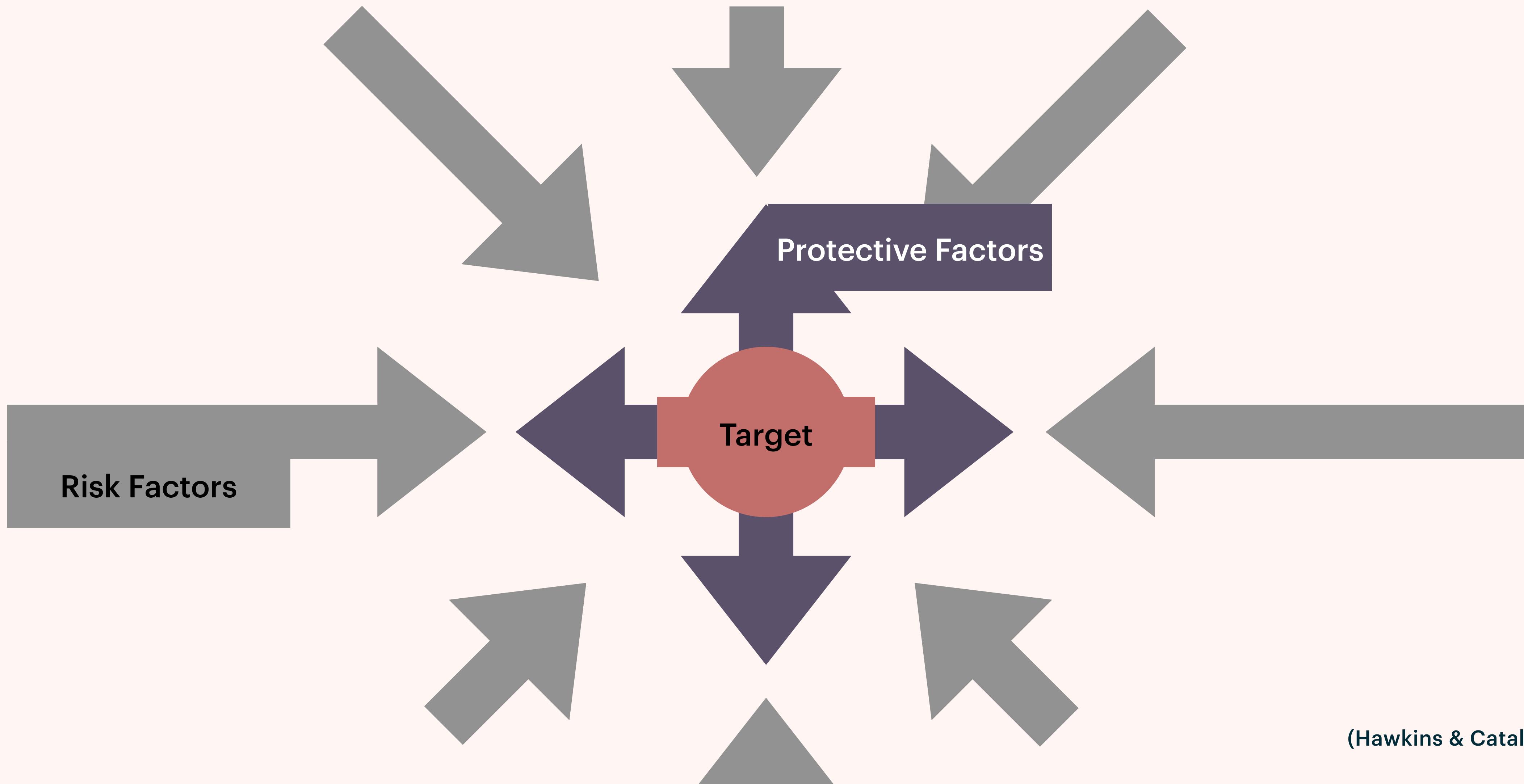
The Keys to Staying on Track

USING ACTIVITIES

- 1. **How prescriptive should the activity be? (i.e. is it a free wheeling activity like a game of tag or one that requires detailed instruction like chess?);**
- 2. **How is the activity regulated or controlled? (i.e. does the activity allow for some autonomy and control among the members or is it purely leader controlled?);**
- 3. **What are the relationship demands or levels of interaction required? (i.e. is it a side-by-side arts and crafts activity or a face-to-face intense role playing exercise); and**
- 4. **What is the level of competence required? (i.e. is it an activity that will leave anyone feeling incompetent or inferior or does everyone have a reasonable chance at feeling they have successfully participated; or is it an activity that might frustrate a bit, in an attempt to help members, in part, to develop greater frustration tolerance, for example).**

(International Association of Social Work Groups & Malekoff, n.d.)

A RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTOR SCULPTURE



(Hawkins & Catalano, 2004)

PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK

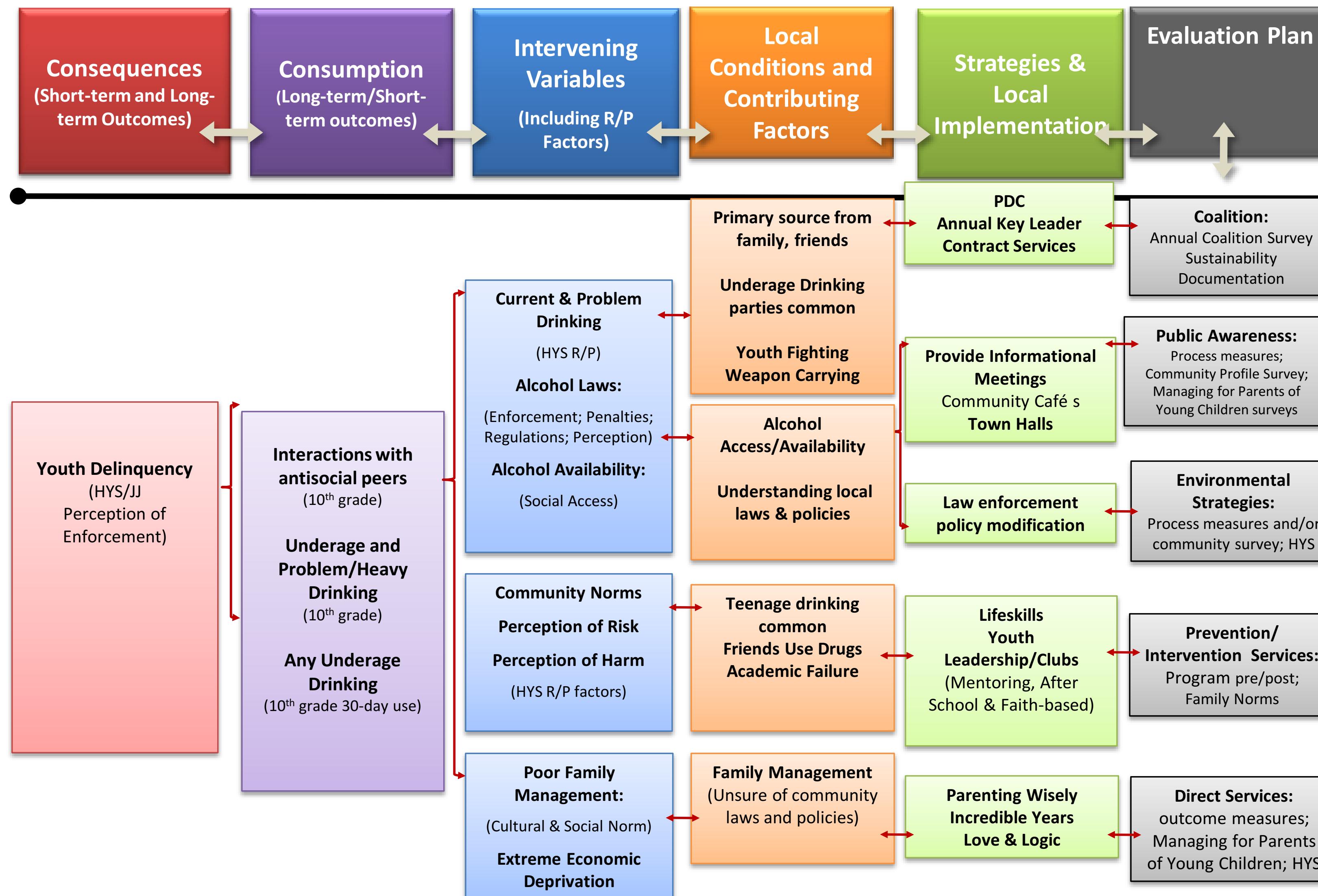
Defining the Target

Understanding Risk and Protection

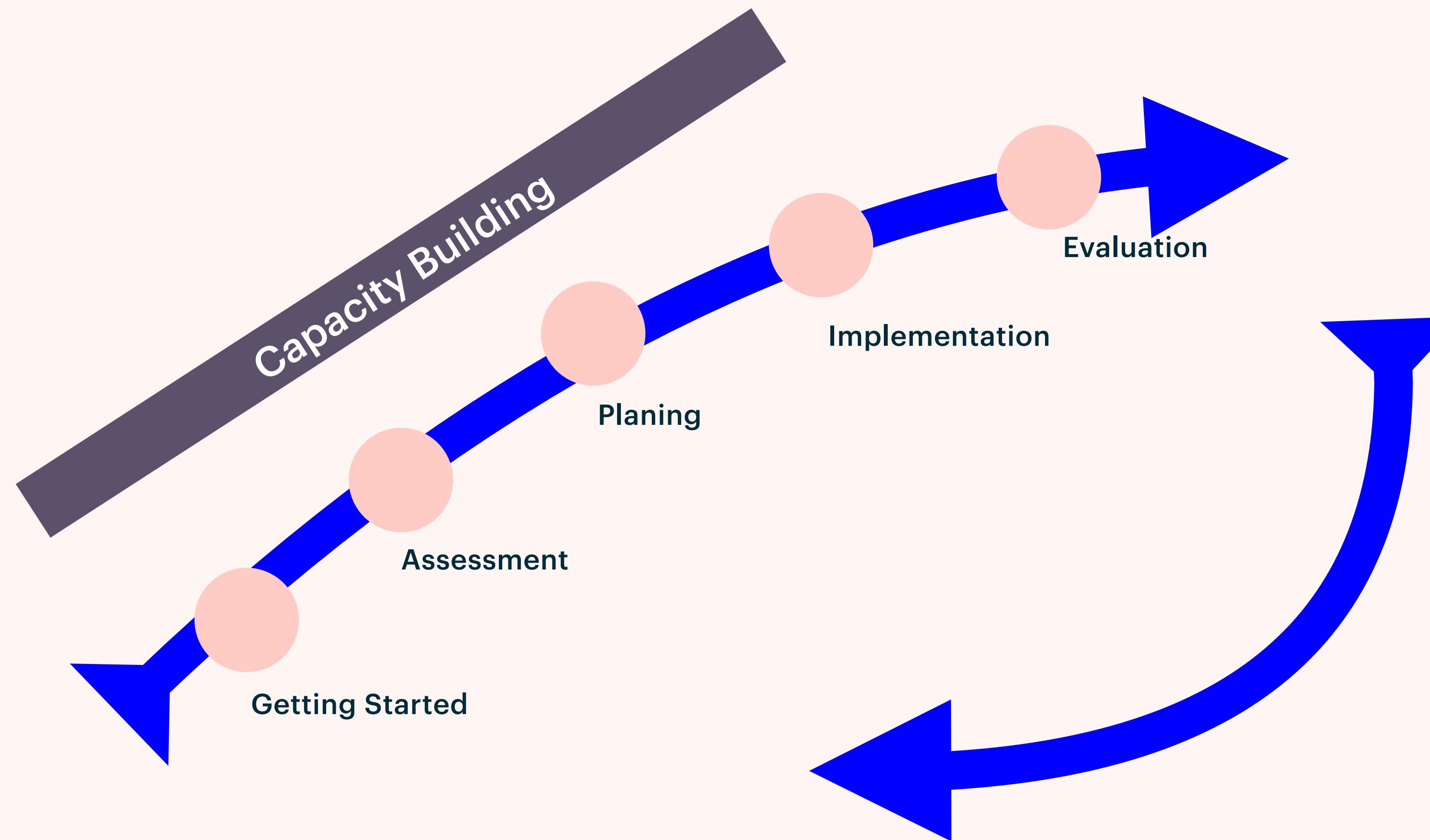
Interrupting Risk and Building Protection

Assessing the Effectiveness of Prevention

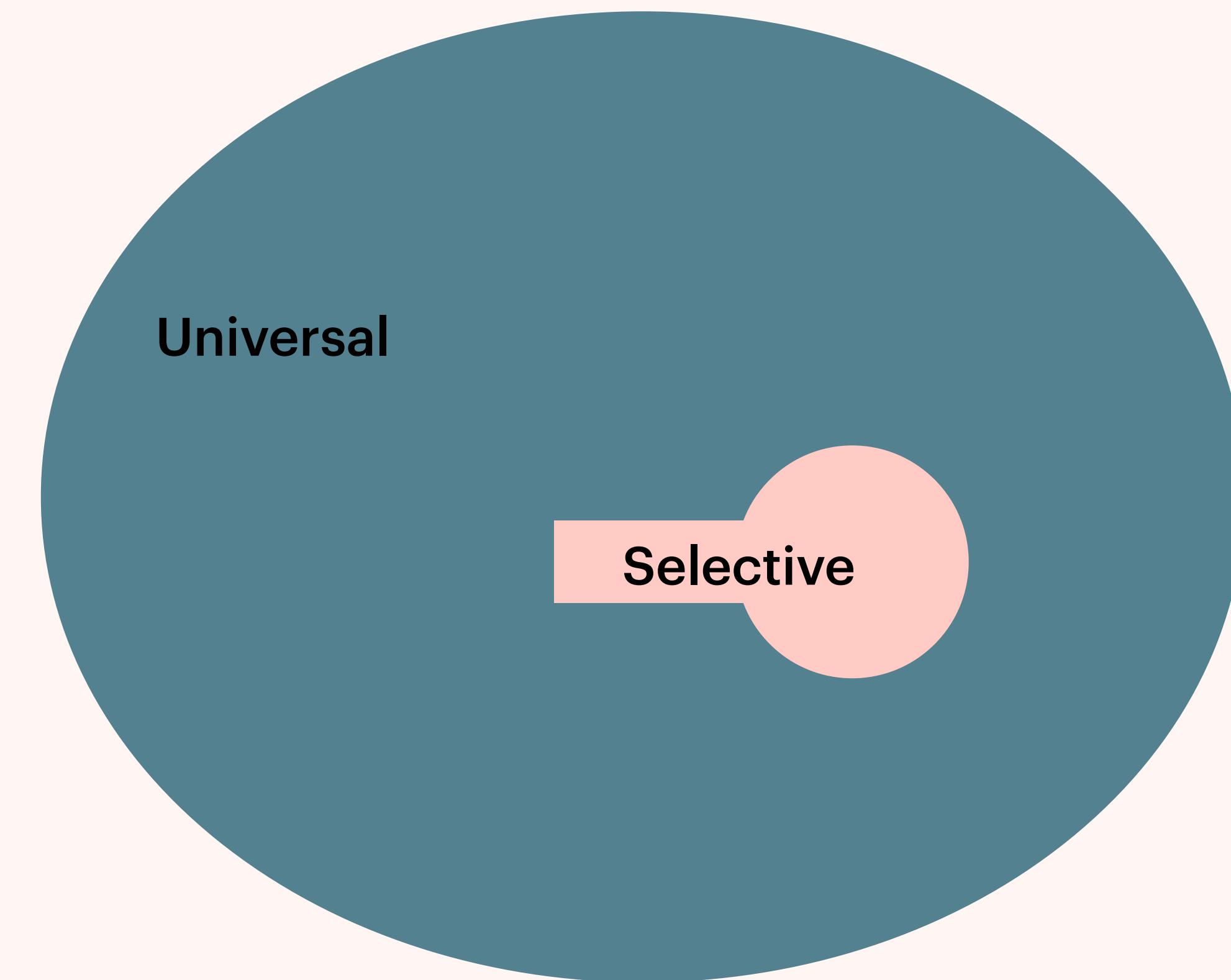
Pasco Discovery Coalition - Logic Model



DBHR CPWI FRAMEWORK



UNIVERSAL VS SELECTIVE



(Marsiglia & Kiehne, 2017)

UNIVERSAL VS SELECTIVE

PREVENTION GROUPS

Universal

Person-Environment Fit

Human Development

**Culturally
Competent Practice**



Groups using cognitive behavioral approach to improve person in the environment fit

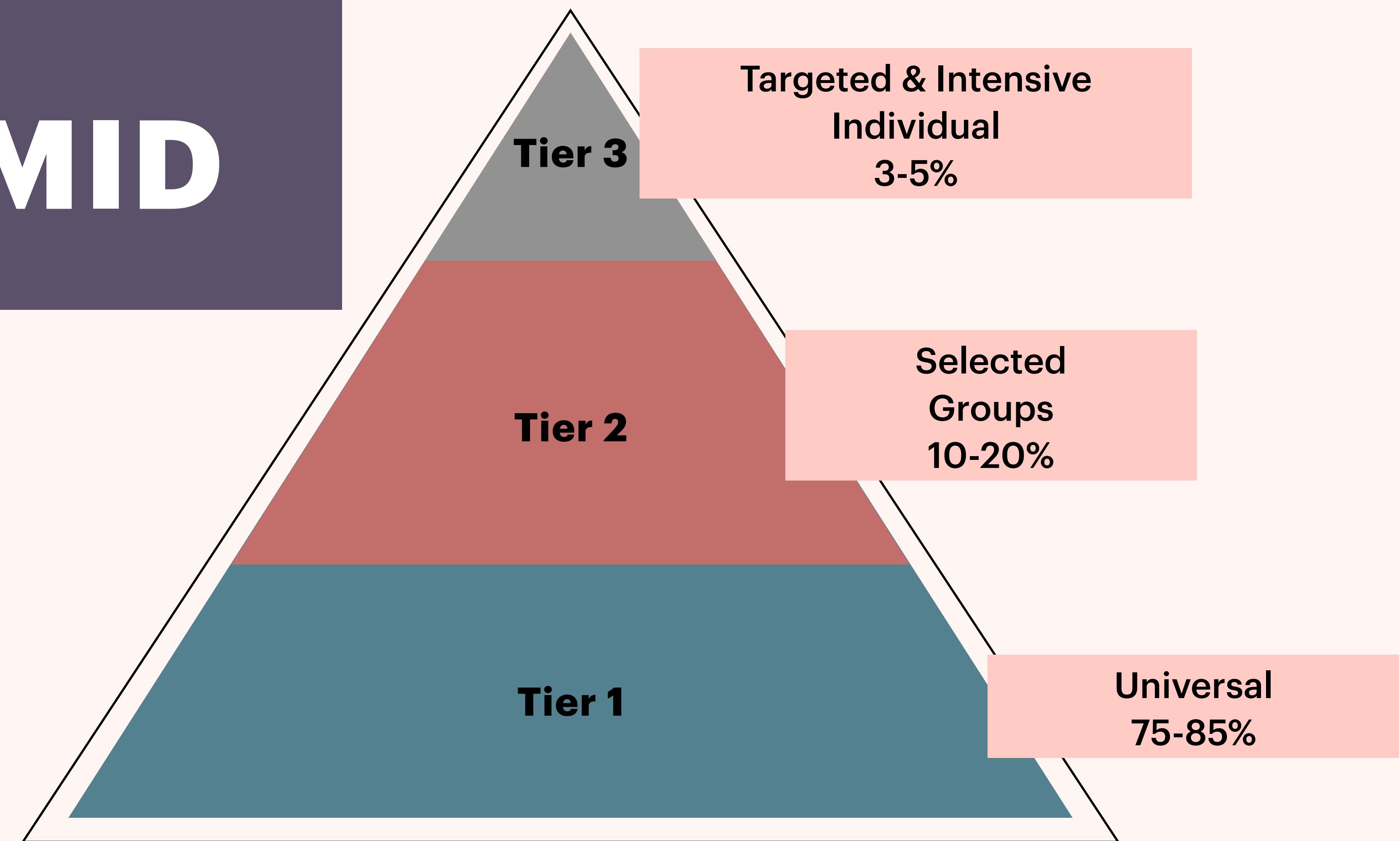
Interventions should be built on research-based knowledge of human development

Cultural Humility

Indicated

which are focused on needs that have been demonstrated or require a higher level of support

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CLARITY OF GROUP PURPOSE

- **The purpose of the group can be stated clearly and concisely by both clients and the worker**
- **The stated purpose is the same for both clients and the worker, even if they might express it in different words**
- **The purpose is specific enough to provide direction and implications for group content**
- **The purpose is specific enough so that both clients and the worker will know when it has been achieved**

(p. 106)

a clearly defined purpose is the powerful ally of group workers and members alike. It is crucial to the success of the groups with which we work.

(Kurland & Salmon, 2006, p. 107)

COMMON MISTAKES OF PRACTITIONERS

Related to Sharing Purpose

- Practitioners promote a group Purpose without adequate consideration of client need.
- Practitioners confuse group Purpose with group content.
- Practitioners state group Purpose at such a high level of generality that it is vague and meaningless and, therefore, provides little direction for the group.
- Practitioners are reluctant to share with the members their perceptions and ideas about the group's Purpose.
- Practitioners function with a hidden Purpose in mind that they do not share with the group.
- Practitioners do not understand Purpose as a dynamic, evolving concept that changes over the life of the group. Instead, they view Purpose as static and fixed.

(Kurland & Salmon, 2006, p. 108)



SPEED HATING:

A Date with Discrimination

