STORIES OF CHALLENGE AND SUCCESS IN 2017

In this small group exercise, participants will be sharing examples of their experience with any aspect of the 7 Areas of Focus or the 4 Strategies for Implementation.

**Directions:**

Looking back over the previous year, think about an experience that stands out for you; either a story of success or a place where you struggled. Tell the story of what happened as you saw it. Tell the story in enough detail that others can understand what happened and maybe what can be learned from your experience.

**BE PREPARED TO TELL YOUR STORY IN 2 to 3 MINUTES.**

1. **Beginning: Set the scene** – Explain the context of your story;
   1. Who was involved?
   2. What was the goal?
      1. Which area of focus or strategy was your work most related to?
   3. Why was it important to you (or your constituents) to achieve this goal?
2. **Middle: What happened?** –
   1. What challenges or obstacles did you face?
   2. What resources or supports did you turn to?
   3. What shifts, or changes did you experience?
3. **End: Take-aways** –
4. What is the situation now?
5. What did you learn through this experience?
6. What might you do differently next time?
7. What conditions made (or would make) success possible?