

Increasing Transgender Community Capacity to Impact HIV Prevention and Health Care Services



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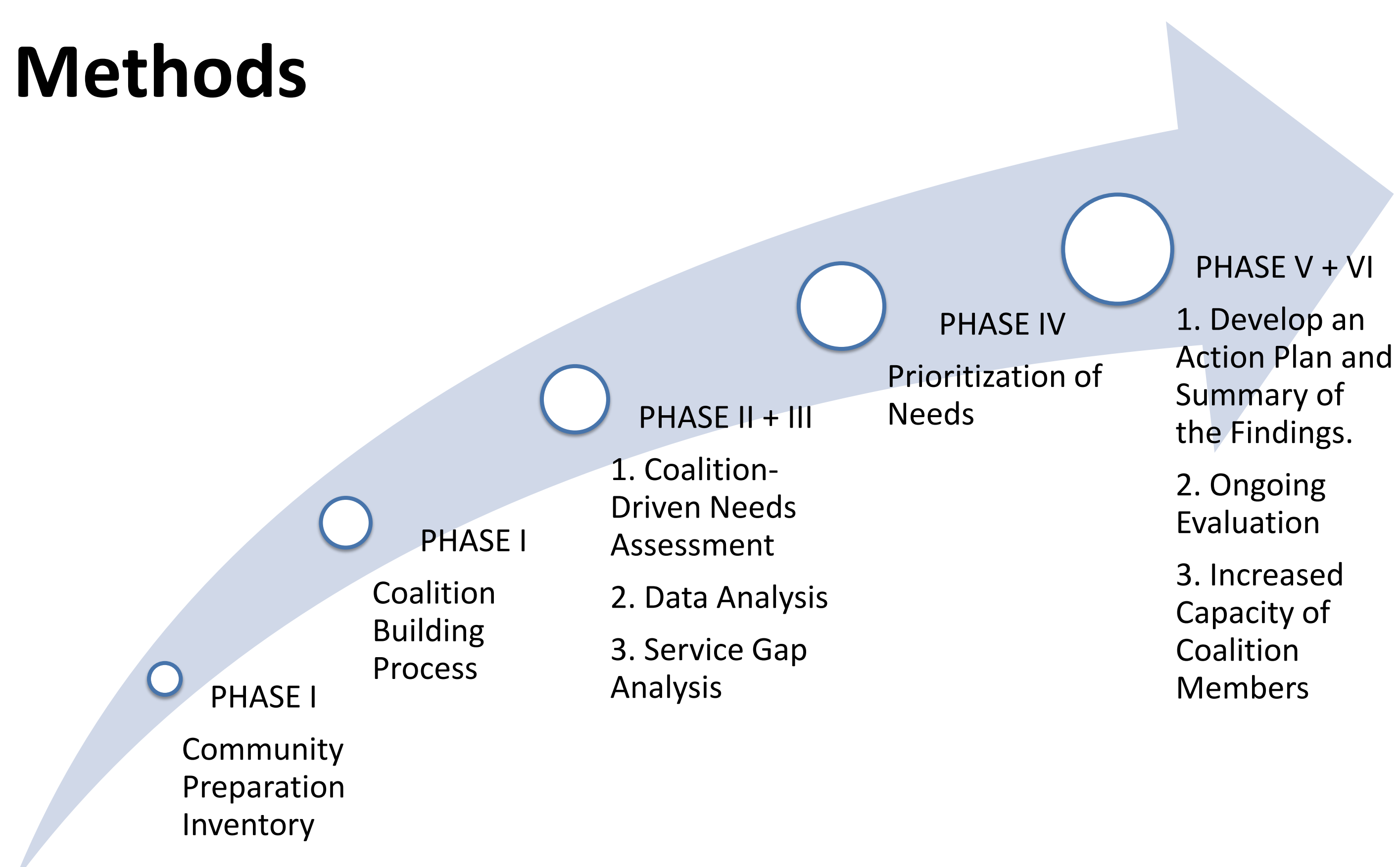
Background



CoE National Advisory Board

Since 2007, the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health (CoE) has utilized a coalition-building approach to mobilize transgender (trans) communities throughout the United States. The CoE, along with its National Advisory Board, has identified and supported community leaders, health departments, and key stakeholders in engaging the trans community, identifying gaps in service provision, and developing strategies for addressing identified but unmet needs in the U.S. The CoE supports local community efforts in organizing conferences, symposiums, and summits that are focused on trans-specific health and well being.

Methods



In the CATCH model, local coalitions with support from CoE staff guide the community mobilization process and lead data collection and analysis efforts, prioritize HIV prevention and health care needs, develop a comprehensive plan to strengthen community access to and utilization of HIV prevention and health care services, and decide how to evaluate these efforts.

Results

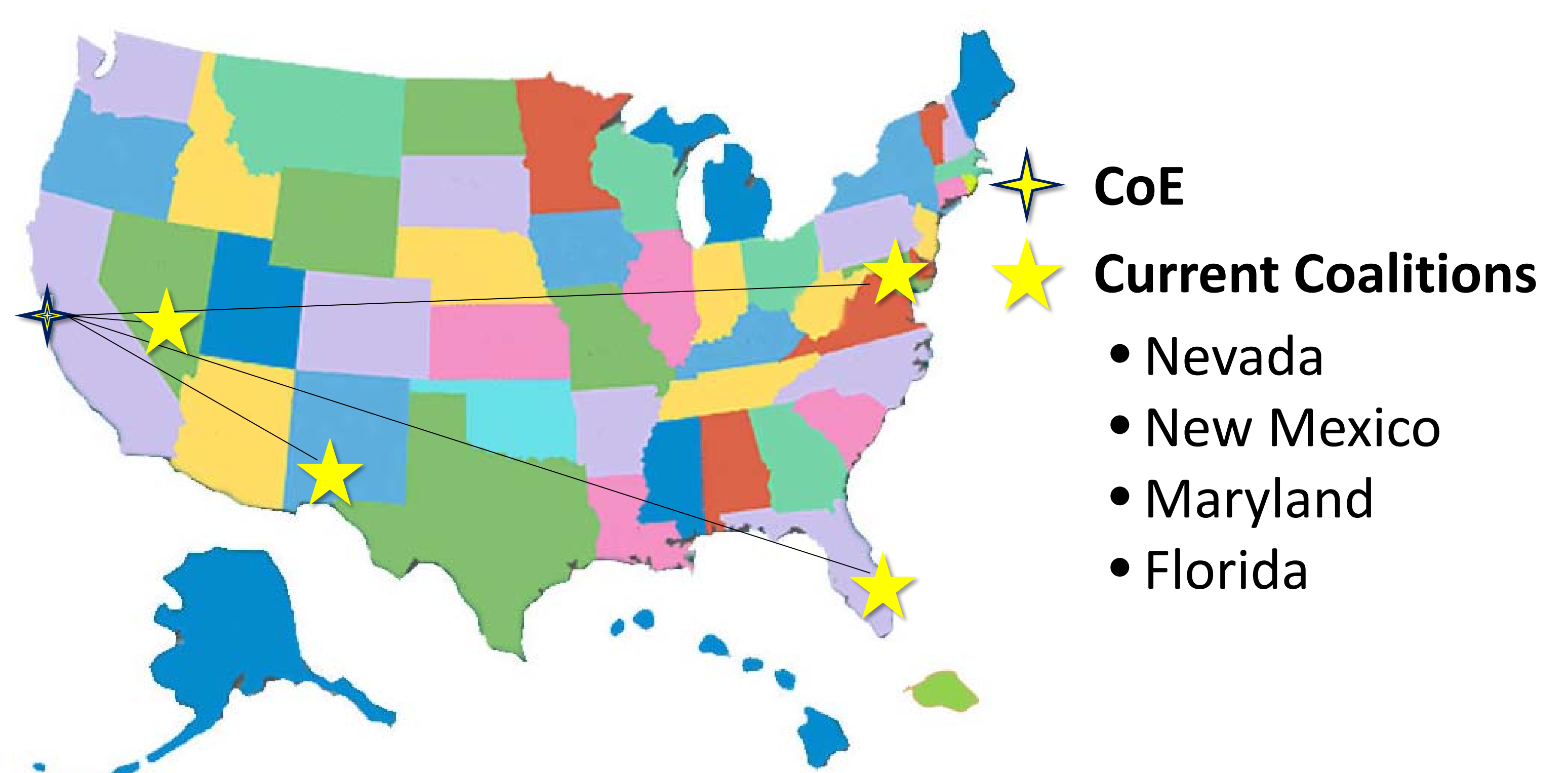
1. Community mobilization is a very empowering process that can provide participants with a sense of control, self esteem, self determination, and increased capacity for changing systems to be transgender inclusive.



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2. Both providers and community members are able to create meaningful, sustainable linkages for capacity building and increase access to services.
3. Social networks created through CATCH are sustainable, and new coalitions continue to develop throughout the United States.
4. CATCH is a groundbreaking national network that ensures that community members have a voice in the transgender HIV prevention and human rights movement through a coordinated effort.

Conclusion



CATCH increases transgender community capacity to access services by supporting advocacy efforts, creating networking opportunities, and increasing visibility of trans HIV prevention and health care needs.