# PRIMARY PREVENTION PROJECT Community Readiness Results

The Primary Prevention Project adopted the Community Readiness Model to assess readiness within the community to implement substance abuse prevention intervention

### **Participants**

8 Key Informants were interview. 75% female. 62.5% of Native American heritage. 50% Mashantucket , 12.5% Mohegan.



Overall Readiness PRE-PLANNING STAGE

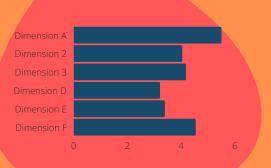
### Community Readiness

**Pre-planning stage**: Some community members have at least heard about local effort but know little about them

**Community Efforts (A)** : Preparation **Community Knowledge of Efforts (B)** : Preplanning

Leadership (C): Pre-planning

Community Climate (D): Vague Awareness Knowledge of Issues (E): Vague Awareness Resource for Efforts (F): Vague Awareness



**Stage of Dimensions** 

## What stands out

- Normalization of marijuana use among youth
- Lack of appropriate mentoring for youth
- Prioritization of youth substance use as an issue
- Limited awareness of existing efforts
- Stigma associated with help-seeking
- Limited resources

### "This is important. What can we do"

Goal of Pre-planning stage: Raise Awareness about youth substance use with concrete idea to combat it



#### **Actions**

- Conduct quarterly SWOT analysis to track progress
- Make issue relatable (e.g. Event, Telling stories, video games)
- Create Youth task force and Peer Mentoring Program
- How about holding alcohol and marijuana vendors accountable to help prevent Youth misuse?