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# **Beyond the Numbers: Transforming Data into Impactful System Change**

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# About PGNO

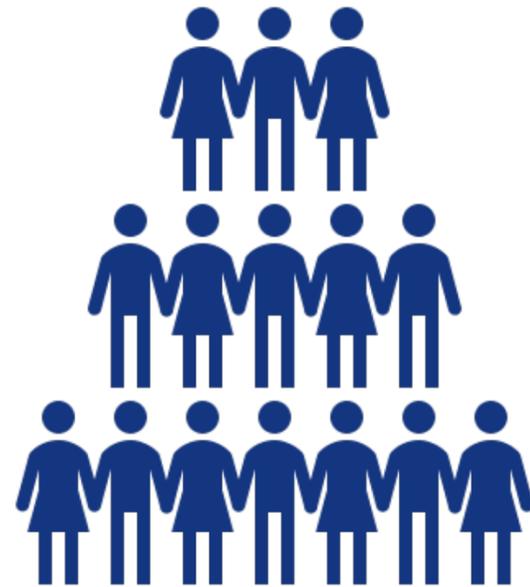
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Ohio Affiliate to NCPG

Membership-based



# Who we serve



# PGNO's Approach



# Learning Objectives

1

Understand how to interpret and utilize data to inform effective project and program planning.

2

Learn strategies to influence system-wide change through data storytelling.



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# DATA DRIVE PLANNING=

**Greater Efficiency.  
Better Outcomes.**

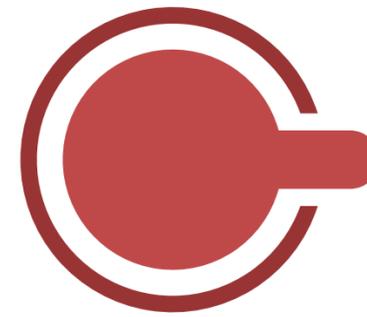
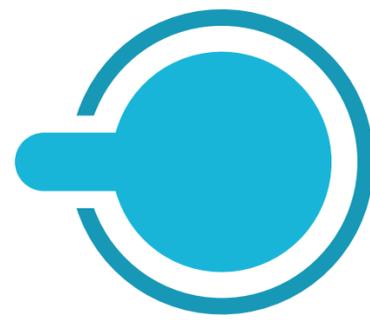




# Quantitative Data: Informing, Not Just Reporting



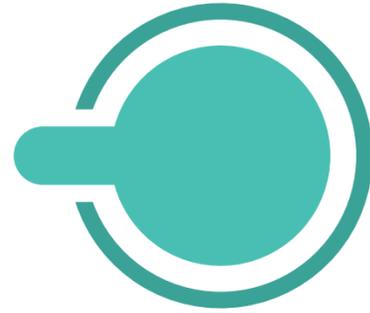
**Inform Continuous Improvement and Learning**



**Identify Who Your Program is Designed to Serve**

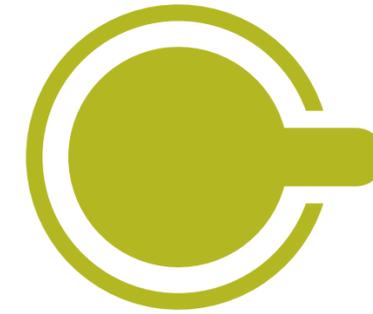
# Data-Based Information Can Help You...

**Build Plans That Center Equity and Address Disparities**



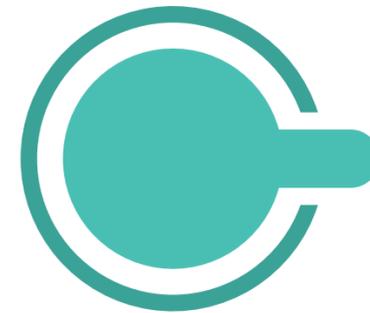
**Understand the Needs, Strengths, and Risks Within Your Community**

**Tell a Compelling Story When Seeking Funding or Support**



**Design Programs That Maximize Impact**

**Develop Clear Methods to Measure Change**



**Anticipate and Address Participant Challenges**



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# Which Data Sources Have You Used?



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# Strategic Prevention Framework



## Assessment

Profile population needs, resources, and readiness to address needs and gaps

## Capacity

Mobilize and/or build capacity to address needs

## Planning

Develop a Comprehensive Strategic Plan

## Implementation

Implement the Strategic Plan and corresponding evidence-based prevention strategies

## Evaluation

Monitor, evaluate, sustain, and improve or replace those that fail



# Collecting and Analyzing Information

Conduct process evaluation

“Did we do what we said we would do?”

Conduct outcome evaluation

Direct effect of programming - changes in knowledge, attitudes, beliefs or behaviors

Recommend improvements and make mid-course corrections

Share and report evaluation results

Create a plan to share results with stakeholders



# EXTERNAL DATA SOURCES



National and  
Statewide  
Surveys



Community,  
School, and  
College  
Surveys



Helpline  
Statistical  
Data



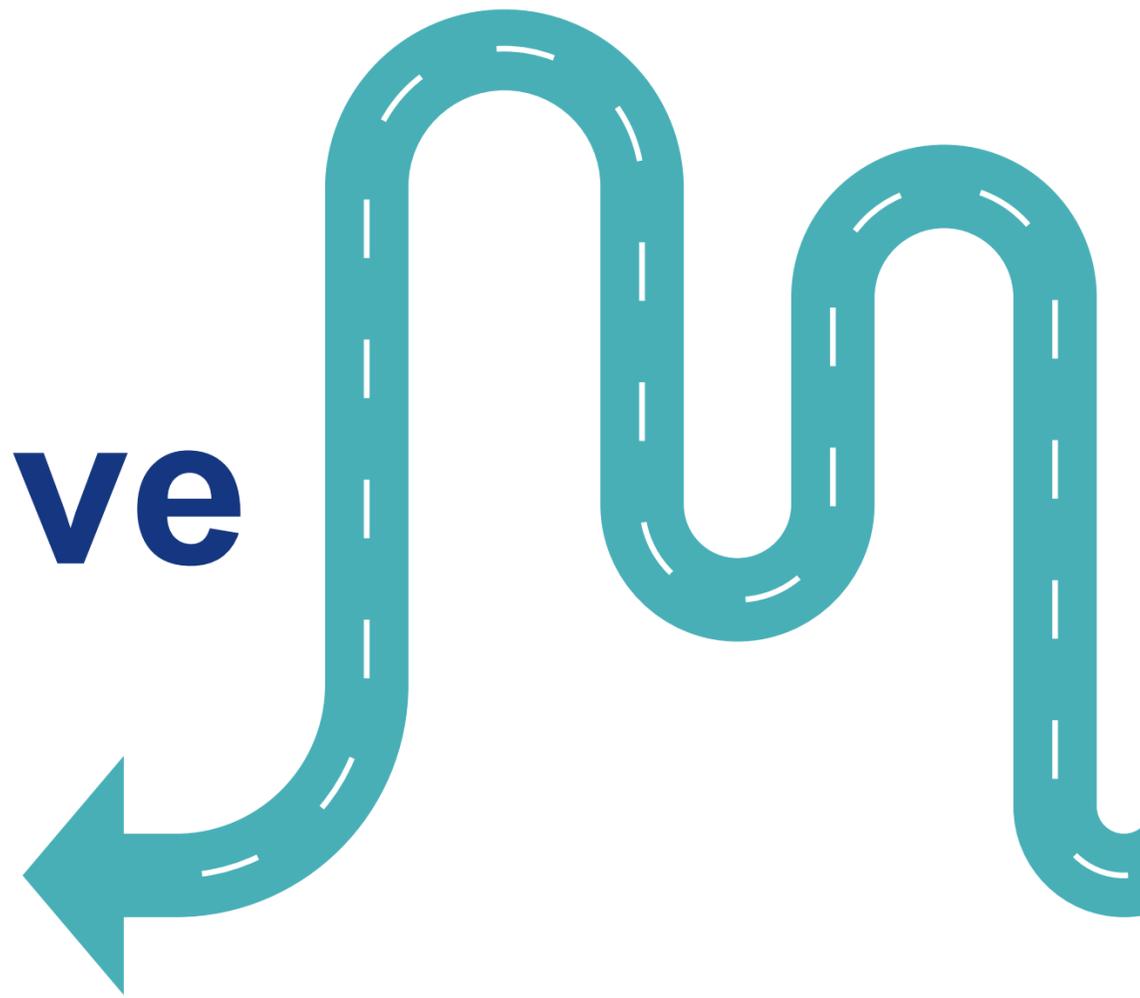
State-Specific  
Self-Exclusion  
Data



Outlet  
Density  
Mapping



**Start With What You've  
Got**





# Ohio Sample Funding Data



# What Story Is This Data Telling?

## TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY: PROGRAMMATIC REPORTING DATA

If more than one agency receives funding, each agency should contribute data to this form.

Gambling Screening Tools Used: BBGS  SOGS  SOGS-RA  NODS   
 Other  Name of Screening Tool: \_\_\_\_\_

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				Co-occurring with Gambling Disorder			Gambling Disorder Only		
Adults	Youth	Adults	Youth	SUD	MH	Both	Only	Adults	Youth
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\* Note: The number of positive screens does not need to align with the number receiving treatment.

Number of individuals screened 2 times or more: Adults 7 Youth 0

Do you assess gambling clients for suicide risk after intake and assessment? YES  NO

Do you currently run gambling disorder treatment groups? YES  NO

Name of Clinician(s) Competent in Treating Gambling Disorder**	Certificates, Endorsement, and Credentials of Clinician(s)	Agency
Goofy Rock	LSW	SBRC

## TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY OR BOARD: EXPENDITURE REPORTING DATA

Board Area Problem Gambling & Addiction Treatment Allocation for this reporting period: \$ 93,742.63

Please indicate if Treatment Allocation Funding has been spent on the following during this reporting period:

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Treatment and support for loved ones Yes  No

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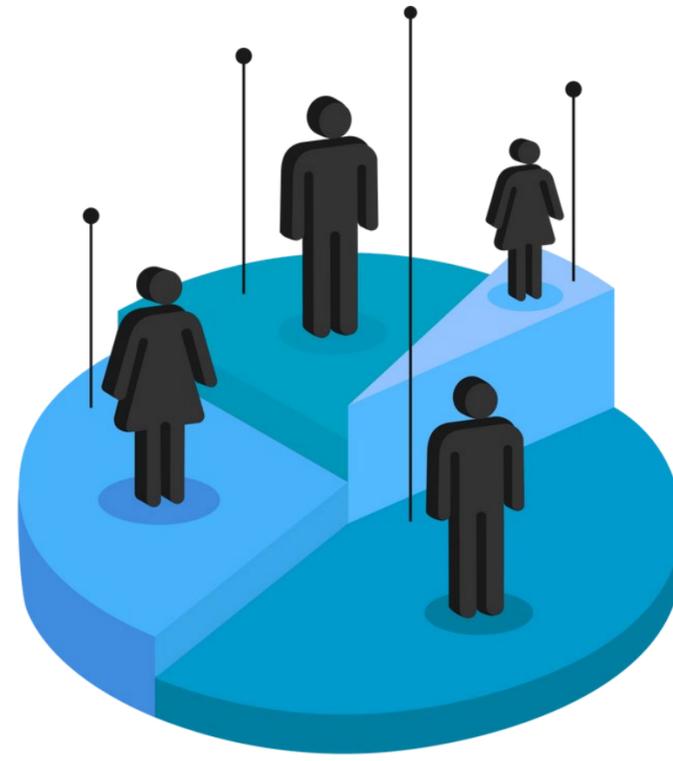
- What story might this data tell me about this region or community?
- What isn't immediately visible in the numbers? What might be missing or overlooked?
- What could this data reveal about the each agency's priorities, strengths, or gaps?
- How might this data be used to tell a story about the agencies or Board's current challenges?
- How could this data help shape their future goals, direction, or investment decisions?



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# Qualitative Data: What the Numbers Don't Capture



# Reflect Cultures, Not Just Categories

Culturally grounded qualitative data allows us to...

REPRESENT AT-RISK POPULATIONS OFTEN LEFT OUT OF TRADITIONAL DATA

Such as youth, veterans, BIPOC communities, individuals with co-occurring disorders

REVEAL GAPS IN COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

Includes misunderstandings about risk, behaviors, and what issues aren't seen

SURFACE ATTITUDES AND READINESS FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS

Highlights who is engaged, who is missing, and what barriers hinder programming efforts

CAPTURE REAL-LIFE LANGUAGE, BELIEFS, AND CONTEXT

Reflects local terms, cultural norms, and values that shape nuances

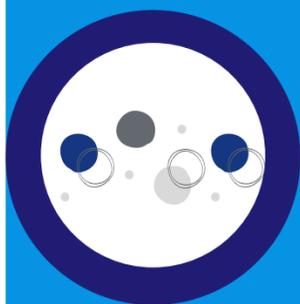


# Telling the Whole Story





# EXAMINING THE PIECES TO UNDERSTAND THE PATTERNS



Spot recurring patterns both strengths and struggles



Identify areas where your agency consistently excels



Recognize habits or routines that shape outcomes over time

Surface opportunities that have gone underused or unnoticed



Use past data to forecast future needs



Turn compliance into clarity, insights, and action



# Sources

OhioMHAS- Treatment Allocation Form:

<https://mha.ohio.gov>

SAMHSA- Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF):

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/20190620-samhsa-strategic-prevention-framework-guide.pdf>

Washington State Department of Health:

<https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/Documents/2900//971-NonDOH-ProgramPlanEval.pdf>



# Questions, Reflections, & Takeaways?



# Connect with us!



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