

# Attachment E

## Dimensions of Readiness

Dimensions of readiness are key factors that influence your community's preparedness to take action on an issue.

The six dimensions identified and measured in the Community Readiness Model are very comprehensive in nature. They are an excellent tool for diagnosing your community's needs and for developing strategies that meet those needs.

A. Community Efforts: To what extent are there efforts, programs, and policies that address the issue?

B. Community Knowledge of the Efforts: To what extent do community members know about local efforts and their effectiveness, and are the efforts accessible to all segments of the community?

C. Leadership: To what extent are appointed leaders and influential community members supportive of the issue?

D. Community Climate: What is the prevailing attitude of the community toward the issue? Is it one of helplessness or one of responsibility and empowerment?

E. Community Knowledge about the Issue: To what extent do community members know about the causes of the problem, consequences, and how it impacts your community?

F. Resources Related to the Issue: To what extent are local resources - people, time, money, space, etc.- available to support efforts? Your community's status with respect to each of the dimensions forms the basis of the overall level of community readiness.