

## IS *Safety Counts* RIGHT FOR YOUR AGENCY?

Before deciding to adopt and implement *SAFETY COUNTS*, you should determine *SAFETY COUNTS* is right for your agency and the population served. This section will help you think through the organizational structures, processes, and resources needed to successfully implement *SAFETY COUNTS* activities.

Below is a checklist of questions you need to answer before deciding whether to implement *SAFETY COUNTS*. The purpose of this checklist is to stimulate thinking and stimulate dialogue to guide decision making.

<b>Goodness of Fit</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>I Don't Know</b>
1. Are the risk-reduction goals of this intervention appropriate for your agency?			
2. Are the risk-reduction goals appropriate for your target population?			
3. Are intervention objectives suitable for your agency? (i.e., SMART-specific, measurable, appropriate, realistic, and time based)?			
4. Are intervention objectives appropriate for your target population (i.e., SMART)?			
5. Is this intervention culturally appropriate for your drug related target population?			
6. Does this intervention address, or have the capacity to address; the drug- and sex- related risk factors of your target population?			

In addition to thinking through the preceding questions in detail, answer the questions below to determine whether your agency has the capacity, or can build the capacity, to implement *Safety Counts*. After answering these questions, you should be able to determine whether *Safety Counts* is the right intervention for your agency and community.

<b>Agency Readiness</b>	<b>No, we do not have this capacity</b>	<b>We do not currently have the capacity, but can build it in time</b>	<b>Yes, we have the capacity</b>
7. Does your agency have the capacity to implement HIV prevention and offer a range of risk reduction options?			
8. Does your agency have a management committed to implementing each core element with fidelity?			
9. Does your agency have staff committed to implementing each core element with fidelity?			
10. Does your agency have sufficient financial resources to implement each core element with fidelity?			
11. Does your agency have the ability and capacity to recruit current injecting and or non-injecting drug user's not currently in treatment and maintain these clients in a 7 session program for 4 months?			
12. Does your agency have the personnel skilled at facilitating structured HIV prevention programs using group and individual sessions (or personnel who can be trained in facilitation) ?			
13. Does your agency have the personnel skilled at street-level outreach for structured HIV follow-up prevention discussions with drug users (or personnel who can be trained in follow-up procedures)			

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14. Does your agency staff have the ability to work with clients in a private/quiet area without disrupting other agency services?			
15. Does your agency have access to a private area where a group of 10 or more can gather for structured social events?			
16. Does your agency have access to photocopier, television/VCR/DVD, newsprint and markers, safe sex and needle hygiene kits?			