

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY MAPP PHASE 3: FORCES OF CHANGE ASSESSMENT

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MAPP OVERVIEW



FORCES OF CHANGE ASSESSMENT

Answers the following questions:

- What is occurring or might occur that affects the health of the community or the local public health system?
- What specific threats or opportunities are generated by these occurrences?

WHAT ARE FORCES OF CHANGE?

Forces are a broad all-encompassing category that includes trends, events, and factors.

- **Trends are patterns over time**, such as migration in and out of a community or a growing disillusionment with government.
- **Factors are discrete elements**, such as a community's large ethnic population, an urban setting, or a jurisdiction's proximity to a major waterway.
- **Events are one-time occurrences**, such as a hospital closure, a natural disaster, or the passage of new legislation.

WHAT KIND OF AREAS OR CATEGORIES ARE INCLUDED?

Be sure to consider any and all types of forces, including:

- Social
- Economic
- Political
- Technological

- Environmental
- Scientific
- Legal
- Ethical



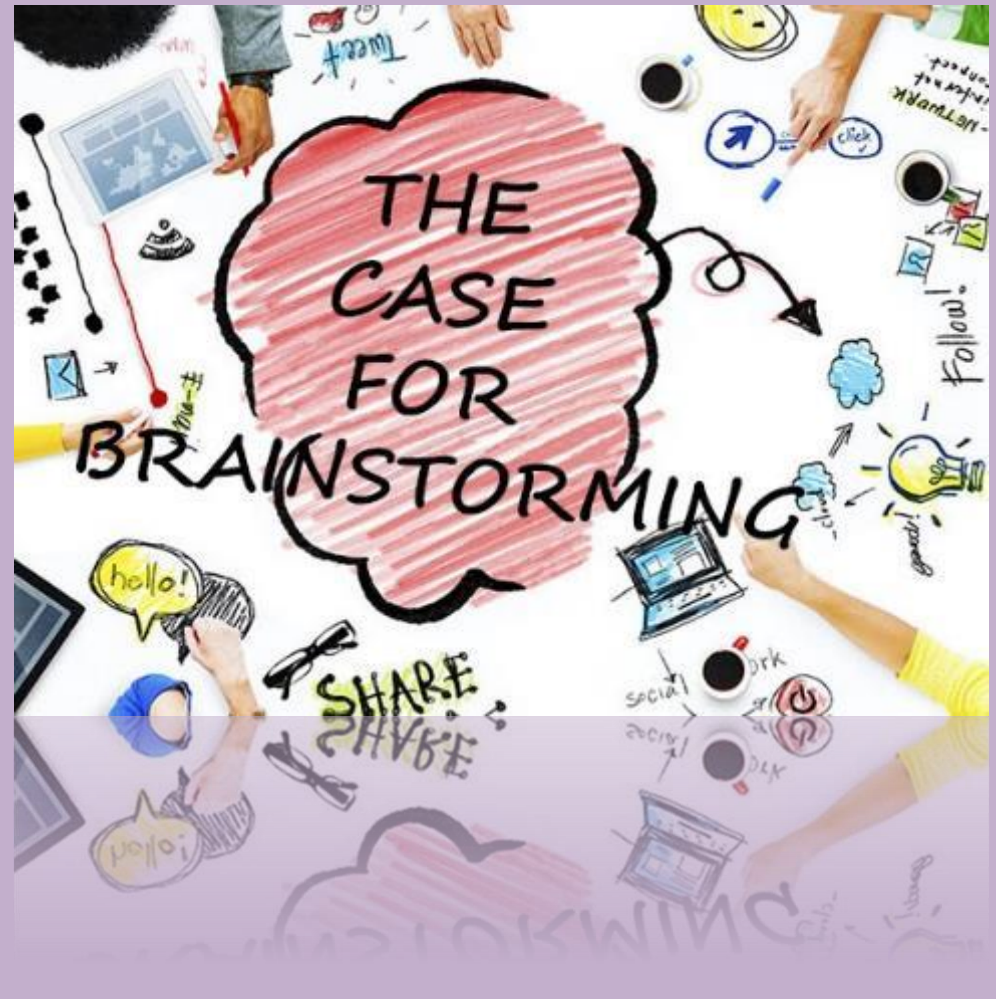
HOW TO IDENTIFY FORCES OF CHANGE

Think about forces of change—outside of your control—that affect the local public health system or community.

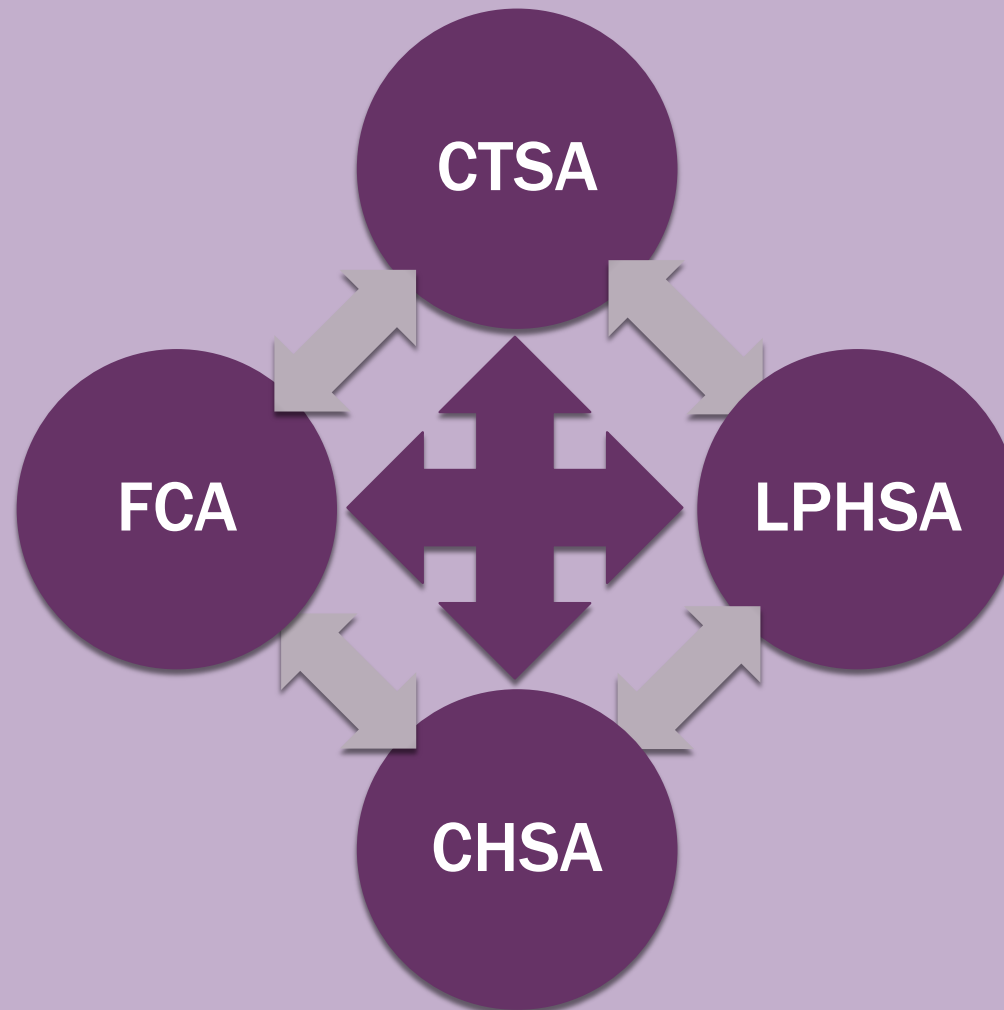
- **What has occurred recently that may affect our local public health system or community?**
- **What may occur in the future?**
- **Are there any trends occurring that will have an impact? Describe the trends.**
- **What forces are occurring locally? Regionally? Nationally? Globally?**
- **What characteristics of our jurisdiction or state may pose an opportunity or threat?**
- **What may occur or has occurred that may pose a barrier to achieving the shared vision?**

GROUP ACTIVITY

- Brainstorm forces on your worksheet
- Write the opportunities and threats posed by these forces
- Discuss with your group
- Share with all



FOUR MAPP ASSESSMENTS FLOWCHART



NEXT STEPS

- Results will be compiled along with the results from the Community Themes & Strengths Assessment and the Community Health Status Assessment



THANK YOU!

Please
complete
the
evaluation