

The Roles of Roundtables and Coalitions in Catalyzing Collaboration and impact to Improve HPV Vaccination Coverage

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After 18 years of HPV vaccine availability in the U.S., HPV vaccination coverage is 63% nationally (NIS-Teen 2022) and remains lower than the *Healthy People 2030* goal of 80% with significant disparities by population groups and geography. There is great opportunity to improve HPV vaccination coverage and prevent cancers through the collaborative power and partnership of roundtables and coalitions.

Roundtables and coalitions are formed based on the premise more can be accomplished by working together and joining forces than separately. While there is no single strategy for improving HPV vaccination coverage, common, shared challenges and opportunities may be used to convene key allies, partners, thought leaders, and subject matter experts in a roundtable or coalition. HPV roundtables and coalitions have been successful in catalyzing collaborations and demonstrating impact, thus proving valuable to prevention efforts.

Over the past 10 years, a number of national, regional, state, and local roundtables and coalitions have been established to convene key allies, partners, thought leaders, and subject matter experts to improve HPV vaccination coverage and prevent HPV cancers.

The following are examples of established roundtables on the national, regional, state, and local levels.

National

- ACS National HPV Vaccination Roundtable, which was established in 2014 and consists of over 80 organizational members.

Regional

- The Mountain West HPV Vaccination Coalition, which was established in September 2014 and whose active members include more than 400 members in over 25 states.

Statewide

- The Mississippi HPV Roundtable was created in 2020 has more than 180 members from nearly 50 organizations across the state.

Local

- The Memphis and Shelby County HPV Cancer Prevention Roundtable, which was formed in summer 2021 and has more than 100 members in the Memphis, Tennessee area.

These various roundtables and coalitions will continue to build diverse organizational and individual membership to develop and implement shared strategic initiatives to achieve measurable goals and objectives related to HPV vaccination and cancer prevention. **The establishment of such roundtables and coalitions at local, statewide, regional, and national levels will help to close gaps, expand coverage and resources, build capacity among providers, and build vaccine confidence across communities.**

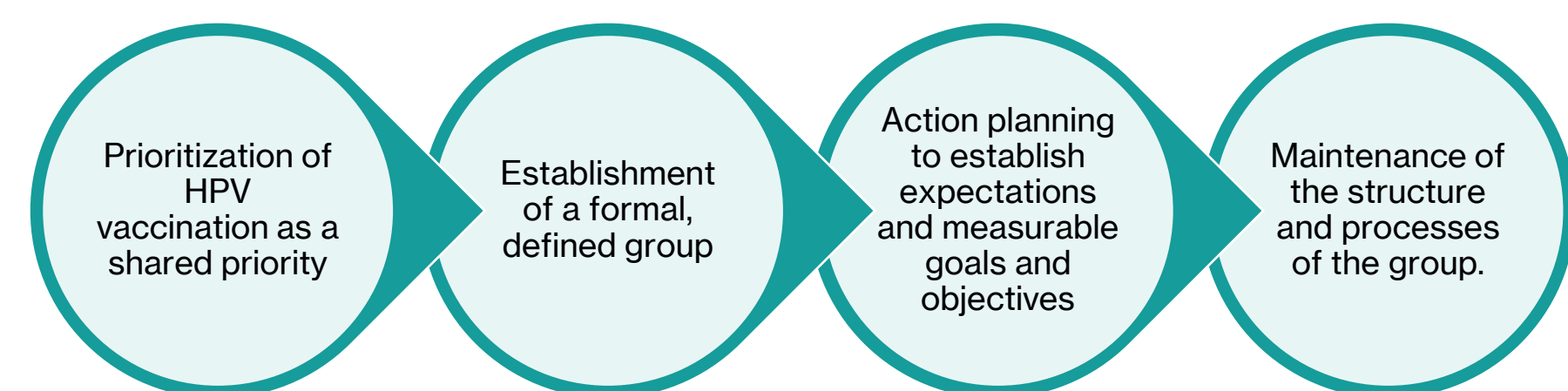
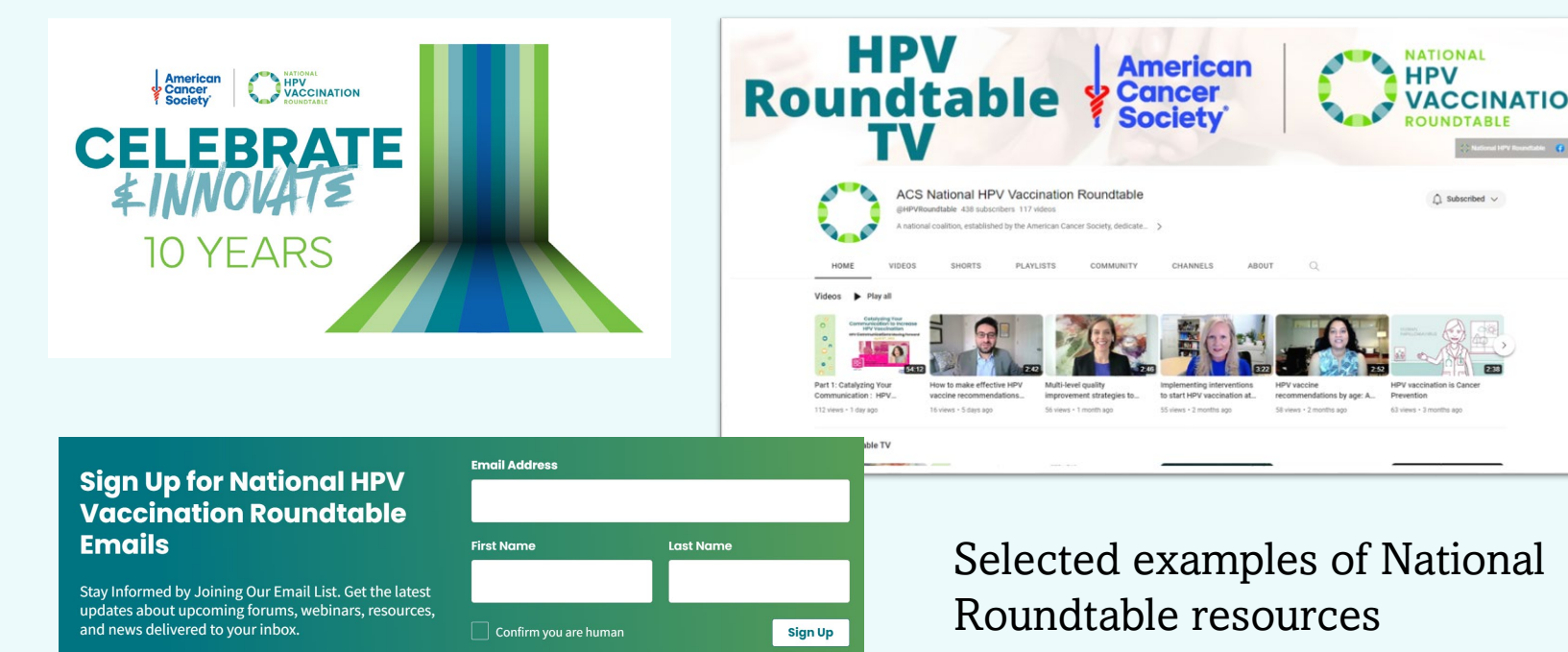


Figure 1. CDC strategies for building successful roundtables and coalitions.

ACS National HPV Vaccination Roundtable

The collective mission of the ACS National HPV Vaccination Roundtable is to raise HPV vaccination rates and prevent HPV cancers in the United States. We see a future where HPV cancers can be prevented sparing millions of families unnecessary pain, stress, and financial burden. The National Roundtable has developed key initiatives and campaigns, including Annual National Meetings, the Emerging Leader Fellowship Program, Strategic Committees and Ad Hoc Task Groups, evidence summaries, clinical action guides, fact sheets and toolkits, Best Practices Education Program, Provider Training Series, HPV Rural Learning Community, Convening Events, Engagement in National and International HPV endeavors, and more. In addition, the National Roundtable has led efforts to promote starting HPV vaccination at age 9.

Learn more at <https://hpvroundtable.org>



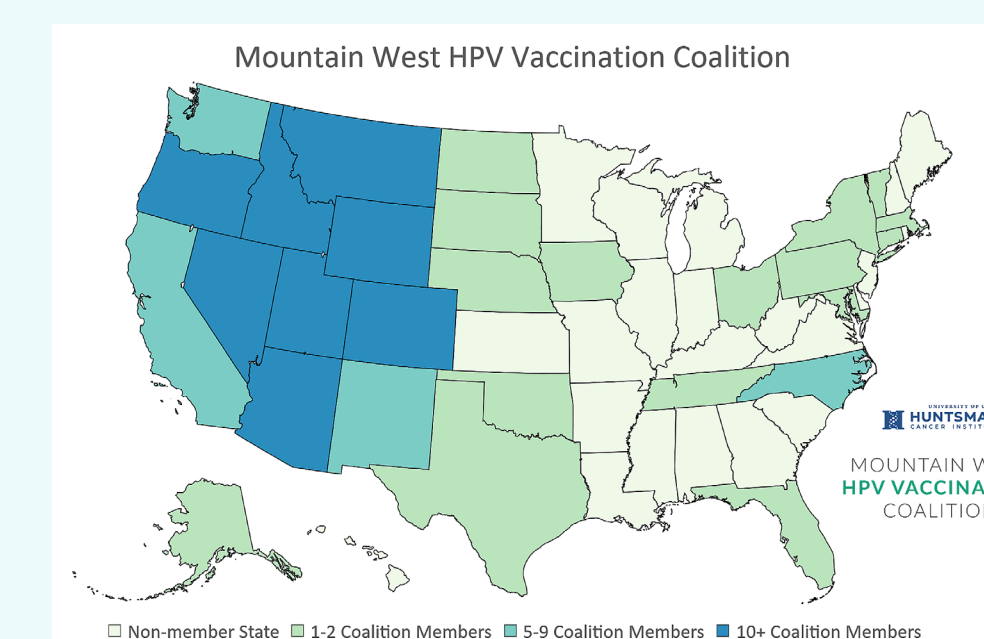
Selected examples of National Roundtable resources

Mountain West HPV Vaccination Coalition

The Mountain West HPV Vaccination Coalition brings together immunization program representatives with cancer control, pediatric, and primary care specialists as well as parents and community members. The Coalition aims to improve HPV vaccination among boys and girls ages 9-12 in these ways:

- Identifying barriers to HPV vaccination
- Exploring current research activities related to HPV vaccination
- Building partnerships with other organizations and individuals
- Enable a strategic and efficient approach to combating low HPV vaccination rates in the region
- Improve HPV vaccination rates through policy priorities, research efforts, and pediatric and family-practice initiatives

Learn more at <https://healthcare.utah.edu/huntsmancancerinstitute/about-us/hpv-coalition>



Mississippi HPV Roundtable

The mission of the Mississippi HPV Roundtable is to build collaboration, enhance communication, and work across Mississippi to increase HPV vaccination. The Mississippi HPV Roundtable is a catalyst to stimulate HPV cancer prevention work on key issues around increasing the HPV vaccination rates in a state that has historically had the lowest rates. Through the efforts of the Mississippi HPV Roundtable workgroups, the roundtable advances initiatives that focus on provider education, systems improvement, data and technology, and community awareness. Through key events, such as an annual summit and regular meetings, and advocacy, the roundtable is fostering connections and leading change across the state with key partners.

Learn more at <https://www.mshproundtable.org/>



Memphis and Shelby County HPV Cancer Prevention Roundtable

The Memphis and Shelby County HPV Cancer Prevention Roundtable is a collaboration of healthcare, community, and advocacy partners with a mission to measurably increase HPV vaccination coverage in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee. The guiding principles of the Memphis Roundtable are to:

- Engage collectively as a collaborative of local allies and partners to increase HPV vaccination coverage
- Work together to increase HPV and HPV vaccination awareness and education to increase HPV vaccination coverage
- Build the capacity of Roundtable members to extend the reach of efforts to increase HPV vaccination coverage.

The Executive Committee is the governing body that supports the mission, determines the scope of activities, and helps in membership growth. The Planning Committee works on establishing programmatic activities, including the annual meeting.

Learn more at <https://www.stjude.org/memphis-roundtable>

