

Expanding SBIRT through Policy Advocacy



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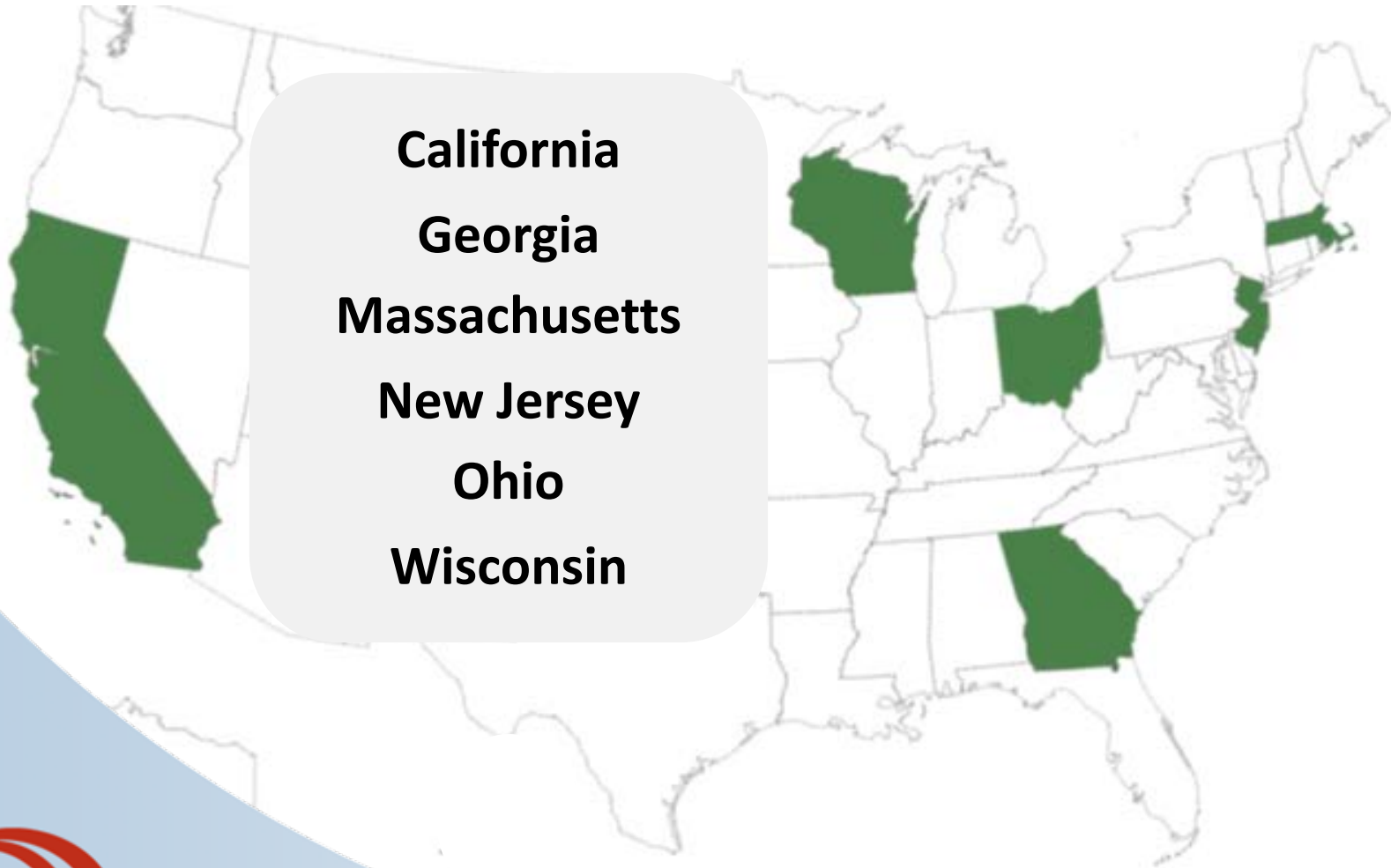


Advocacy Goals

Expand **locations** where youth access SBIRT and the **providers** who deliver screening, brief intervention, and treatment referrals.

Establish **sustainable funding streams** to support youth SBIRT

SBIRT Advocacy Projects Across the U.S.



California
Georgia
Massachusetts
New Jersey
Ohio
Wisconsin

THE ROAD TO POLICY CHANGE

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING



Advocates in Wisconsin and Ohio are exploring new and **innovative approaches to leverage Medicaid funds to support SBIRT in schools.** Advocates in Georgia are leading a **strategic campaign to activate Medicaid billing codes for SBIRT.**



COALITION BUILDING

Advocates across 5 states **built and maintained diverse SBIRT coalitions.**

POLICY WINS!

Massachusetts advocates won passage of a **law requiring SBIRT in all middle and high schools across the state**, along with funding for two consecutive years to support implementation.

We secured the **inclusion of SBIRT for youth** in the U.S. Senate's **Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act.**

EXPANDING SBIRT IN SCHOOLS

Over 130 school districts across five states are beginning SBIRT implementation in the 2016-17 school year as a result of our advocacy campaigns.

LEGISLATIVE CHAMPIONS

We held a Learning Tour for advocates and their invited policymakers. As a result of the event, **influential policymakers in three states committed to legislation or policy change to expand youth SBIRT.**

COMMUNICATIONS


Advocates educated community members and policymakers about prevention and SBIRT using well-designed and easy-to-read materials, **reaching hundreds of thousands of people.**



Schools and school-based health centers are an ideal setting:

We can reach students who may be disconnected from other services or supports.

Young people are surrounded by trusted adults & trained professionals.



Learning from success: Massachusetts