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| **Event Type** | **Event Details** | **Who To Invite** | **When & Where** |
| **Legislative Breakfast** | \*  Legislators are invited to hear about the highlights of recent coalition efforts and learn about current and future concerns. Legislators may be given limited time to speak. However, this event should not give the legislator a major platform. It should provide an opportunity for them to listen and learn.  \* Plan to make legislative breakfasts an annual or semi-annual event. | \* Area legislators  \* Coalition members  \*Youth groups with similar motivations  \*Partner organizations  \* Future partners/ supporters of your coalition  \*Local leaders  \* Local media | \* Early morning, start at 7:30 or 8:00am.  \*About 60-90 minutes long  \*Easily accessible community space. (Community room at local library/school/community center)  \* It is recommended not to use a local health department or lead agency office.  \*Ensure the space is accessible for all populations |
|  | The Women of Influence event could be used as a model to lift up communities that have influence (e.g. youth, women of color, indigenous communities) | | |
| **Women of Influence** | \*An event to highlight women’s health issues and influential women in your community  \* Engages legislators to hear about specific health concerns facing women  \* Potential to tie-in March-Women’s History Month  \* Involve a community partner who also specifically work with Women’s Health (Health Care Providers) | \*Area legislators  \*Coalition members  \*Youth groups with similar motivations  \*Partner organizations  \* Local women’s groups and clubs   \* Future partners/ supporters of your coalition  \*Local leaders  \*Local media | \*Evening (6:00 or 7:00pm)  \*90-120 minutes long  \* Community room or party room that is complimentary for presentations and mingling.  \* It is recommend not to use a local health department or lead agency office  \*Ensure the space is accessible for all populations |
| **Other Events**  *Diner & Discussion, Social Hour, Reception, Meet & Greet* | \*These events can be an informal way to bring people together to increase awareness about your coalition’s efforts and the importance of the work that you complete.  \*Opportunity to share programs successes with your community and legislators, and to recruit more volunteers.  \* Events may be centered on a meal or snack but should include a short presentation, networking time and structure for guests to talk to each other about the topics that are being presented.  \*These events don’t lend themselves as easily to media coverage, but an Action Center encourages volunteers to submit letters to the editor on the spot regarding the importance of the topics being covered at the event. | \*Area legislators  \*Coalition members  \*Youth groups with similar motivations  \* Partner organizations  \* Future partners/ supporters of your coalition  \*Local leaders | \*Evening (5:30 or 6:00pm)  \*60-90 minutes for a social hour  \* 90-120 minutes for a diner (include healthy food and beverage)  \*Someplace to open and  close the group of people you invited  \* A room for socializing (party room at a restaurant/bar)  \* It is recommend not to use a local health department or lead agency office    \*Ensure the space is accessible for all populations |
| **Community/Candidate Forum** | \* During election cycles, Community/Candidate forums are an exciting and unique experience to educate the public and candidates for office about public health concerns.  \*The forum can be a very effective tool to bring groups together and raise the profile of health issues.  \* Forums encourage community members to become more involved and informed voters. | \*Area legislators/candidates  \*Coalition members  \*Youth groups with similar motivations  \* Partner organizations  \* Future partners/ supporters of your coalition  \*  Local leaders | \* Time determined by community  \*90 minutes  \*Easily accessible community space. (Community room at local library/school/community center)  \*It is recommended not to use a local health department or lead agency office.   \*Ensure the space is accessible for all populations |