

THP-Plus *advocacy* Institute Pre-Test

Please complete the assessment below, giving yourself a "1" if the statement is TRUE and a "0" if the statement is FALSE.

Organizational Commitment

- My organization's board of directors and senior staff have a clear understanding of the basic federal and state rules and regulations that govern lobbying and other advocacy activities.
- Consideration of advocacy is an explicit part of my organization's strategic plan.
- My organization's leaders are knowledgeable about the county budgeting process and participate in it.
- It is clear who in my organization is responsible for staying informed about policy developments and how that information is disseminated throughout the organization.

Score: _____

Working in Coalition

- My organization is a member of a coalition or association that keeps me informed about relevant policy developments so that I rarely find myself surprised about a development on the county level.

Score: _____

Influencing Decision Makers

- My organization deliberately builds relationships with members of the Board of Supervisors.
- At least once a year a representative of my organization meets with each member of the county Board of Supervisors, either individually or as part of a local coalition/association.
- My organization is represented regularly on working groups convened by the county.
- My organization builds working relationships with decision-makers by providing information.

Score: _____

Media Relations

- My organization has a written media plan with objectives, targets, strategies and timelines.
- My organization trains young people how to speak on behalf of the organization and the issue it is working to address.

Score: _____

Research and Analysis

- My organization evaluates its effectiveness and disseminates evaluation findings to inform practice in the field.
- My organization is knowledgeable about the latest studies about transition-age youth and homelessness and can easily reference them.
- My organization is informed about the data systems and/or reports that are used by elected officials to monitor agency performance.

Score: _____