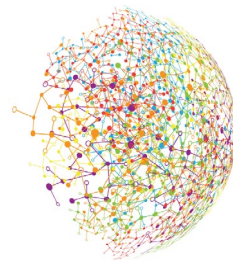


Strengthening Partner Networks for Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) and Antibiotic Resistance (AR)

To assist state-level partners in **building, strengthening, sustaining, and evolving** HAI/AR partner networks (i.e., any HAI/AR collaboration in a state between two or more partners), CDC has developed a **success framework** with recommended actions.



Frequently Asked Questions Success Framework for HAI/AR Partner Networks

What is it?

The success framework is a **question-based guide** to help users assess the progress, strengths, and areas for improvement within their partner network. The framework is designed to support users in **determining actions** for building, strengthening, sustaining, and evolving HAI/AR partner networks.

Who uses it?

The success framework is designed to support users **leading state-level partner networks**.

How does it work?

The success framework guides users through questions for determining priorities, planning the approach, implementing activities, and measuring and adjusting. Recommended actions include three **levels of maturity** for each question so users can gauge their partner networks' progress in advancing the network, and to identify what is needed to strengthen their partner network.

How can it be used?

Partner networks are dynamic and have different needs at different times. Users can determine whether they should use the framework as a **roadmap** for building new partner networks or as a **tune-up guide** for strengthening, sustaining, and evolving existing partner networks.

How frequently can it be used?

The framework can be useful **at least once annually** for planning purposes. Given the evolving nature of partner networks, users may choose to use the framework more frequently for starting a new network, during ongoing coordination, and at critical junctures in the partner network (e.g., changes to leadership, partners, settings, priorities, funding).