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Toolkit 2.0

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3. Planning Team *Planning Gets Results*

**3. It's All in the Planning (Team):
Choreographers and Ambassadors .**





3. Planning Team: One *Planning Gets Results*

- **10-Year Plan and PHC planning demonstrate that:**
 - **Planning pays off in results**
 - **Without a plan things only get worse**
- **PHC is supported by planning teams that choreograph the event and develops and replicates best practices.**
- **Most PHC's are supported by jurisdictional or corporate funding.**



3. Planning Team: Two *Project Homeless Connect Ambassadors*

The planning team should consist of a:

- Director - ideally affiliated with the lead city/county
- Small core group accountable to the Director



whose decisions are informed by:

- Homeless / formerly homeless consumers
- An advisory representative from each partner group
- Those who have experienced a successful PHC first-hand



3. Planning Team: Three *Best Practices in Planning*

- **Multiple PHC's are coordinated on a single day by Los Angeles County (8) and New Jersey (43).**
- **Police officers established and led PHC in St. Paul.**
- **Knoxville relied on Ambassadors for each resource area to realize necessary partnerships to deliver, then coordinated them all during the event.**
- **San Francisco positioned formerly homeless consumers as key PHC team leads.**



3. Planning Team: Four *Best Practices in Planning*

- **San Francisco developed plans for intake, support, outreach, discharge, food, data entry, medical, activities, set-up, break down, housing and shelter, and legal.**
- **Minneapolis / Hennepin County set a short planning timeline and invited only planners interested in how to make PHC happen.**
- **Communities across the country accessed USICH technical assistance resources as part of their PHC planning process.**

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