**Step 1: Assessment**
- Work with the community
- Ensure a mechanism for collecting cultural capacity-related information/data
- Gain community approval for data collection methods and analysis
- Ensure data is culturally responsive and appropriate
- Create process for identifying culturally relevant risk and protective factors and other underlying conditions
- Formulate culturally-based assumptions of change:
  - Identify change from a community perspective
  - Gain community approval of product

**Step 2: Capacity**
- Examine community resources and readiness
- Provide a safe and supportive environment for all participants
- Examine breadth and depth of cultural competence
- Check cultural representation (e.g., language, gender, age)
- Develop policies (i.e., recruitment and retention, training, communication and community input) to improve cultural capacity
- Ensure that tools and technology are culturally competent
- Identify and mobilize mutually acceptable goals and objectives

**Step 3: Planning**
- Make sure community is represented in the process
- When selecting programs and strategies, consider their fit with:
  - Community culture
  - Existing prevention efforts
  - Past history

**Step 4: Implementation**
- Involve community in the implementation of strategic plan
- Create a feedback loop for communicating efforts and successes

**Step 5: Evaluation**
- Make sure the community is represented in the evaluation process
- Ensure that data collection tools reflect community culture
- Use an evaluator with cultural capacity

*Prevention Resource: Follow the link below for an overview of ways to apply the SPF process across each step of the framework.

https://www.samhsa.gov/capt/applying-strategic-prevention-framework