

# **NASEM Cannabis Policy Study:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Priorities

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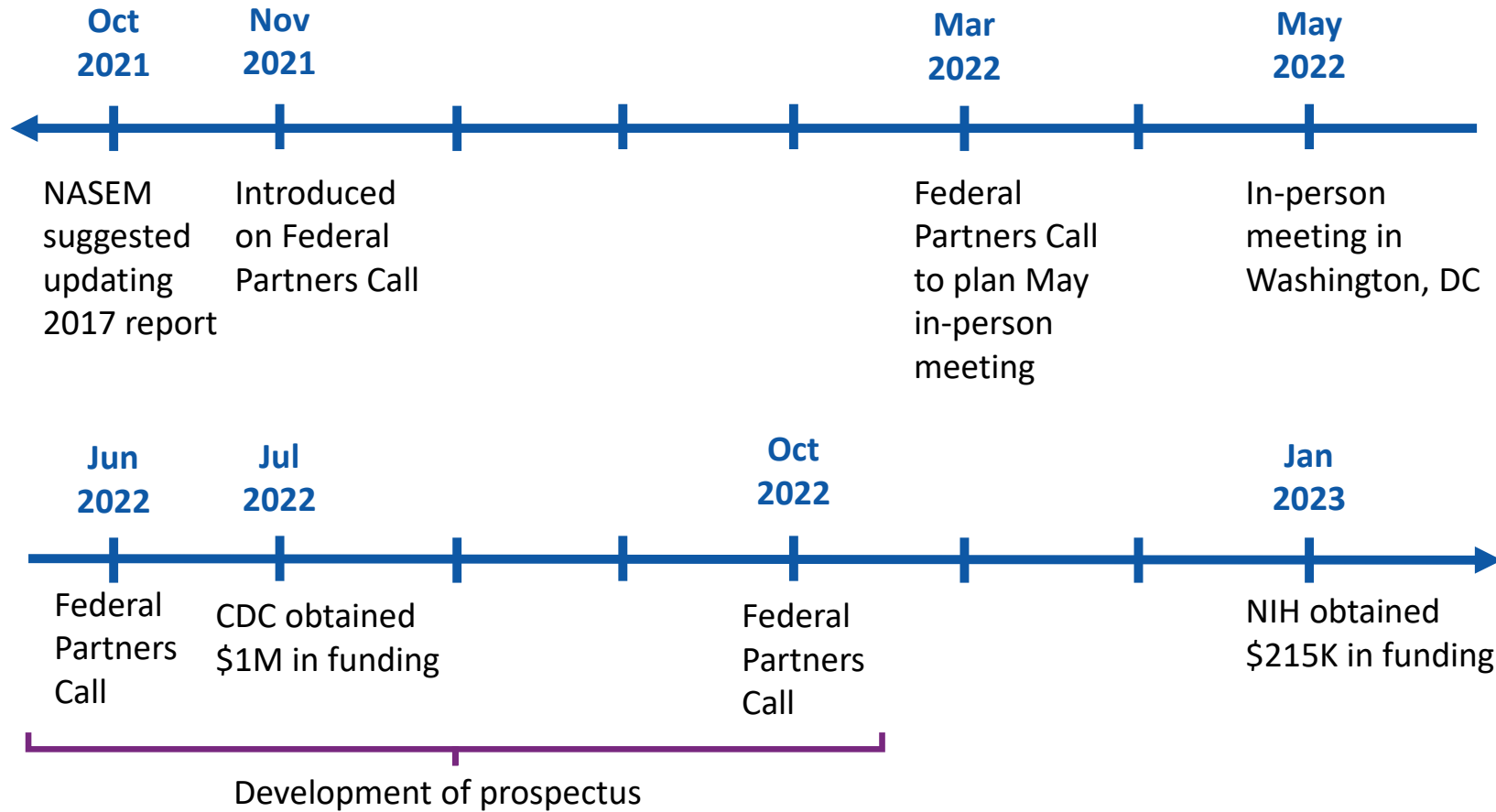




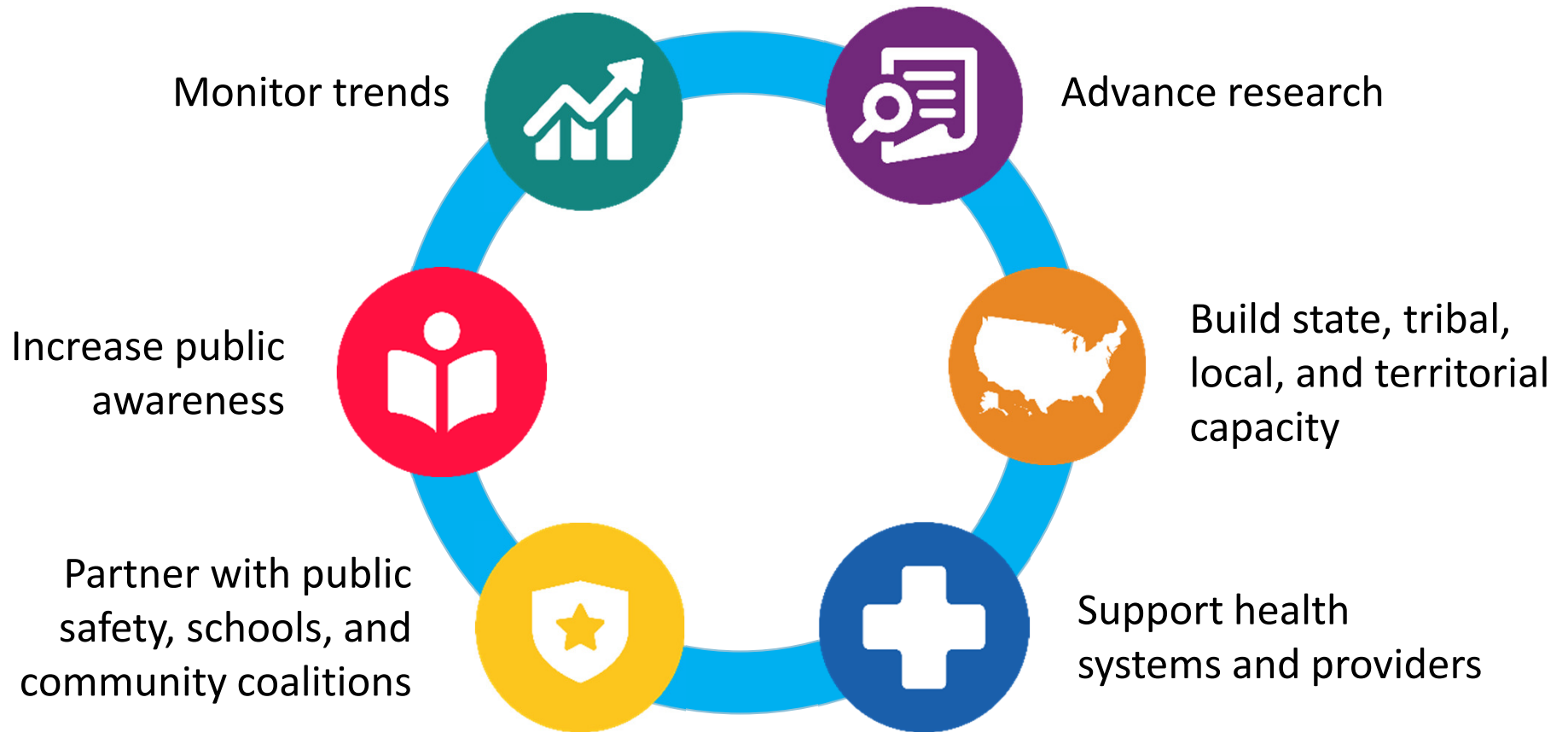
# Federal Cannabis Partners Workgroup

- + Attempt to convene regular Health and Human Services (HHS) partner calls on cannabis and public health put on hold due to COVID-19
- + CDC renewed effort and started holding quarterly calls with HHS and other federal partners in Nov 2021
- + Includes:
  - CDC
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
  - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
  - Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
  - Alcohol Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)
  - Department of Justice (DOJ)
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

# NASEM Prospectus Development



# CDC Cannabis Strategic Plan





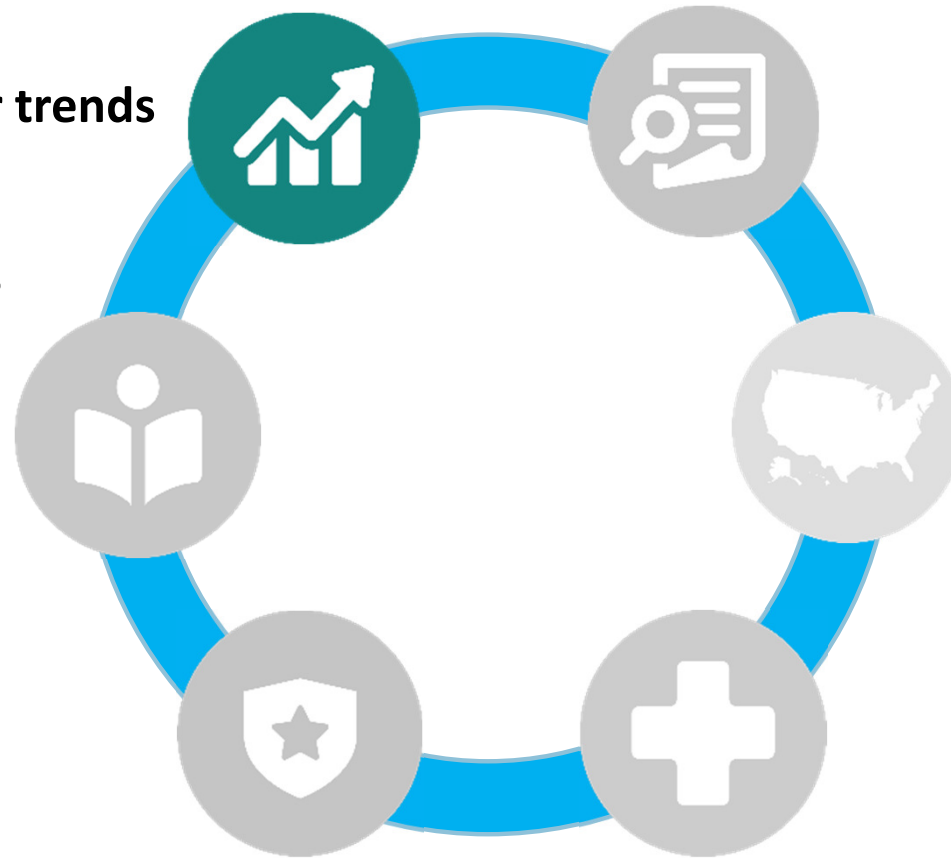
## Strategy Focus

- Health and social effects
- Populations at increased risk of negative health effects
- Focus on CDC's strengths (e.g., surveillance, capacity building, applied research)
- Complementary to and collaborative with other federal agencies

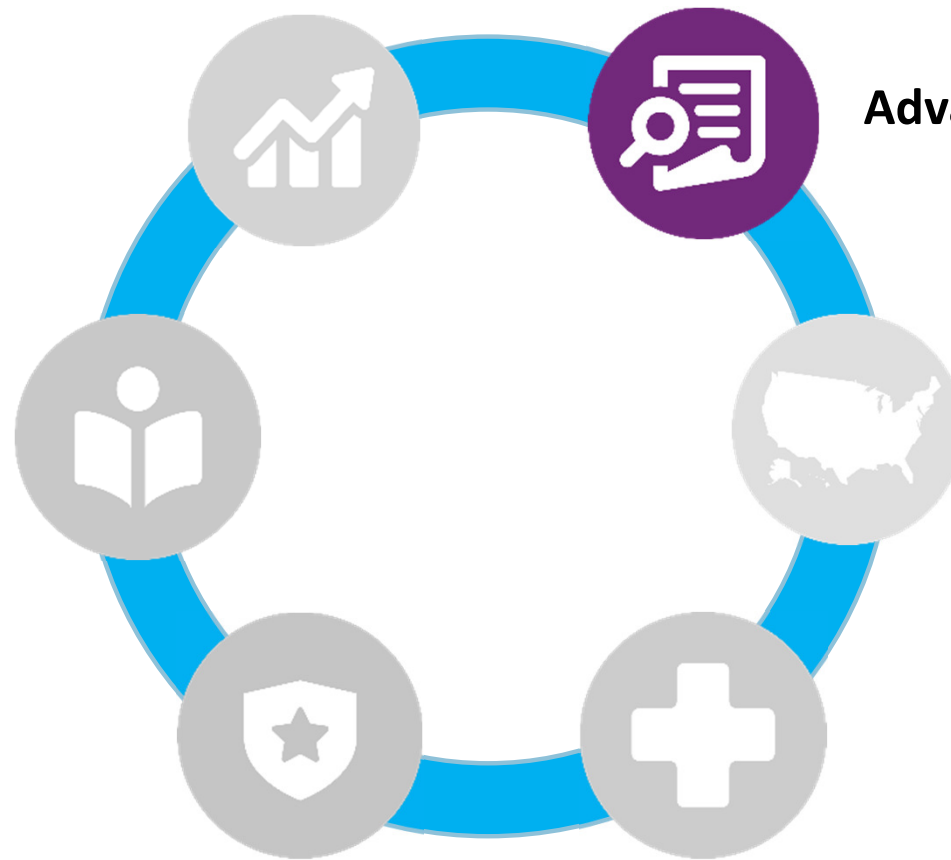
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## Monitor trends

- Incentivized states to implement the BRFSS Marijuana Module
- Cognitively testing survey questions with National Center for Health Statistics
- Exploring marijuana supplement in PRAMS



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## Advance research

- Special supplement on cannabis surveillance and applied research with *AJPH*
- Publications on cannabis-involved ED visits, cannabis sales during the pandemic, and reasons for use



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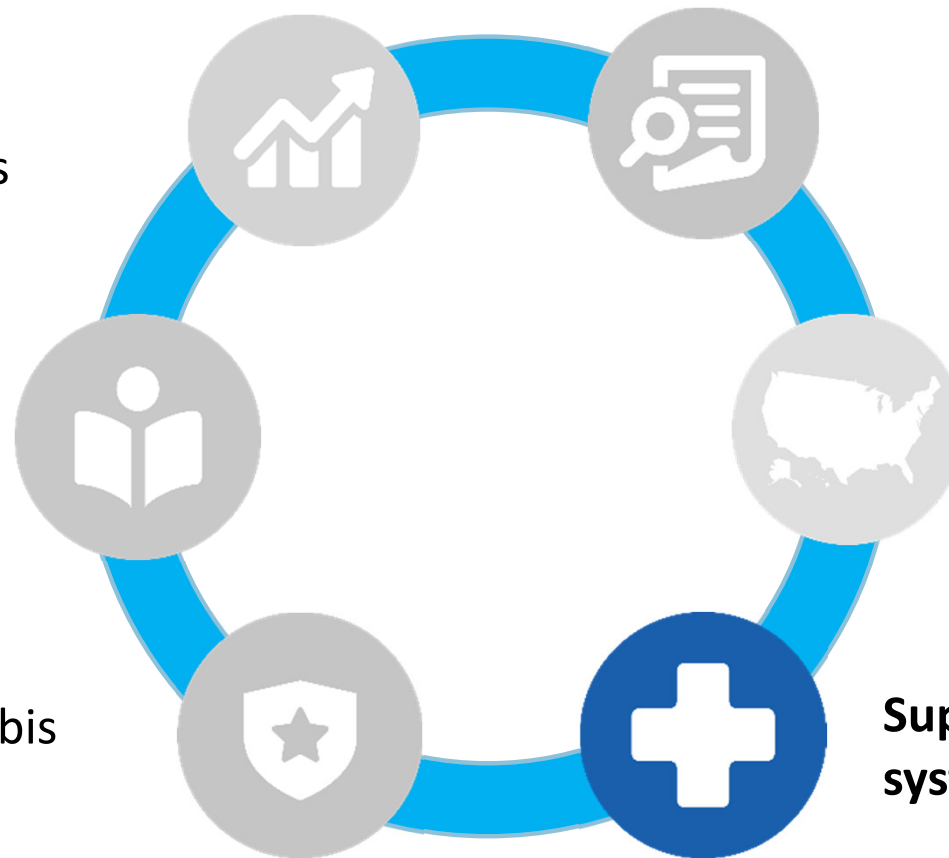
- American Public Health Association meeting in May 2021 with states on cannabis surveillance
- National Conference of State Legislatures case study report on cannabis legalization practices
- Resource for Action



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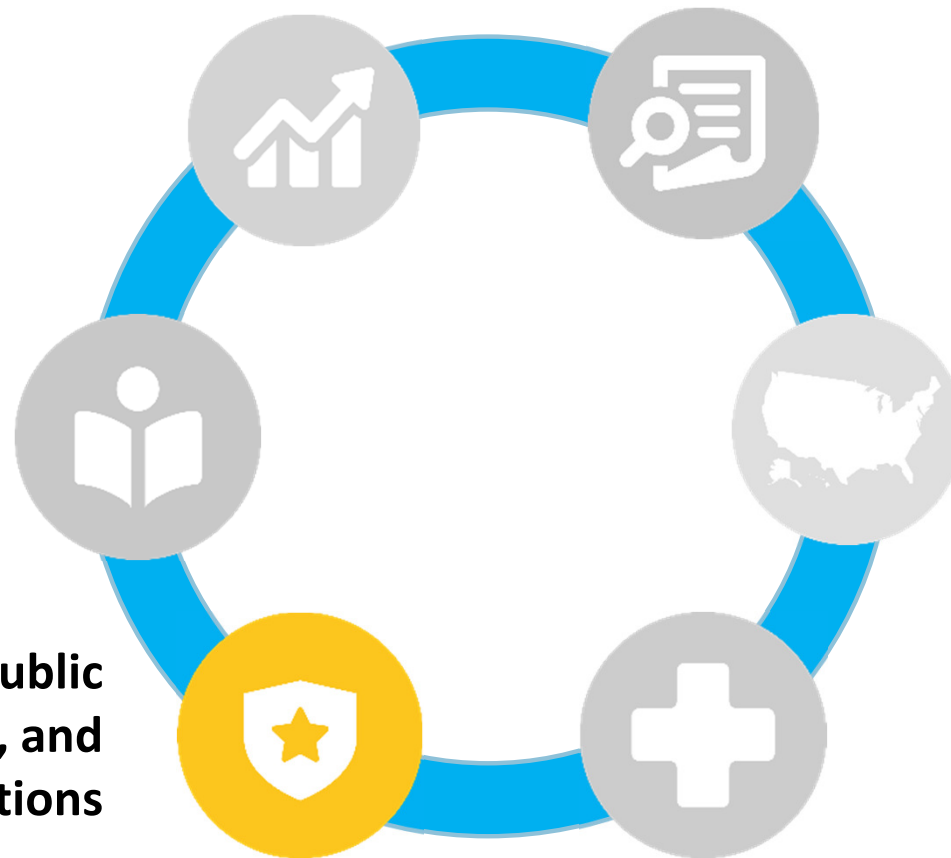
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- Health advisory on delta-8 THC products and adverse events
- National Council for Mental Wellbeing toolkit for youth substance use prevention
- Provider and patient fact sheets on cannabis and chronic pain



**Support health systems and providers**

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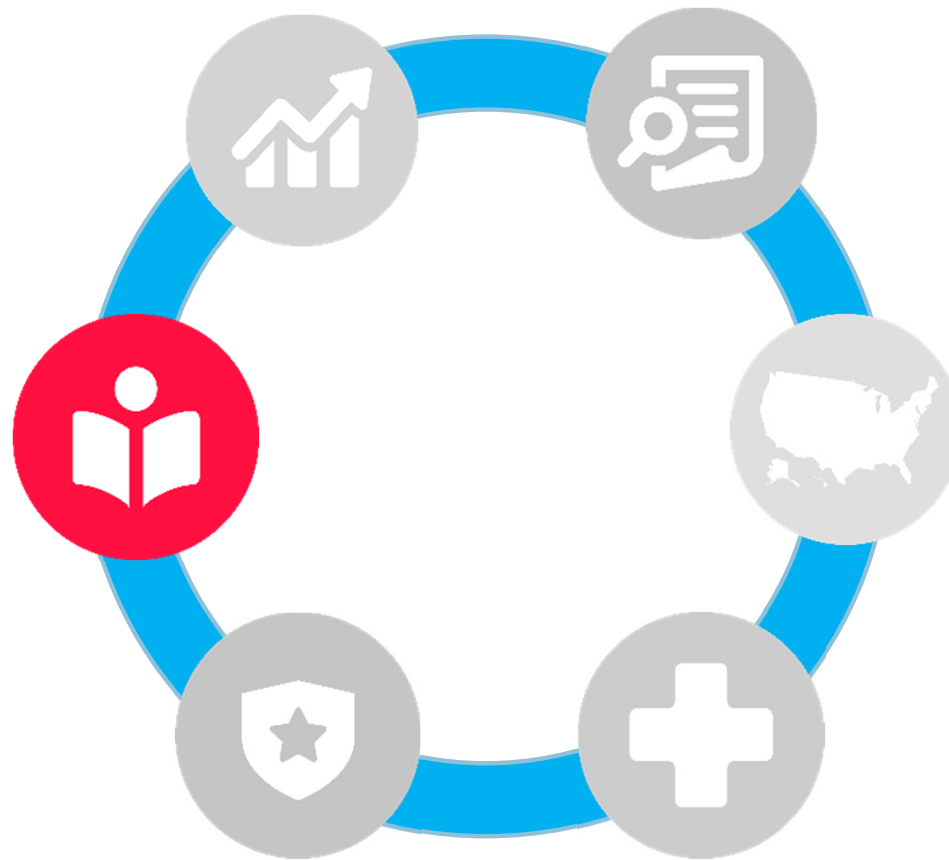


**Partner with public safety, schools, and community coalitions**

- Technical assistance to Drug Free Communities coalitions

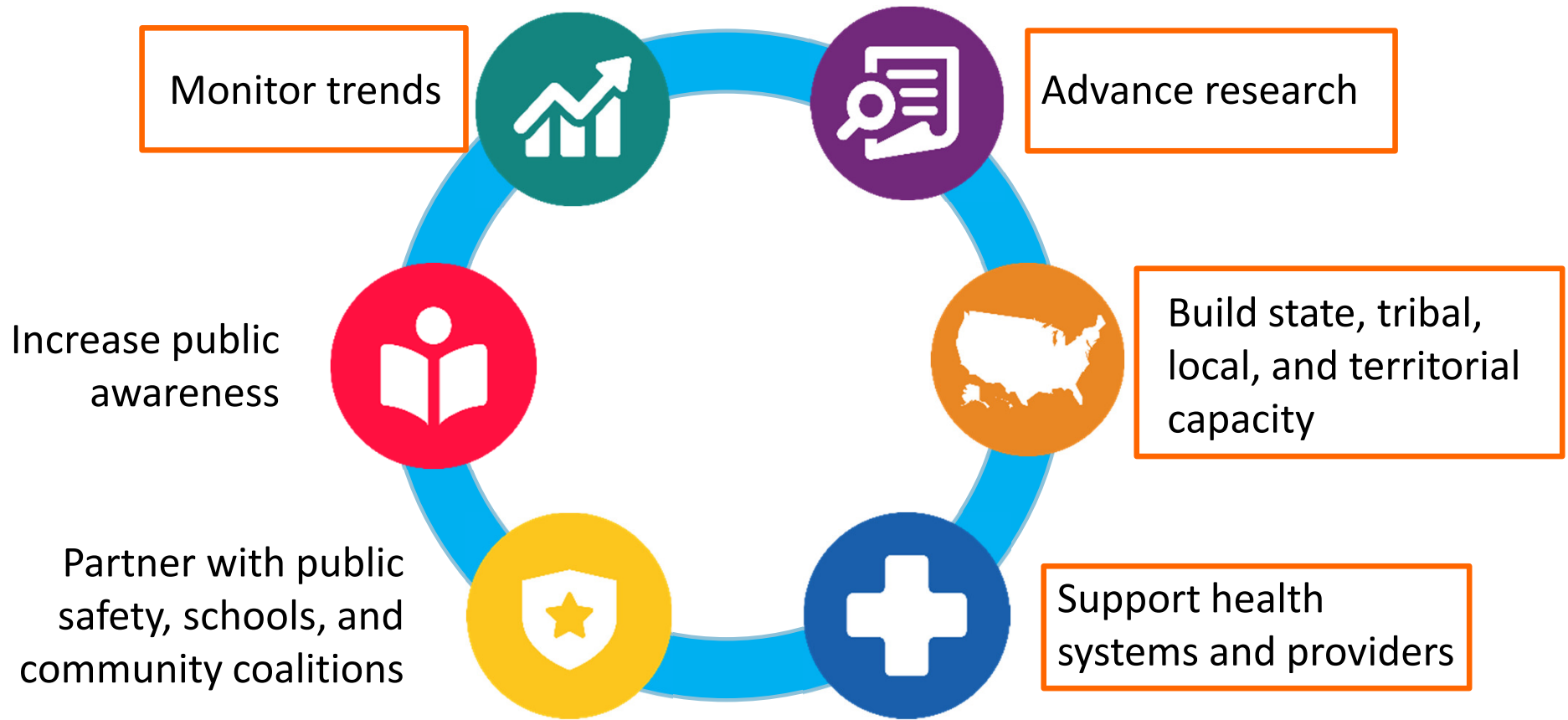
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**Increase public awareness**



- Updated CDC Marijuana website and fact sheets

# NASEM Cannabis Policy Study



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## + **Monitor trends**

- + Surveillance of cannabis product landscape and changing regulatory models
- + Strengths and weaknesses of existing surveillance systems and outcomes that could serve as sentinels for adverse exposures/health consequences

## + **Advance research**

- + Recommendations for policy research

## + **Build state, tribal, local, and territorial capacity**

- + Report will serve as a resource for states modifying cannabis policies

## + **Support health systems and providers**

- + Recommendations for strengthening a harm reduction approach

**Thank you!**

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