## Alcohol Outlet Density: An Evidence-Based Strategy

States permit local governments to regulate alcohol outlet density

Local governments use licensing and/or zoning authority to regulate alcohol outlet density

Regulating alcohol outlet density improves health & saves lives





Considerations for Local Regulation of Alcohol Outlet Density as a Public Health Strategy



Gives authority to those who know local conditions best



Encourages local residents to engage in decision-making processes



Supports
community norms
that discourage
excessive
drinking



Empowers local law enforcement agencies to address problems associated with excessive alcohol use



Reduced rates of excessive alcohol consumption (including binge and underage drinking)



Fewer public nuisance activities and reduced police costs



Lower rates of violence

