

Tori experienced many great things during her fellowship, including growth within herself. Through experiences such as speaking at the National Prevention Network in Chicago and the Washington State Prevention Summit. Tori is especially proud of phase 3, as she was able to build a coalition with regular meetings and guide her community to the creation of their own leadership team. Tori's favorite part of the fellowship was phase one and two, as she enjoyed learning about the strategic planning framework. Specifically, she enjoyed seeing how the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) works, as well as all the other projects happening at the state level. A part of phase 2 that Tori enjoyed was seeing the relationship to state work and community work.

Tori saw herself grow in confidence through the fellowship both personally and professionally. Tori feels she has accomplished life milestones she had dreamed about. Tori feels she has grown in her ability to think strategically when given a task. Tori was hired as a Management Analyst 3 for the Deputy Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery, due to the relationships built from the fellowship. She feels the knowledge learned from the fellowship was able to be transferred to this position, including the ability to be self-led and self-sufficient. Tori notes of the opportunities she appreciates from the fellowship is the ability to know the other fellows and help people outside of work due to resources she has learned. Tori feels she can do anything she puts her mind to, as the fellowship has equipped her with the skills needed to succeed.