| **Types of Solutions** | **How This Works** | **Application to My Problem** |
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| **Add something**  *Works when problem is caused by a lack of resources* | Give more money, people, equipment or stuff  *Example: Spend more money on the fire department.* |  |
| **Take away something**  *Works when problem is caused by one thing or person* | Remove source of problem  *Example: Get rid of poor textbooks.* |  |
| **Educate**  *Works when problem is happening because people don’t know what to do* | Give information about the problem and solution  *Example: The “Say No to Drugs” campaign* |  |
| **Make laws or rules**  *Works when current rules aren’t working* | Create a new law or rule, or reform existing rules  *Example: Revise the school dress code to require uniforms* |  |
| **Enforce laws or rules**  *Works when problem is happening because current rules aren’t being enforced* | Provide a way to enforce existing rules or laws  *Example: School decides to call parents for dress code violations.* |  |
| **Change method or procedure**  *Works when problem is caused by something being done incorrectly* | Change the way something is done, or the organization of something  *Example: Change meeting time from Tuesday to Saturday so more people can come* |  |
| **Motivate**  *Works when people know what they should do, but don’t want to do it* | Use advertising or emotional appeals to get people to do something (or not do) something  *Example: Give people bonuses for completing their work early.* |  |
| **Build something new**  *Works when nothing currently existing will solve the problem* | Give new facilities or a new organization  *Example: Build a new football stadium to get fans excited* |  |
| **Work out a compromise**  *Works when problem is mostly a lack of agreement* | Get sides of argument together to work out a mutual agreement of solution  *Example: Trade agreements between countries* |  |
| **Adapt a solution that has worked before**  *Works when the problem has been solved somewhere else* | Take a solution that worked somewhere else and apply it to this problem  *Example: People smoke less since cigarette taxes have increased, so put a tax on junk food too* |  |
| **Change leadership**  *Works when the leader is the problem* | Get rid of current leadership and get someone new in charge  *Example: Fire the head coach.* |  |
| **Change attitudes**  *Works when attitudes are causing the problem* | Present information or incentives to change the way people feel about situation  *Example: Anti-smoking ads* |  |