

Logic Models for SART

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Issue: Have any teams created a logic model specific to SART that they would be willing to share?

Background:

A logic model may have a flow chart appearance, but it is more than a simple flow chart with directional movement. A logic model has connections between the resources, activities, the benefits, etc. The following information is adapted from: <http://www.cdc.gov/eval/resources.htm#tools>

A logic model portrays the underlying rationale of the program or initiative. It is...

- A model of how a program is supposed to work.
- A simplified picture of a program, or intervention that is a response to a given situation.
- A reflection of the logical relationships among resources that are invested, activities that take place and the benefits/changes that result.

Some think the logic model is only used in evaluation. It is equally helpful for program designs and managing programs. A logic model serves as a framework for planning to bridge the gap between where SARTs are and where SARTs want to be. It provides a structure for clearly understanding the need for SART and how investments are linked to activities to achieve the desired results:

Program Management-A logic model displays the connections between resources, activities and outcomes. As such it is the basis for developing a more detailed management plan. During the course of implementation, a logic model is used to explain, track and monitor operations, processes and functions. It serves as a management tool as well as a framework to monitor fidelity of the plan.

Evaluation- A logic model is the first step in evaluation. It helps determine when and what to evaluate so that evaluation resources are used effectively and efficiently. A logic model helps focus on appropriate process and outcome measures. Some people think of the logic model as an evaluation model, probably, because it is so widely used by evaluators. It is not an evaluation model but does help in evaluation.

Communications- A simple, clear graphic representation helps [SARTs] communicate about the program with program staff, those funding the SART, or other key stakeholders.

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Georgia

- Logic models have been a long-time aspect of the Georgia Rape Prevention Education programs
- We are just beginning a statewide VOCA/VAWA subgrantee training for a standardized Outcome Measurement Evaluation System (inclusive of logic models), provided via a partnership of our state allocation agency of VOCA/VAWA funds, (Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) and Performance Vistas, Inc.
- Performance Vistas is non-profit agency specializing in the development of effective statewide outcome measurements for federally funded programs.

Resources

Performance Vistas

www.performancevistas.org

Performance Vistas, Inc. is a non-profit consulting firm whose mission is to help agencies improve their service provision and management systems and promote organizational learning. The site includes Planning tools, Performance Measures, Bibliography information, and an Online Newsletter.

Burt Martha, Adele. Harrell, Lisa Newmark, Laudan Aron, Lisa Jacobs
Evaluation Guidebook For Projects Funded By S.T.O.P. Formula Grants Under The Violence Against Women Act. 1997.

<http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/guidebook.pdf>

This *Evaluation Guidebook* is intended as a resource for all people interested in learning more about the success of programs that try to aid women victims of violence. It has been written especially for projects funded through STOP formula grants, but has wider application to any program addressing the needs of women victimized by sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking.

Chinman Matthew, Pamela Imm, Abraham Wandersman *Getting To Outcomes: Promoting Accountability Through Methods and Tools for Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation 2004*

http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/2004/RAND_TR101.pdf

Funders are increasingly mandating “accountability” for the public or private funds they provide by demanding high-quality outcome data to determine the success of programs. This manual describes a community planning, implementation, and evaluation model— organized as ten accountability questions—to help your agency, schools, or community coalition conduct needs assessments, select best practice programs that fit your community, and to effectively plan, implement, and evaluate those programs. With high-quality process and outcome data, your group will be more likely to get long-term funding for these approaches.

Although this manual was originally developed to help communities plan and carry out programs and policies aimed at preventing youth drug use, it may also be useful for SARTs.

Getting to Outcomes- Appendices [forms that may be adapted for SARTs]

http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/2004/RAND_TR101.app.pdf