

Activity:

Program modeling



Objectives and Materials

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- Describe how the program is understood to work to achieve outcomes
- Develop a shared understanding and vision of the program
- Develop a logic model to guide the evaluation

Materials

- Markers and large paper

Program modeling⁹: Large group activity

If you've conducted the Storyboard exercise, consolidate the list of Activities, Short-term outcomes, and Long-term outcomes. If there are indicators, group them with the related outcome. Review the lists with the group and add any that are missing.

Using dotmocracy, using dots as votes, ask each person to:

- Place 5 red dots next to the outcomes that they think are most important for the program
- Place 5 green dots next to outcomes they think the program is best at achieving
- Place 5 blue dots next to activities that are the most popular
- Place 5 yellow dots next to activities that are best at supporting their key outcomes

⁹ Sabo, 2008

Discussion:

- Are the outcomes that were ranked highest the most important to the group overall?
- Are any of the outcomes actually indicators? What outcomes do these indicators point to?
- Are there other indicators to add?
- Why are these activities most popular?
- Why are these activities best at supporting key outcomes?
- Are there differences or overlaps between popular activities and those that best support outcomes?

Ask the group to identify all of the resources available to the program and write them on a separate “Inputs” flipchart.