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Developing a Logic Model for Your SSIP Evaluation

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Objectives

- Understand the overall requirements of the SSIP evaluation plan
- Identify the role that developing a logic model has in SSIP evaluation planning

What Will the SSIP Evaluation Involve?

- Goal is to evaluate the implementation of the SSIP coherent improvement strategies. But what does implementation of the SSIP really mean?

- It is both the process of putting the various improvement strategies and infrastructure changes in place *and* the outcomes or impact of those strategies/changes.

- Two overarching types of questions…

  1. How's it going along the way? (Process)
  2. What good did it do? (Outcomes/Impact)

OSEP Guidance on the Components of an SSIP Evaluation Plan

- Align with SSIP theory of action and other components from Phase 1
- Describe stakeholder involvement
  - Creating the evaluation questions
  - Judging the acceptability of the strategies used and intended outcomes
  - Strategy for disseminating results to stakeholders
- Include short-term and long-term objectives to measure implementation and impact

OSEP Guidance on the Components of an SSIP Evaluation Plan

- Include methods to collect and analyze data on implementation and outcomes, including infrastructure changes (including Sampling, if used, and Comparisons planned)
- Describe how state will use evaluation results to
  - Examine effectiveness of implementation
  - Measure progress toward improvement in SiMR
  - Make modifications to SSIP, as necessary

"Steps" in Planning an SSIP Evaluation

1. Build an evaluation team
2. Consider Phase II evaluation plan as a continuation of Phase I
3. Create a logic model, specifically for the evaluation that shows key activities that lead to outputs and outcomes
4. Develop evaluation questions
5. Identify the evaluation design
6. Identify data collection strategies
7. Develop preliminary analysis plans
8. Develop a plan for sharing and using evaluation results
9. Prepare a timeline for key evaluation activities

Role of a Logic Model in the SSIP Evaluation

- A logic model for evaluation is a graphical representation that puts specificity to a theory of action by showing components that are systematically connected to accomplish desired results.
- Creating a logic model is one (valuable) step in developing an evaluation plan.
- A logic model for evaluation shows the inputs to the program, the strategies/activities planned, the countable outputs anticipated, and the measurable intended outcomes on which the evaluation will focus.

Components of a Logic Model

- Focus on an overall goal (e.g., the SiMR)
- Inputs—Resources that go into the program
- Strategies—Broad approaches to realizing the theory of action and addressing the goals
- Activities—Specific actions that implement strategies
- Outputs—Immediate results of the project activities
- Short-term outcomes—Direct knowledge/skill results of the activities and their outputs
- Intermediate outcomes—Changes in actions or behaviors based on knowledge or skills acquired through outputs
- Long-term outcomes—Broad results that fulfill the SSIP's goals

Role of Logic Model in Addressing the Necessary Components of an SSIP Evaluation Plan

- Alignment with Phase 1
- Stakeholder involvement
- Short-term and long-term objectives to measure implementation and impact
- Inform data collection and analysis methods

Need assistance with evaluation?

- Contact your IDC State Liaison **or** Tamara Nimkoff (TamaraNimkoff@westat.com) to connect you with an Evaluation TA Specialist

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