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Mark Your Calendar

Looking out the window on this cold and grey
February day makes June seem like forever away,
but no matter what the weather may say,
June will be here before you know it!



Annual Partnership Academy!

June 30, 2005

At the Frontier Boy Scout Council

3031 NW 64th Oklahoma City, OK

We have an awesome partnership academy planned so
please plan to be there!



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From Jack's Desk

Recently, I found myself in a meeting of agency folks who were discussing ways to more efficiently work together and combine, what seems to be, similar objectives. Sound familiar?

One agency needed to develop a plan. A couple of agencies were looking for money and I think a couple more, just wanted to be out of the office for a couple of hours. All were "too busy" to be there and no one wanted to develop yet another plan. Things even got a little hostile with one agency questioning another's function and effectiveness.

"Why create another plan?" someone asked, "Who needs another dust collector?" Heads began to shake in agreement, people began to whisper and I could tell, the agency who needed the plan, felt ashamed for trying.

Suddenly a voice from the back of the room asked,

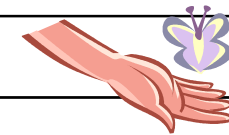
"So, why do you do it? Why do you come to these meetings and why do you create plans that you know won't be worked?"

"Because we have to..." All answered in agreement, to which the voice replied, "Well if you have to do it why not make it work? Why not make it worthwhile?"

Has something like this ever happened in your coalition? If it has, I challenge you, like the above group was challenged. Don't just develop a plan and set it aside. Write a plan that will be used! We can help. The logic model described on page two is an excellent way of planning while developing real outcomes and strategies. We would be happy to discuss it at your next meeting. Just give us a call.



A Helping Hand from Shawnee



Something big is happening in Shawnee. There is a new gang in town. This gang has literally taken Shawnee by storm, leaving the adults running for cover and wondering what to do about this gang. The adults have come to realize, this gang is a powerful force to be reckoned with and a force that is here to stay.

The gang spends the summer hanging out with young students, recruiting kids to be future gang members. They meet on school playgrounds. They talk about sex, violence, drugs, alcohol, and smoking. This gang is really changing the way young people are seen in Shawnee. And it's about time. The name of this "gang," is the Shawnee Youth Coalition. Their mission is to change Shawnee for the better, one step at a time.

I know what you were thinking. Society as a whole, tends to be afraid of any "gang" of young people. Youth Coalitions, made up of young people, are having positive impacts across the state. They really don't need much from us adults, just encouragement and support. If you would like more information on how to start a Youth Coalition in your community, contact us at OCCY.

Logic Model

Why should you
learn to use it?

Calendar of Events

Want to know:
Who, What, Where & When?
Check out the calendar!



Logic Model! AAARGH!!

We've all been there. We've all screamed those words. No one is interested in using a logic model, because quite frankly, it does not seem, well, logical.

Relax, it really isn't as confusing or frustrating as it seems. I am going to try my best to explain to you in this very short amount of space, how and why logic models are simple and the best way to plan your events, strategies, and activities.

Using a logic model to develop a plan ensures that practical, evidence based activities and projects achieve long term objectives. Based on your goals, you decide what action to take. For example, if you wanted to build a skate park, you would select activities that would help get a skate park built. Talking to city planners, getting bids on land, drawing up plans of what the park would look like, preparing a budget and whatever else needs to be done, are good examples of actions that would help achieve the desired outcome of having a skate park. Teaching middle school students a specific curriculum, does not lend itself to building a skate park. Seems logical, doesn't it? An evidence based logic model, with specific, desired, measurable outcomes, and well thought out activities, demonstrates that you know what the issues are and you know how to resolve those issues in an effective way. A project that doesn't contribute to changing the current condition, will not fit in the model.

There are some very practical reasons to use logic models. It provides you an excellent document to present to the business community. Businesses understand logic models and if business owners can see the big picture, they may be more likely to show their support. If you haven't yet heard, the Community Anti-drug Coalitions of America, CADCA, will no longer accept grant applications that do not have a logic model. It will be the thrown in the trash. At least, that's what they said at the CADCA conference in January. So you can see, now is the time to make friends with the logic model.

If you would like more information or would be interested in having some training on the logic model, feel free to contact us at OCCY. The Department of Mental Health Substance Abuse Services has developed a Community Mobilization Training, which includes an excellent logic model design. There are several trainers around the state who would enjoy coming to your community to train your coalition.

Okay, I hope I have convinced you to at least give it a try. Using the blank model on the next page follow these directions.

One of the purposes of a logic model is to plan interventions that are outcome driven. It is very important to follow the directions and complete the steps in the order given.

Begin with steps # 1-4.

1. Choose a condition you wish to change.
2. Fill in box #1 (on the following page) with a description of the condition you wish to change.
3. Identify the assumptions that underlie the decision to change the condition. "Why should this condition be changed?" Write your answer in box #2.
4. Ask yourself, "If the current condition changes, what will the future condition look like?" Fill in your description in box #7. Keep in mind, this is your "pie in the sky" description.

Now look at the interventions that will help you arrive at your future condition and complete steps 5 & 6.

5. Identify interventions you could use to change the current condition to the future condition. Put this information in box #3.
6. What resources (time, money, personnel, etc.) will be needed to implement your interventions? Place your answer in box #4.

To complete your logic model, think about your outcomes and finish steps 7 & 8.

7. Ask yourself, "What are some short-term outcomes that will show my interventions are working?" Put these outcomes in box #5. What are some of the small changes you would see happening?
8. Ask yourself, "How will I determine the progress made toward the future change?" Or, "How will I know the interventions did what they were intended to do?" Fill in #6 with this information. "Are attitudes and/or habits changing? Are you on your way to the "pie in the sky" description?"

Calendar of Events

- Adair, Cherokee CPB
- Cherokee County Health Dept.
- Blaine County (BCCHAT)
- Watonga City Hall
- Canadian County
- Canadian Valley Technology Ctr.
- Craig County
- Gold Spike Restaurant
- Creek County
- Bristow City Library
- Early Childhood Planning Council
- Kay County Health Dept.
- Garfield, Grant, Major
- Enid City Offices
- Garvin-McClain (CARE) CPB
- Mid America Career Tech
- Haskell CPB
- Kiamichi Tech Center, Stigler
- Harper YES! Corp
- 221 NW 1st Str., Buffalo, 73834
- Hennessey CPB
- H.S. Auditorium Conference Room
- Hughes/Seminole CPB
- 219 N. Wewoka Ave., Wewoka
- Jackson County CPB
- Jackson County Memorial Hospital
- Johnston County Com. Res. Assoc.
- Western Inn, Tishomingo, OK
- Kingfisher Community Collaborative
- Kingfisher Church of the Nazarene
- Lawton-Fort Sill Comm. Coalition
- 1318 SW Lee Blvd., Lawton, 73501
- LeFlore (MECCA)
- Kiamichi Vo-Tech,
- N. McKeena, Poteau
- Lincoln CPB,
- Chandler DHS
- Major County CPB
- 6th & Locust, Fairview
- McIntosh CPB
- Ken's Pizza, Eufala
- McAlester CPB
- The Oaks in Pittsburg County
- Mid-Del Youth Coalition
- 9233 NE 10th in Midwest City
- Muskogee Nation CPB
- B/A Conference Room
- Hwy. 75 & Loop 56, Okmulgee
- Muskogee Youth Coalition
- Alternating Locations
- Nowata CPB
- First Christian Church
- Pine & Madoc, Nowata, OK
- Okfuskee County CPB
- OSU Extension Office, Okemah
- Osage CPB
- Hometown Foods,
- 236 E. Main, Pawhuska
- Ottawa (POCY) CBP
- Mount Olive Lutheran Church
- 2337 N. Main, Miami, OK 74354
- Shawnee Asset Building Alliance
- Gateway to Prevention/Recovery
- 1010 E. 45th, Shawnee, OK 74801
- Sequoyah CPB
- Sallisaw Western Sizzlin
- Southwest Oklahoma (SWODA)
- Burns Flat
- Texas CPB, Texas Cnty .Health Dpt.
- 1410 N. East St., Guymon
- Wagoner CPB
- Child Welfare, 405 E. Cherokee
- Washington CPB
- Bluestem Girl Scouts, Bartlesville
- West Oaks CPB
- 7710 NW 10th Street, OKC

MARCH 2005

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*Don't see your board listed?
Send your calendar and updates to:
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You Can Do It!!

Using the directions on page two, complete the logic model.

1	What is the current condition you wish to change?
2	What are the underlying assumptions or theories of why the current condition should change?
3	What are your planned interventions to effect this change?
4	What resources are needed to implement your interventions?
5	What short-term outcomes will you want to see?
6	How will you judge the progress you have made toward your long-term change? (EVALUATION)
7	What will be the long-term change as a result of your interventions?