

**Administration on Development Disabilities
Technical Assistance Institute – Presentation Summary
The Benefits of Program Evaluation – Evaluation and Reporting
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We want others to know what you are doing in your projects, and we want you to be able to show them exactly what you have done to accomplish your project goals.

Why are we having this presentation?

To gain understanding

Helps us differentiate between “what we do” and “results” (outcomes)

Increase our own and other readers about the program

Measurement – shows we have improved and where we have progressed

Why are evaluations done?

Provides a common language for ALL the projects so everyone views things the same way

Understand what we do – process – reach, impact

Allow people to view numbers and percentages

Guides and helps focus work

Leads to improved planning and management

Provides a roadmap

Improves teamwork – everyone knows what’s going on, what they are doing and keeps people motivated

We are looking to you to define the terms. What your “outreach” efforts are may be different from the “outreach” efforts of others. Efforts will be project specific.

Benefits of evaluation for ADD

Providing information to Congress

To duplicate your project elsewhere

To be able to compare results between programs

To fully examine and describe the effective parts of a program

To show data that the program met its goals / that you have made a difference/impact

Benefits of evaluating your project

See progress – moving/completing tasks

For outsiders to visualize your intent

Helps you make better decisions about the project and visualize the next steps required (long term)

The process seems difficult

Initially, the process/setting up the model is going to take time but once the model is set up, it will be easy to fill in.

What do we do with the logic model?

It should change as you change, it is a “living” document; therefore, always a work in progress.

Where does the information come from to put in the logic model?

A Logic Model answers the following questions:

Where are you going?

How will you get there?

How will you know when you get there?

What Is A Logic Model?

A picture of your program or intervention

Description of the program

Provides a common framework for your work

The logic model is a reasonable representation of your program plan that shows the relationship between the programs inputs, activities, participation and the expected outcomes.

A logic model is your program ROAD MAP.

Examples of “Inputs” are: Money, staff, time, volunteers and materials.

What we invest.

Examples of “Outputs” are: Develop parent education curriculum, Deliver series of educational sessions, Facilitate support groups

You then want to identify activities that will relate to each outcome.

Your goals and objectives are the ones you outlined for the project. They may have changed and thus you’ll need to update them for the model.

The logic model will enhance what you’re reporting.

You will submit the logic model with your Semi-Annual Reports.

The Logic Model does not replace your Semi-Annual Reports.