

Logic Models as a Visual Tool for Program Planning

Logic models are a useful visual tool to display the relationships between the inputs, activities, outputs and goals of a program.

The logic model is a one page diagram which identifies:

- The program goal (objective),
- The resources (human, material, financial) required to implement the program (inputs),
- The actions required to implement the program (activities),
- The indicators that demonstrate that the program activities occurred (outputs), and
- The outcomes attributed to the program (goals) (Dwyer & Makin, 1997; Rush & Ogborned, 1991; Treasury Board of Canada, 2005).

The logic model serves as a road map for clarifying linkages between inputs, activities, outputs and expected outcomes of the program for stakeholders. A logic model should be developed to provide an overview of the key components of community-based preceptorship programs. It should be validated and developed in partnership with the community stakeholders in order to be used as a blueprint to guide any future evaluation strategy (Dwyer & Makin, 1997; Rush & Ogborned, 1991; Treasury Board of Canada, 2005). For an example of a generic logic model for evaluating a community-based preceptorship program, [click here](#).

Both agency and program outcomes have been identified based on the literature review. Future effort should be directed at validating these outcomes and incorporating them within the evaluation process.

