Logic Model: PROSPER Delivery System for Evidence-based Programs



Situation

Youth and family programs designed to strengthen families, promote positive youth development, and address risky youth behaviors are being implemented throughout the United States. Some programs have been rigorously evaluated through scientific research and have been found to be effective, but most have not. Even when effective programs (evidence-based programs, EBPs) are selected, they are often used improperly, resulting in fewer positive outcomes. This decreased impact lessens the likelihood that the program will continue to be used.

Priority

A rigorously tested and proven partnership delivery system for evidence-based programs for youth and families is needed. Successful implementation of evidence-based programs that lasts year after year requires the development of long-term partnerships among families, local schools, and community groups to support programming efforts. It also requires technical assistance to support these partnerships, to build their capacity to continue to implement quality evidence-based programs, and to evaluate outcomes. This combination of partnerships, expertise, and programming is essential in creating positive outcomes at the community level on a large scale.

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Inputs		Outputs		Outcomes		
Staff Commitment	Investment	Primary Activities	Who We Reach	Short-Term	Medium-Term	Long-Term
Community Level – Extension Staff – School Co-Leader – Community agencies/groups – Parents – Youth	Community Level – Team Leader time/salary – Community volunteer time/contribution	 Community Level Maintains a well- functioning team Delivers EBPs Plans for sustainability 	 Community Level All middle school youth 15-35% of eligible fams. School staff Community agencies and stakeholders Researchers/state team 	Community Level - Positive team functioning - 90% program implementation quality - Team receives positive feedback	Community Level - Positive team functioning - 90% program implementation quality - Resources generated - Community recognition	 Community Level Large scale positive youth/family outcomes Decreased prevalence of youth risk behaviors Self-sustaining budget PROSPER is established in the community
PC Level – State/County Extension staff or Prevention Specialists	PC Level – PC Salary – Time for TA to teams – Time for linking with State Team	 PC Level Provides training & TA for team activities/ sustainability Links state & community teams 	PC Level – Teams – Schools & agencies – Community stakeholder – Researchers/State Team	PC Level – New university/ community connections	PC Level – New strategies for teams and programs are identified and shared with other PCs	 Enhanced reputation for Extension/School Policy change Increased understanding PC Level Viewed as prevention expert
State Level - Extension administrators - State Extension specialists/faculty and/or prevention researchers	 State Level Administrative support of Extension personnel/activities Extension specialist/ faculty/researcher time 	State Level - Recruits new sites - Problem-solves issues with PCs - Evaluates team func. & EBP implementation - Provides funding for personnel & activities	State Level - PCs - Teams - Community stakeholders - Other state youth and family serving state agencies	 State Level New infrastructure established for program delivery and support New funds coming in to the university 	 State Level Initial system change Potential for expanded program offerings increased Links with other state agencies 	 Improved relationship be-tween community/university State Level Extension is a recognized leader EBP delivery Economic capital State agency policy change & collaboration Increased understanding of
 PROSPER Network Prevention researchers TA Providers Trainers Evaluators 	 PROSPER Network Training Evaluation IT and other support as needed 	 PROSPER Network Supports and conducts state-level evaluation Provides TA to state team Possible co-funding support 	 PROSPER Network State Teams State level Extension Administration 	 PROSPER Network Network expands Data and research opportunities expand 	 PROSPER Network Increased opportunities for multi-state research & funding 	 PROSPER Network Network is strengthened Nationally recognized for sustained program delivery and positive youth & family outcom