

Developing a Logic Model

For those people unfamiliar with designing logic models we have included some introductory information here because (1) it is the most common means by which domestic violence programs are expected by funding agencies to evaluate their programs, and (2) it is an effective way to ensure that your outcomes are linked to your overall objective(s).

The Logic Model

A logic model generally has 5 components: inputs, activities, outputs, short-term outcomes, and long-term outcomes. **INPUTS** are simply a detailed account of the amount of time, energy and staff devoted to each program. In other words, what are you putting IN to the program to make it work. **ACTIVITIES** are the specific services being provided, while **OUTPUTS** are the end product of those activities (e.g., number of educational materials distributed, number of counseling sessions offered). **SHORT-** and **LONG-TERM OUTCOMES** are the benefits you expect your clients to obtain based on your program. While this may sound relatively straightforward, those of you who have created logic models in the past can attest to the amount of thought and time that must go into them. While this process can indeed be tedious, difficult, and frustrating, it really is an excellent way to clarify for yourself *why* you are doing what you are doing, and what you can reasonably hope to accomplish.

In the hopes of making the task of creating logic models for your various programs simpler, some examples are provided on the following pages based on the fictional Safe Place USA domestic violence program. Safe Place USA has a 24-hour crisis line, a shelter with 20 beds, a counseling program, support groups, and a legal advocacy program.

**Example Logic Models
for Five Programs
within a
Fictional Domestic Violence Agency**

Residential Service

Legal Advocacy

Individual Counseling

24-Hour Crisis Call System

Support Groups

Example Logic Model for Five Components within a Fictional Domestic Violence Program
(1) Residential Services

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Longer-term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agency provides four full-time and five part-time staff within a 20 bed shelter to meet residents' needs ▪ Security and surveillance equipment are in place ▪ Rules and regulations are written, distributed, and posted regarding house and safety rules ▪ Program provides necessary facility, furnishings, and food. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staff monitor the security of the shelter program, and educate residents about safety and security while in the shelter. ▪ Staff discuss causes and consequences of domestic violence with residents as needed, and stress they are not to blame for the abuse. ▪ Staff provide referrals and information regarding any community resources needed by residents. ▪ Food and clothing are provided to residents, as well as access to laundry and telephone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 20 women and their children are housed at any one time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Residents are safe from emotional and physical abuse while in shelter. ▪ Residents gain knowledge of domestic abuse and its effects. ▪ Residents gain knowledge about resources and how to obtain them. ▪ Survivors have strategies for enhancing their safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decreased social isolation. ▪ Women are able to obtain the resources they need to minimize risk of further abuse. ▪ Women and their children are safe. ▪ Women have higher quality of life.

Example Logic Model for Five Components within a Fictional Domestic Violence Program

(2) Legal Advocacy

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Longer-term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program provides two part-time legal advocates with training in current domestic violence laws and policies. ▪ Legal advocacy office within the shelter has up-to-date law books as well as paperwork needed to file for divorce, obtain a protective order, and to file for custody or visitation of minor children. ▪ A volunteer attorney is on hand 5 hours per week to answer questions and to assist with legal matters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program provides legal information regarding protection orders, divorce, custody, and child visitation. ▪ Program staff assist women in completing necessary paperwork. ▪ Program staff discuss the process involved if assailant has been arrested. Women are informed of their rights, responsibilities and options, and are told what to expect from the criminal justice system, based on prior similar situations. ▪ Advocates discuss individualized safety planning with women. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women are informed about their legal rights and options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women gain the legal knowledge needed to make informed decisions. ▪ Survivors have strategies for enhancing their safety. ▪ Survivors have knowledge of available community resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women receive justice and protection from the criminal and civil legal justice systems. ▪ Women and their children are safe. ▪ Women have higher quality of life.

Example Logic Model for Five Components within a Fictional Domestic Violence Program

(3) Individual Counseling Services

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Longer-term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program provides eight part-time counselors with experience working with survivors of domestic abuse. ▪ Program provides three on-site private office space for counseling sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Within weekly 50 minute sessions, counselors provide emotional support, practical information, and referrals to survivors. ▪ Counselors discuss individualized safety planning with survivors. ▪ Counselors discuss the causes and consequences of domestic abuse, stressing the survivor is not to blame for the abuse. ▪ Counselors share information about community resources that might be useful to survivors, as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women attend weekly individual counseling sessions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survivors feel supported and understood. ▪ Survivors do not blame themselves for the abuse. ▪ Survivors feel more positive about their lives. ▪ Survivors feel less isolated. ▪ Survivors are aware of the many effects of domestic abuse. ▪ Survivors feel better able to handle everyday situations. ▪ Survivors have strategies for enhancing their safety. ▪ Survivors will have knowledge of available community resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short-term outcomes persist. ▪ Women and their children are safe. ▪ Women have higher quality of life.

Example Logic Model for Five Components within a Fictional Domestic Violence Program

(4) 24-Hour Hotline/Crisis Line

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Longer-term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program provides trained volunteers to answer phones 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ▪ Referral information and numbers are updated and available by the telephone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volunteers provide emotional support, practical information, and referrals to callers 24 hours a day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individuals needing practical or emotional assistance receive empathic and accurate responses by phone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Callers requesting or implying a need for crisis support receive such support. ▪ Callers requesting information about services or options for survivors of domestic abuse receive that information. ▪ Callers requesting information about programs for batterers receive that information. ▪ Callers requesting assistance in finding a safe place to go receive such assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Callers know crisis support is available in their community 24 hours a day. ▪ Callers are more aware of services and options that may decrease risk of further abuse. ▪ Callers are more aware of programs for batterers. ▪ Callers receive immediate reprieve from violence.

Example Logic Model for Five Components within a Fictional Domestic Violence Program

(5) Support Groups for Survivors

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term Outcomes	Longer-term Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Program provides two trained individuals to facilitate weekly two-hour support groups on-site. ▪ Program provides a private room with comfortable chairs and refreshments for group. ▪ Childcare is provided on site for those participating in group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilitators lead group discussion based on the needs presented by each group. Topics include but are not limited to: who's to blame for domestic abuse, moving on from here, coping with a stalker, helping children cope, getting ongoing support, creating safety plans, and breaking the silence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 12 women at a time attend weekly groups as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Survivors feel supported and understood. ▪ Survivors do not blame themselves for the abuse. ▪ Survivors feel more positive about their lives. ▪ Survivors feel less isolated. ▪ Survivors are aware of the many effects of domestic abuse. ▪ Survivors feel better able to handle everyday situations. ▪ Survivors have strategies for enhancing their safety. ▪ Survivors will have knowledge of available community resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short-term outcomes persist. ▪ Women and their children are safe. ▪ Women have higher quality of life.

