



N A S C S P

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Family Level Indicators Committee

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Things to Consider



- Clarification of what information is needed at agency, state and federal levels.**
- Reducing the number of indicators to report at the federal level**
- Connecting NPIs with TOC and other sections of the IS report (sections E and F and G) to make this report more meaningful.**

Defining Self-Sufficiency



It is clear that our network believes we have a primary purpose of reducing the causes and conditions of poverty to help individuals and families move toward Self Sufficiency. (as per legislative mandate)

What does self-sufficiency mean to you?

What elements should be used to define it?

Identifying Pathway to Self Sufficiency

Benchmark	Description of status
Thriving (Self Sufficient)	The ability to meet family basic needs without assistance, and to have sufficient discretionary income for savings and emergency expenses.
Safe	The ability to meet family basic needs without public assistance.
Stable	The ability to meet family basic needs.
Prevention Line	
Vulnerable	The in-ability to meet all of the family basic needs.
In-Crisis	The in-ability to meet all of the family basic needs, with some needs in a critical state (eviction notice expired or homeless, no food in the house, utilities shut off).

Defining Self-Sufficiency, cont.



- **Basic Needs:** housing, utilities/telephone, childcare, food, transportation, health care, clothing and household items, and taxes (minus federal and state tax credits).
- **Public Assistance:** public benefits in the form of cash or vouchers (i.e. child care assistance, energy assistance, SNAP, WIC, TANF and Medicaid)
- **Sufficient Discretionary Income for Savings and Emergency Expenses** may well be beyond the scope of most CAA programs, but movement toward this state is supported

Community Action's Pathway to Self-Sufficiency



STEP THREE <i>THRIVING</i>	The ability to meet family basic needs without public assistance, and to have sufficient discretionary income for savings and emergency expenses.	GOAL ONE People with low incomes become more self-sufficient
STEP TWO <i>SAFE</i>	The ability to meet the family's basic needs without public assistance.	GOAL ONE People with low incomes become more self-sufficient
STEP ONE <i>STABLE</i>	The ability to meet the family's basic needs.	GOAL SIX People with low incomes, especially vulnerable populations, achieve stability

Connecting

Make it clear what service is connected to the Outcome.

- In very general terms for federal level.
- At the local agency level, programs and services that feed the NPIs are identified. **Example:** employment services on the NPI could be further defined by the agency as “our job readiness program” or “referral to training” or “employment support counseling” or many other things.

Order of Family Level Presentation – Emergency First



- While it is important for our network to have “movement toward self sufficiency” as Goal Number One, we can report on our outcomes in a different order to help tell our story.
- Most agencies feel that emergency (or stabilization) services must be the first step in addressing the needs of the families and individuals they serve.
- There is a recognition that these services may not produce a movement toward self sufficiency, but they do prevent a negative change or maintain status.
- *We need follow up with those receiving the service to have evidence that this assumption is true.*

Vulnerable Populations

- Children and youth
- Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities who need assistance to maintain independence
- Families who have dependant care needs that prevent them from moving toward self sufficiency.

*Services in these areas can produce outcomes for the family (ability to go to school or get a job) **and** for the individual receiving care (safe, appropriate care).*

...Of Those Working Toward Self Sufficiency



- How many moved up in FPL?
- How many reduced use of public benefits?
(these will be a sub set of all who are participating in the agency's services)
- How many achieved an outcome in one of the domains that are identified in Section E – *which are documented to be factors in reducing poverty*

Bundled Services

- Identify the group of participants in the agency who receive multiple, sequenced, coordinated services
- Identify the set of services
- Identify the demographics
- Identify those who achieve outcomes in multiple domains



Look at proposed NPIs

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