

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

**ROMA Next Generation** 

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## STATUS OF THE CSBG ANNUAL REPORT

#### Where are we now?

- CSBG Annual report received a 3-year clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on January 12, 2017.
- Starts the *phase-in* of the CSBG Annual Report and the *phase-out* of the CSBG IS Survey.

# CSBG Annual Report Implementation: Two Phases

#### Phase 1

- FY16 & FY17
- Module 1 is completed in OLDC
- Local Agency data is completed in the CSBG IS Survey

#### Phase 2

- FY 18
- Module 1-4 are completed in OLDC
- No data is reported in the CSBG IS Survey

# CSBG Annual Report Implementation: Phase 1

#### Phase 1:

- States complete <u>only</u> Module 1 in the Online Data Collection (OLDC) System for FY16 and FY17.
- States continue to collect and enter CSBG IS data from CSBG Eligible Entities to enter in the CSBG IS Access database for FY16 and FY17.
- The FY16 submission date for Module 1 in OLDC and the CSBG IS Access database was April 7, 2017.

# Data Submission for FY16 Due April 7, 2017

### CSBG Annual Report in OLDC:

- Module 1: State Administration
  - Sections A-I

### CSBG IS Survey in the Access Database:

- Section B, Eligible Entity List
- Section D
- T/TA Survey
- Sections E-G
- NPIs

## Finally, Clearance! Now, moving forward...

#### January 12, 2017

 CSBG Annual Report is cleared by OMB

#### February 2017

- Module 1 is tested in OLDC by State beta testers
- T/TA Webinars
- States prepare to complete
   Module 1

#### **March 2017**

- Module 1 is available in OLDC
- Module 1 Instruction Manual available on NASCSP website
- Convened the DATA Task Force

#### **April 2017**

- States complete first submission of Module 1 in OLDC
- States submit CSBG IS Access
   Database to NASCSP

# CSBG Annual Report Implementation: Two Phases

#### Phase 2:

- States will report on Modules 1 4 for the
   FY18 CSBG Annual Report in OLDC.
- States will collect Modules 2-4 from CSBG
   Eligible Entities and enter the information into OLDC.
- The expected submission date is March 31, 2019.

#### **Data Submission for FY18**

## • CSBG Annual Report in OLDC:

- Module 1: State Administration
- Module 2: CSBG Eligible Entity
   Expenditures, Capacity, and Resources
- Module 3: Community Level
- Module 4: Individual and Family Level

# CSBG Annual Report Implementation: Data Collection for Modules 2-4

- Modules 2-4 are based on the State reporting period. Data collection for Modules 2-4 will depend on your State's CSBG reporting period.
  - -July 1, 2017 June 30, 2018
  - October 1, 2017 September 30, 2018
  - January 1, 2018 December 31, 2018

## **MODULE 1**

Module 1 - State Administration	CSBG IS Survey
Section A: CSBG Lead Agency, CSBG Authorized Official, CSBG Point of Contact	Section C. General Information on State CSBG office
Section B: Statewide Goals and Accomplishments	Section D. Accomplishments and Coordination of Funds
Section C: CSBG Eligible Entity Update	Section B. General Information on Local CSBG Agencies
Section D: Organizational Standards for Eligible Entities	n/a
Section E: State Use of Funds	Section A. State Use of CSBG Funds
	Section B. General Information on Local CSBG Agencies
Section F: State Training and Technical Assistance	T/TA Survey
	Section B. General Information on Local CSBG Agencies
Section G: State Linkages and Communication	n/a
Section H: Monitoring, Corrective Action, and Fiscal Controls	n/a
Section I: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA)	n/a

Target vs. Actual Performance on the Organizational Standards				
Fiscal Year	State CSBG Plan Target	Number of Entities Assessed	Number that Met All (100%) of State Standards	Actual Percentage Meeting All (100%) of State Standards
Auto- populated	[Auto-populated target from question 6.6. of the State CSBG plan].	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]

#### **Progress Indicators**

 $Indicate\ the\ number\ of\ entities\ that\ met\ the\ following\ percentages\ of\ Organizational\ Standards.$ 

	Number of Entities Assessed	Number that Met between <u>90%</u> and <u>99</u> % of State Standards	Actual Percentage
	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]
Note – While the State targets the percent of CSBG Eligible Entities to meet 100% of the Organizational Standards, targets are not set in the	Number of Entities Assessed	Number that met between <u>80% and</u> <u>89%</u> of State Standards	Actual Percentage
State Plan for 90%, 80%, 70%, and 60% progress indicators.	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]
	Number of Entities Assessed	Number that met between 70% and 79% of State Standards	Actual Percentage
	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]

	Percentage Meeting Organizational Standards by Category				
	Category	Number of Entities Assessed	Number that Met All Standards in	Actual Percentage	
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1.	Consumer Input and Involvement	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
2.	Community Engagement	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
3.	Community Assessment	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
4.	Organizational Leadership	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
5.	<b>Board Governance</b>	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
6.	Strategic Planning	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
7.	Human Resource Management	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
8.		[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	
9.	Data and Analysis	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Insert a number between 0 – 99]	[Auto-calculated]	

# G.1. State Linkages and Coordination at the State Level

- Examples of State linkages and coordination at the State level:
  - The State CSBG office participates in boards, task forces, cross-department meetings to coordinate and promote the work of CSBG.
  - The State CSBG office works closely with LIHEAP and Weatherization to streamline eligibility where possible.
  - The State CSBG office participates in working groups that offer coordination between state and local service providers and CSBG Eligible Entities including homelessness, housing and asset development.

# Section I: ROMA System I.1.a. & I.1.b. ROMA Participation

- Describe how the state:
  - updated data collection systems;
  - implemented new processes to review outcome data;
  - reviewed community needs assessments or community action plans.
- Describe any changes in these processes.

#### I.3. & I.4. State Review and Feedback on Data

### **I.3 State Review of CSBG Eligible Entity Data:**

Describe the *procedures and activities* the State used to *review the ROMA data* (i.e. all data from elements of the ROMA cycle) from CSBG Eligible Entities for *completion and accuracy* (e.g. methodology used for validating the data submitted annually by the local agencies).

#### I.3. & I.4. State Review and Feedback on Data

I.4 State Feedback on Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting: Has the state provided each CSBG Eligible Entity written, timely (at a minimum within 60 days of the submission) *feedback* regarding the entity's *performance in meeting* ROMA goals as measured through national performance data? How did the state review and provide feedback on ROMA data?

State Accountability Measure 5S(ii)

# I.5. State and CSBG Eligible Entity Continuous Improvement

 Provide 2-3 examples of changes made by CSBG Eligible Entities to improve service delivery and enhance impact for individuals, families, and communities with low-incomes based on their in-depth analysis of performance data.

## **Module 1 Instruction Manual and FAQs**



## **HOW DO WE GET THERE?**

Module 4, Section A: Individual and Family National Performance Indicators (NPIs) - Data Entry Form Goal 1: Individuals and Families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

#### **Employment Indicators**

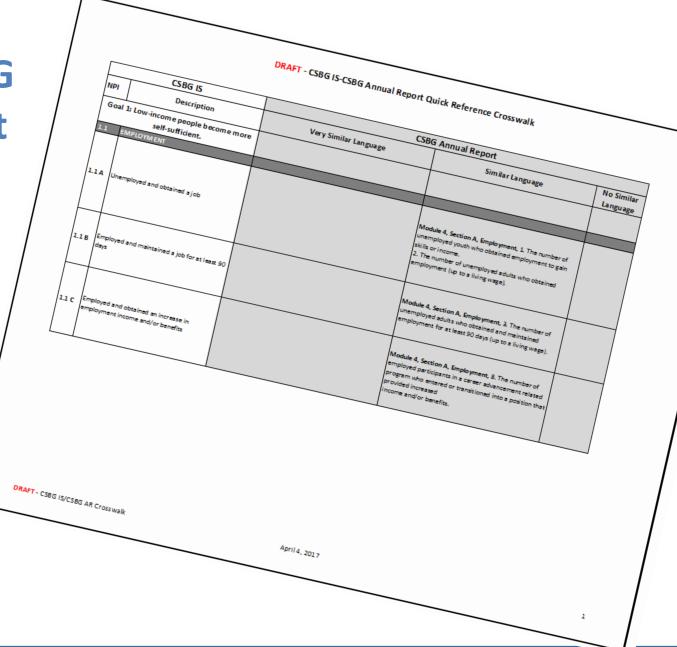
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Name of CSBS Eligible Entity Reporting:					
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(up to a living wage).  5. The number of unemployed adults who obtained					
employment (with a living wage or higher).  6. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and					
maintained employment for at least 90 days.					
(with a living wage or higher).					
7. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and					
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(with a living wage or higher).					
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# **Annotated CSBG Annual Report**

Comments:

CSBG IS – CSBG Annual Report Crosswalk



#### Module 3 Section B: Community National Performance Indicators (NPIs) - Data Entry Form CNPI EMP. Counts of Change for Employment Indicators (EMP) CNPI EMP 1. Number of jobs created to increase opportunities for people with low incomes in the CNPI EMP 2. Number of job opportunities maintained in the identified community. CNPI EMP 3. Number of "living wage" jobs created in the identified community\*. CNPI EMP 4. Number of "living wage" jobs maintained in the identified community\*. CNPI EMP 5. Number of jobs created in the identified community with a benefit package. CNPI EMP OTH Other Counts of Change for Employment Indicators - Please specify below. CNPI EMP OTH 1. Other CNPI EMP OTH 2. Other CNPI EMP OTH 3. Other RNPI EMP. Rates of Change for Employment Indicators RNPI EMP 1. Percent decrease of the unemployment rate. RNPI EMP 2. Percent decrease of the youth unemployment rate. RNPI EMP 3. Percent decrease of the underemployment rate. RNPI EMP OTH. Other Rates of Change for Employment Indicators RNPI EMP OTH 1. Other RNPI FMP OTH 2. Other RNPI EMP OTH 3. Other

Module 3			
Section C: Community Strategies List			
STR EMP Employment Strategies			
STR EMP 1. Minimum/Living Wage Campaign			
STR EMP 2 Job Creation/Employment Generation			
STR EMP 3. Job Fairs			
STR EMP 4. Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Promotion			
STR EMP 5. Commercial Space Development			
STR EMP 6. Employer Education			
STR EMP 7. Employment Policy Changes			
STR EMP 8. Employment Legislative Changes			
STR EMP 9. Other Employment Strategy: (please specify)			
STR ED Education and Cognitive Development Strategies			
STR ED 1. Preschool for All Campaign			
STR ED 2. Charter School Development			
STR ED 3. After School Enrichment Activities Promotion			
STR ED 4. Pre K-College/Community College Support			
STR ED 5. Children's Trust Fund Creation			
STR ED 6. Scholarship Creation			

#### Module 4

#### Section A: Individual and Family National Performance Indicators (NPIs) - Data Entry Form

#### **NPI EMP Employment**

NPI EMP 1. The number of unemployed youth who obtained employment to gain skills or income.

NPI EMP 2. The number of unemployed adults who obtained employment (up to a living wage).

NPI EMP 3. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and maintained employment for at least 90 days

(up to a living wage).

NPI EMP 4. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and maintained employment for at least 180 days

(up to a living wage).

NPI EMP 5. The number of unemployed adults who obtained employment (with a living wage or higher).

NPI EMP 6. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and maintained employment for at least 90 days

(with a living wage or higher).

NPI EMP 7. The number of unemployed adults who obtained and maintained employment for at least 180 days

(with a living wage or higher).

Module 4			
Section B: Individual and Family Services -			
Data Entry Form			
SRV EMP Employment Services			
SRV EMP 1. Skills Training and Opportunities for Experience			
SRV EMP 1a. Vocational Training			
SRV EMP 1b. On-the-Job and other Work Experience			
SRV EMP 1c. Youth Summer Work Placements			
SRV EMP 1d Apprenticeship/Internship			
SRV EMP 1e. Self-Employment Skills Training			
SRV EMP 1f. Job Readiness Training			
SRV EMP 2. Career Counseling			
SRV EMP 2a. Workshops			
SRV EMP 2b. Coaching			
SRV EMP 3. Job Search			
SRV EMP 3a. Coaching			
SRV EMP 3b. Resume Development			
SRV EMP 3c. Interview Skills Training			
SRV EMP 3d. Job Referrals			
SRV EMP 3e. Job Placements			
SRV EMP 3f. Pre-employment physicals, background checks, etc.			
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- Is it important to know if an item is Rate of Change or Count of Change? Or simply an NPI?
- Should "C" be used to differentiate
   Community versus Family Indicators? Or as a Count of Change?
- Should "S" be used instead of "SRV" or "STR"?

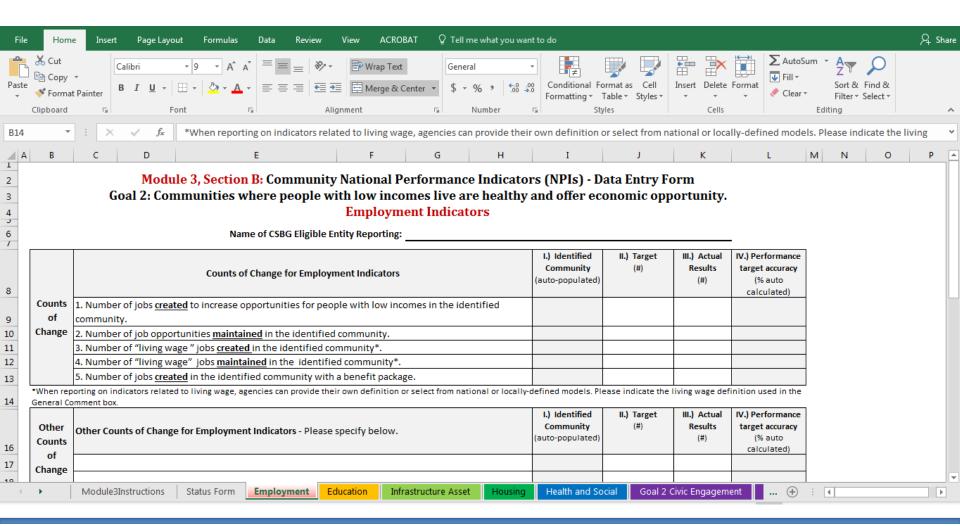
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#### CSBG Annual Report/IS Survey and Organizational Standards Crosswalk

CSBG Annual Report	Current CSBG IS	Organizational Standard reference
Module 1: State Administration Section B: Statewide Goals and Accomplishments  Section I: Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) System	Section D	1.2 • The Organization analyzes information collected directly from low-income individuals as part of the Community Assessment.  1.3 • The Organization has a systematic approach for collecting, analyzing, and reporting customer satisfaction data to the governing board.  3.3 • The Organization collects and analyzes both qualitative and quantitative data on its geographic service area(s) in the Community Assessment  9.3 • The organization's governing board and staff leadership have analyzed the agency's outcomes within at least the past 12 months and identified any necessary operational or strategic program adjustments and improvements.
Module 2: Agency Expenditures, Capacity, and Resources Section A: Local Agency CSBG Expenditures	Section E	n/a
Module 2: Agency Expenditures, Capacity, and Resources Section B: Local Agency Capacity Building	NPI Goals Three, Four, and Five	1.1 • The Organization demonstrates low-income participation in its activities. 2.1 • The Organization has documented or demonstrated partnerships across the community (for a specific purpose) including other anti-poverty organizations in the area. 2.4 • The Organization documents the number of volunteers and hours mobilized in support of its activities. 6.3 • The approved Strategic Plan contains Family, Agency, and/or Community goals.

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## **Modules 2-4 in Excel**



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#### Tools

FINAL CSBG Annual Report - This pdf is the OMB cleared CSBG Annual Report and is unchanged from the version included in the second Federal Register Notice (FRN#2), 30-day comment period in November 2016.

Module 2: Expenditure, Capacity, Resources Excel Forms, Module 3: Community Level Excel Forms, Module 4: Individual and Family Level Excel Forms - Download the excel forms for each module of the CSBG Annual report.

CSBG Reporting Timelines for States and local CSBG Eligible Entities - This chart shows the timeline for reporting on the CSBG Annual Report, Click here to see your State's CSBG Reporting Period.

State Reporting Periods for FY18 - Modules 2-4 are based on the State's CSBG Reporting Period and reporting starts in FY18. Check out this chart to see your State's Reporting Period.

#### Module 1 Resources:

CSBG Annual Report - Module 1: State Administration Instruction Manual - This document contains detailed instructions to guide your completion of Module 1.

Module 1 FAQs and Highlights - This 2-page flyer provides quick, important information about completing Module 1.

Module 1 Word Document - Module 1, State Administration of the CSBG Annual Report is now available in a word document.

#### OLDC Demos:

Take a look at these quick videos demonstrating how to complete each section of Module 1 in OLDC: Section A, Section B, Section C, Section D, Section E, Section F, Section G, Section H, Section I

#### Crosswalks:

High Level CSBG Annual Report/CSBG IS Survey Crosswalk - Use this quick reference tool to identify how the CSBG Annual Report and CSBG IS Survey overlap!

Annotated CSBG Annual Report -This detailed document provides line by line notations on which CSBG IS NPIs and Sections are included, expanded upon, or used to inform the CSBG Annual Report.

CSBG IS/CSBG Annual Report Crosswalk - Starting to map out how you will transition from the CSBG IS to the CSBG Annual Report? This detailed crosswalk starts with the NPIs in the CSBG IS Survey and identifies similar indicators in the CSBG Annual Report.

# **Training and Technical Assistance**

### Additional Tools:

- Support for states that begin collecting data on July 1, 2017
- New numbering system for the CSBG Annual Report
- CSBG Annual Report Crosswalk with LIHEAP, Head Start, WIOA, and Weatherization
- Webinar Series
- 2-day CSBG Annual Report Training
- Data Dictionary
- Instruction Manual and Lexicon

## **Questions?**

 What have you already done to get ready for implementation of modules 2-4?

 What do you need from NASCSP and other national partners?

# AMERICAN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION INDEX (ACSI)

### How the ACSI is Utilized

- In fall 2015, OCS used the ACSI methodology to obtain feedback from:
  - State CSBG Lead Agencies on services provided by the CSBG, as outlined in the Federal Accountability Measures.
  - CSBG Eligible Entities about services provided by the state CSBG Lead Agencies, as detailed in the new State Accountability Measures.
- OCS and the State CSBG Directors received their ACSI Survey Reports in February, 2016.

# **Key State Activities Covered in the Survey**

- Development of the State Plan
- Distribution of Funds
- Use of Discretionary Funds
- Training and Technical Assistance
- Monitoring and Corrective Action
- Linkages and Communication

# The ACSI: State Accountability Measures

- Seven of the State Accountability Measures specify use of ACSI survey data and other feedback, as appropriate, to adjust the State Plan to improve performance.
- State Accountability Measures 1Sb, 2Sb, 3Sb, 3Sd, 4Sb, 7Sb and 8S are measures of eligible entity satisfaction with the state's performance of critical elements of the State Plan.

# The ACSI and the CSBG Annual Report

- As part or the FY 2016 Annual Report,
   States reported on:
  - The State's most current ACSI Overall Satisfaction
     Score;
  - How the State considered feedback from eligible entities and other sources;
  - What actions were taken as a result of that feedback; and
  - Its target for Overall Satisfaction of the eligible entities in the State.

# The ACSI: CSBG Annual Report

- Because the State CSBG Plan may cover two fiscal years, annual updates related to the eligible entities satisfaction are provided in the Annual Report.
- Information about the satisfaction score and future target are requested in both the State Plan and the Annual Report.

# **Overall Satisfaction: Setting Targets**

- Sharing best practices across states—knowing what works and what does not—in terms of the State Accountability Measures can be key to longterm success.
- NASCSP Best Practices Workgroup
- Working collaboratively with the local agencies to make improvements and communicating what improvements are made will likely also have a positive impact on the ACSI score.

# The ACSI: Next Steps

- Going forward, OCS will continue to use the ACSI as part of its enhanced Performance Management Framework.
- Use of the ACSI allows OCS to collect consistent, uniform information from eligible entities across the country, and provides the states with actionable insights to improve their customer experience and boost program results.
- This is in keeping with the CSBG networks' enhanced emphasis on using data for analysis and decision-making to continually make program improvements.

# The ACSI: Next Steps

- OCS expects to conduct the ACSI Survey of Eligible Entities on at least a biennial basis.
- The next survey is expected to be administered during the *third quarter* of FY 2017 (April-June 2017).
- The survey results will be available to the States for use in developing the FY 2018 State Plans.
- OCS anticipates providing the States with timely survey results and timely feedback on the States use of the survey data.

# THEORY OF CHANGE

### **ROMA Next Generation**

- ROMA is a system for continuous quality improvement to enable the network to measure, analyze, and communicate performance.
- ROMA NG moves Community Action at all three levels to a culture of continuous learning rather than a compliance and reporting culture.
- Ultimately, ROMA NG will help the CSBG Network generate more robust results for individuals with low-incomes and the communities served.

### What's new in ROMA Next Generation?

- The adoption of a National Community Action Theory of Change.
- Renewal of the CSBG network understanding of the necessity of working toward community change as well as individual and family outcomes.
- Focus on improved collection and analysis of data.
  - Increased use of data at every point of the full ROMA Cycle.
  - Integration of the phases of the ROMA Cycle.

# Community Action Theory of Change

The foundation of ROMA NG is the National Community Action Theory of Change.

# What is the Community Action Theory of Change?

- The National Community Action TOC is the articulation of the underlying beliefs and assumptions that guide a service delivery strategy.
- It identifies the "why" and the "how" of the activities undertaken and it identifies the "what" of change and improvement produced.
- This national statement can be adapted for specific local needs and approaches by local CAAs.

# Why We Need It

- Make a complicated system easier to understand.
- Unify the network.
- Articulate core principles.
- Identify national goals.

#### **The National Community Action Network Theory of Change**

#### **Community Action Goals**

Individuals and families with low incomes are stable and achieve economic security.

Communities where people with low incomes live are healthy and offer economic opportunity.

People with low incomes are engaged and active in building opportunities in communities.

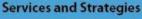












(some examples from the network)













#### **Community Action Core Principles**

- Recognize the complexity of the issues of poverty
- Build local solutions specific to local needs
- Support family stability as a foundation for economic security
- Pursue positive individual, family and community level change

- Maximize involvement of people with low incomes
- Engage local community partners and citizens in solutions
- Leverage state, federal and community resources
- Advocate for systemic change

#### **Performance Management**

How Well Does the Network Operate?

**Network Excellence** 

- Local Organizational Standards
- State and Federal Accountability Measures
- Results Oriented
   Management and
   Accountability System

What Difference Does the Network Make?

#### **Robust Results**

- National Performance Indicators for Individuals and Families
- National Performance Indicators for Communities

A national network of over 1,000 high-performing Community Action Agencies, State Associations, State offices, and Federal partners supported by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to mobilize communities to fight poverty.

To learn more, check out the Community Action Theory of Change Report. www.nascsp.org





What does data tell us about the needs in our specified community? What identified needs can we reasonably address either independently or in partnership with other organizations?

What has changed for the people we served? What Outcomes were achieved and for whom? What Services and Strategies contributed to achieving the Outcomes? What can we improve to better respond to local needs?

Assessment

Assess community needs and resources How do the Core Principles in the Theory of Change help guide our selection of Services and Strategies?

#### Evaluation

Analyze data, compare with benchmarks

Did the Outcomes achieved address the needs identified in the assessment phase? How well did we track our success? Did we meet our targets?



Achievement of Results

Observe and report outcomes and progress



Implementation

Planning

Use agency

mission, TOC, and

assessment to

support services/ strategies

Implement services and strategies to produce results How will we strategically respond as an agency to individual, family, and community needs? What impact do we want to have? What are our performance targets?

What Outcomes are observed and measured as Community and Family level NPIs? How do the Outcomes we are tracking move us towards Community Action Goals in TOC?

How do specific Services and Strategies help support and produce Outcomes to respond to the needs of our community? How will we implement our unique combination of Services and Strategies? And for what Outcomes (NPIs)?

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# Local Community Action Theory of Change

## A Local Theory of Change

The national TOC is the framework for the network, but each agency will identify its own TOC that will be a guide through analysis of Needs Assessment data, strategic planning, implementation of services, collection of data, and analysis of that data.

### **A Local Theory of Change**

The process of creating a local agency
 Theory of Change (TOC) is a process of
 thinking about how the agency is
 supposed to work and what is supposed
 to change because of their work.

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- The TOC thinking process essentially answers the questions:
  - How will this agency affect the movement of people with low-incomes to stability and economic security?
  - How will it affect the well-being of the community?

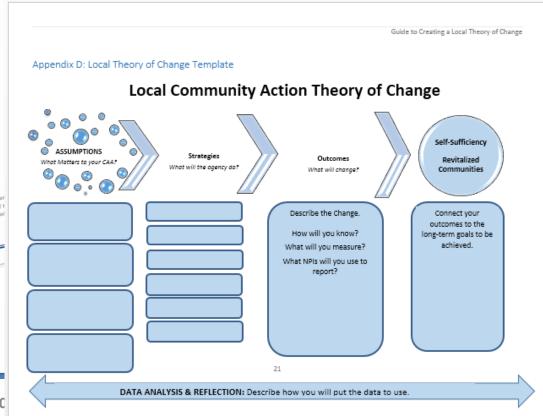
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- The worksheets help an agency work through the process of:
  - identifying assumptions;
  - thinking about the connections between identified needs, population served, outcomes that are realistic and possible for the population and the community; and
  - thinking about how the services and strategies provided achieve the outcomes.

# Questions?