LOGIC MODEL CHECKLIST

This checklist summarizes some key points to consider as you create or refine logic models in your program. It can serve as a first step in thinking about program planning and evaluation activities.

✓ **Our organization has a meaningful vision and/or mission statement**

Most nonprofit organizations have vision and mission statements. Sometimes these are lofty and aspirational. Other times they are grounded in a program's tangible goals and actions (operational). Ask yourself if your vision and mission are widely known inside and outside your organization, and whether they inform your work on a day-to-day basis. Or use our Sample Visioning Process to establish a shared community vision.

✓ **Our program has a theory of change that connects our strategies to our vision and mission**

Is your mission statement aspirational, operational, or somewhere in between? Think about the strategies you use in your work, and how they connect to your mission and vision. This is your theory of change. While it may not be explicit, it should be broadly understood by program stakeholders. Helpful resources include our Group So-That Chain Activity and our Theory of Change to Logic Model Tip Sheet and Worksheet.

✓ **Our theory of change is oriented toward equity**

Are your programs designed to advance racial and/or economic equity in your community? Is this clear in your mission, vision, and/or value statements? Are your strategies designed in a way that your program can make progress toward its equity goals? Use our Equitable Evaluation Guiding Questions to assess your practice.

✓ **A logic model is used to map program activities to outputs and outcomes**

Even if your program is well established, creating or revising a logic model can help you to think about whether your program theory is consistent with your activities, outputs, and outcomes. Once created, your logic model can help you to identify and prioritize evaluation questions. Use our Logic Model Interview Guide to talk through your logic model elements and our Logic Model Template to capture your thinking.

✓ **Our logic model is periodically reviewed by program stakeholders**

A logic model is a living document. The most effective logic models are developed collaboratively, and reviewed regularly by program stakeholders. Use your logic model to orient new staff to your program, and to check in with young people and families about whether your program is working as intended. See our Logic Model Check-In Guiding Questions for guidance.