Keys to Food Bank Nutrition Education Program Evaluation

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Objectives

• Describe the importance of evaluating nutrition education programs at food banks

• Identify at least two evaluation resources on the Healthy Food Bank Hub
  www.healthyfoodbankhub.org

• Describe at least one outcome of the CA Association of Food Banks Evaluation Report

• Name at least two criterion from of the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE)
Introducing Today’s Speakers

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Rationale and approaches to nutrition education evaluations

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Rationale: Why evaluate?

- Document
- Justify
- Improve
PDSA cycle in program planning and evaluation

http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/PlanDoStudyActWorksheet.aspx
Key tenants to a good evaluation

✓ Planned prior to implementation of the program

✓ Grounded in program objectives

✓ Based on theory and/or framework

✓ Accurate report of results
Be careful how you report results

Program objective: Participants will improve fruit and vegetable consumption by one serving per day by the end of the program.

Evaluation: Assess fruit and vegetable consumption using food diaries.

Outcome: Improvement in fruit and vegetable consumption among 75% of participants!

Program report: The nutrition education improved health outcomes such as heart disease and diabetes.
Program report: This program was effective in improving fruit and vegetable consumption among the majority of participants. While higher fruit and vegetable consumption is linked to lowered risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, these were not assessed. Our next iteration of the program will assess change in risk factors related to chronic diseases.
No need to reinvent the wheel

There are FREE and easy-to-use evaluations available at
www.healthyfoodbankhub.org/assessment-and-evaluations/
Assessments and Evaluations

A resource list developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is specifically intended to help food banks and those working with food banks to identify and utilize validated evaluation and assessment tools for nutrition and health programs and initiatives. This list includes helpful descriptions, topics and applications of each resource.

There are many different strategies to provide nutrition education. When working with a food bank or within a food insecure community, one important first step is to conduct a needs assessment to scan for strengths and gaps in nutrition education within the community. Finding out what other organizations are offering is important; most likely, food banks will not be the only organization providing nutrition education in the community. Use this assessment to determine the correct level and type of service/strategy to pursue, as well as help identify potential partners, define the target audience, learn about community values and motivation, and ultimately predict successful outcomes.

The next step is to decide which method of delivery is the best for your nutrition education program. Remember, one of the basic objectives of your program should be to empower low-income individuals and families to make the best use of their food resources with the challenges they face. Challenges with representative access and availability are the other major concern.
Assessment and Evaluation Resources:
Helpful resources when working with food insecure populations

This resource list was developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation as part of a project funded through an educational grant from Feeding America. This resource list is specifically intended to help food banks and those working with food banks to identify and utilize validated evaluation and assessment tools for nutrition and health programs and initiatives.

Each resource includes the following:
- **Description** - explains what is included in the resource
- **Topics** - identifies the main topics included in the resource
- **Application** - describes how the resource can be used

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1. Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE): Building a Foundation of Knowledge to Prioritize Community Needs
Source: Centers for Disease Control - Healthy Communities Program - Tools for Community Action
http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/programs/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/change.htm
Description:
This resource walks community team members through an 8-step assessment process.
Topics:
Community assessment; strategic planning
Application:
Develop strategic plans for sustainable community-based programs. Define and prioritize areas for improvement. Annually assess current policy, systems, and environmental change strategies and offer new priorities for future efforts.

2. Community Tool Box
Source: University of Kansas
http://ctb.ku.edu/en
Description:
This website is intended to help individuals and organizations in the community build health
Needs assessment examples

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND GROUP EVALUATION (CHANGE)

Building a Foundation of Knowledge to Prioritize Community Needs
AN ACTION GUIDE
Evaluation Planning Tools
The tools below offer direction and guidance on how to incorporate validated evaluation tools into your nutrition education program.

1. Evaluation Handbook
   Source: W.K. Kellogg Foundation
   https://www.nwcphp.org/documents/evaluation/kellogg-eval-handbook
   Description:
   This resource describes the role evaluation should play at the project level.
   Topics:
   Program development; evaluation planning
   Application:
   Learn about types of evaluations, how to plan and implement evaluation procedures, and how utilize the results.

2. Introduction to Program Evaluation for Public Health Programs
   Source: Centers for Disease Control
   http://www.cdc.gov/eval/guide/
   Description:
   This document is a “how to” guide for planning and implementing evaluation activities. The manual, based on CDC’s Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health, is intended to assist in planning, designing, implementing and using comprehensive evaluations in a practical way.
   Topics:
   Program development; evaluation planning
   Application:
   Learn how to establish an evaluation team, how to engage stakeholders, how to complete a logic model, and more.
Introduction to Program Evaluation for Public Health Programs: A Self-Study Guide

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http://www.cdc.gov/eval/guide/
Nutrition Education
Nutrition Education Delivery, continued

Application:
Build effective nutrition education programs with a higher likelihood of achieving their outcomes. Or, use GENIE to compare nutrition education programs to select the highest quality program.

3. Theory at a Glance
Source: National Cancer Institute

Description:
This resource contains a concise summary of health behavior theories and describes how to put theories into practice when designing programs.

Topics:
Program development; writing proposals

Application:
Develop programs based on learning theories that support expected outcomes.
Access it here:
Nutrition Education Delivery

After conducting the needs assessment, deciding what method of delivery is the best for your nutrition education program can be challenging. There is no “one-size fits all” model for delivering nutrition education. Nonetheless, there are some widely accepted nutrition education and public health best practices, including, but not limited to, focusing on specific behaviors rather than knowledge alone; involving active participation on the part of the learners through a variety of teaching methods; and addressing the motivations, needs and interests of the target audience.

The Healthy Food Bank Hub identifies four nutrition education strategies:

Nudges http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/nudges/
Point of Service http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/point-of-service/
Workshops/Classes http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/workshops-and-classes/
Train the Trainer http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/train-the-trainer/

These strategies are examples of how organizations working with food insecure individuals are implementing the important work of nutrition education. Resources helpful for determining the best method of delivery for your nutrition education program are listed below.

1. Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) Checklist Tool
Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation
http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/resource/nutrition-education-handout-checklist/

Description:
The DANEH checklist includes a description of characteristics found in quality nutrition education handouts.

Topics:
Creating educational materials; assessing educational materials

Application:
Screen existing nutrition education handouts and/or develop new quality nutrition education handouts.
Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) Checklist

The Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) checklist was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation as part of the Future of Food (FOF) project. The purpose of the DANEH checklist is twofold: 1) to screen existing nutrition education handouts in order to establish the inclusion/exclusion of important quality components, and 2) as a tool to use in developing quality nutrition education handouts. The checklist incorporates 21 constructs identified as quality indicators to be included in nutrition education handouts, based on a literature review. The constructs are categorized into five main topic areas: content; behavior focus; cultural sensitivity; written word; and organization/readability.

Results of DANEH validation testing proved that DANEH is a valid tool and has good interrater reliability for handouts for a general low-income audience when RDNs are the reviewers. It is recommended that a score of 18 out of 21 possible points (86%) by two reviewers is the cutpoint for handouts to be considered high quality handouts. For handouts with a score of 17, it is recommended that a 3rd reviewer rates the handout using DANEH. It is recommended that handouts with a score of 16 or less are not considered high quality.

The DANEH checklist is used to vet nutrition education handouts for inclusion in the FOF Healthy Food Bank Resource Hub website for a target audience of people facing food insecurity. All handouts posted on www.healthyfoodbankhub.org have been approved using the DANEH checklist.

http://sm.eatright.org/GENIE
Useful for assessing overall improvements in diet, or use specific questions for your intervention.

Targeted only to interventions aiming to increase fruit and vegetable consumption.

1. Over the last month, how many times per month, week, or day did you drink 100% juice such as orange, apple, grape, or grapefruit juice? **Do not count** fruit drinks like Kool-Aid, lemonade, Hi-C, cranberry juice drink, Tang, and Twister. Include juice you drank at all mealtimes and between meals.

2. Over the last month, how many times per month, week, or day did you eat fruit? **Do not count** juices. Include fruit you ate at all mealtimes and for snacks.
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Evaluation Survey Tools
It is important for evaluation tools match the intervention to accurately evaluate the program. The sample surveys below may be helpful in identifying specific questions that have been tested and will match your intervention.

1. Compendium of Surveys for Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention
Source: Champions for Change - Network for a Healthy California
Description:
This compendium contains tools for evaluating programs working with children, teens, and adults. Some of the surveys contained within the compendium have been validated and should not be modified. Others are designed to be modified to reflect the specific items targeted by the intervention.
Topics:
Evaluation planning
Application:
Use content from sample evaluations to evaluate nutrition education programs.

2. Daily Food Checklist
Source: National Cancer Institute - Applied Research
Description:
This 8-page booklet contains 7 Daily Food Lists and instructions.
Topic:
Evaluation planning
Application:
Use as an in-depth evaluation of eating patterns and/or for sample questions to include in creating a smaller scale evaluation tool.

3. Dietary Assessment Instruments
Source: USDA
Description:
Dietary Assessment Instruments for Research

Measures Registry (Childhood Obesity Research)
National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research.
For public health researchers, a searchable database of diet and physical activity measures (or tools) relevant to childhood obesity research to promote the consistent use of common measures and research methods.

Diet History Questionnaire
DHHS. NIH. National Cancer Institute.
Part of Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods, this questionnaire provides background information and tools and resources for utilizing this program.

Dietary Assessment Calibration/Validation Register
DHHS. NIH. National Cancer Institute.
Register contains studies and publications which compare dietary intake estimates from two or more dietary assessment methods.

Behavior Change and Maintenance
DHHS. NIH. Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.
Summary report of research on key health behaviors and lifestyle factors affecting disease.

USDA Healthy Eating Index
USDA. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.
The HEI is a summary measure of overall diet quality.
Unsure of what steps to take?

- Reach out to Feeding America’s Community Health and Nutrition Team  
  nutritionteam@feedingamerica.org

- Partner with a researcher from your local university!
Thank You!

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Assessing Effectiveness of Nutrition Education at a Food Bank

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UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
Associate Director of Nutrition Programs
Today’s talk

- Second Harvest Food Bank description
- USDA SNAP-ed Grant
- Nutrition Education program
How We Give Out Food

Our Food Distributions

Family Harvest

Senior Brown Bag

Direct Service Sites & Partner Agencies

Produce Mobile

Mobile Pantry
Encourage Food Bank clients to:
- Take, prepare, and eat Food Bank foods, especially produce
- Make healthy food choices based on MyPlate

Agency client classes:
- Food Safety, Shopping on budget, MyPlate, etc.

Provide Nutrition education materials to partner agencies to share with clients
Challenges

1. Clients don’t want to lose their place in line
2. Belief that clients not interested in nutrition education
3. Diverse languages
4. Unfamiliar produce
5. 140+ direct distribution sites, only 2 nutritionists
How We Addressed these Challenges

Develop 3-5 minute lessons to teach clients while waiting in line.

Simple objectives.

Snippet of nutrition information.

Include a food demonstration or food sample tasting plus recipe.
How We Addressed these Challenges

Nutritionists place the lesson materials on cart.

Cart is pushed along the line of clients.

Nutrition display is interactive and engaging!
Help With Diverse Languages

Recruit and train Health Ambassadors to help teach in a bilingual/bicultural manner
How Effective is This Nutrition Education?
Evaluation Design

- CAFB, Perales & Associates
- Dr. Perales from SJSU
- 6 control & 6 intervention sites
- Received same produce
  - Controls: no education
- “Post-test” only
  - 1 month after education
Intervention Group

June & July
• Brief lessons
• Recipe Cards
• Recipe tastings

August
• Recipe Cards
Results

46% of intervention group reported preparing more vegetables, vs. 10% control
The intervention group reported being:

2.3 times more likely to make sure their families ate all 5 food groups from the My Plate model than the control group.
The Intervention group also reported being:

1.6 times more likely to purchase the same produce item at the store than control group
Conclusion

- Clients are interested in nutrition education, both in line and at agency classes.
- Even 5-minute sessions, paired with food, recipes and samples, can lead to positive reported health behavior changes.
- With some training and simple lessons, non-nutritionists can provide effective nutrition education.
How did we use these results?

- Shared with food bank donors interested in nutrition education
- Shared with all food bank staff to show how their support with materials has paid off
- Used the data successfully when applying for next USDA SNAP-Ed grant
Assessing the Impact of Nutrition Education at Produce Distributions

by

Perales & Associates Evaluation Services

October 2012
Evaluation Examples & Reports
The report listed below is specific to food banks and contains helpful tools for program evaluation.

1. Assessing the Impact of Nutrition Education at Produce Distributions
Source: California Association of Food Banks

Description:
This report summarizes a research study that evaluated the impact of brief nutrition education interventions on food bank clients participating in produce distributions. Contains charts and helpful tools for program evaluation.

Topics:
Program development; evaluation planning

Application: Use as a reference to support that short nutrition education interventions can be effective.
New "Produce Toolbox" Education Materials Available

http://cafoodbanks.org/produce-toolbox-evaluation-report.html
Thank You!

My email

- Janet Leader
- jleader@ph.ucla.edu
Introducing GENIE

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Nutrition education is important

What does ‘good’ look like?
What is GENIE?

- A simple-to-use online checklist
- A rigorously validated tool for designing, modifying or comparing nutrition education programs
- A tool kit of resources for program planners
How was GENIE created?

3 Step Process
Criteria development and expert panel
Reviewer testing
Systematic literature review
Introducing GENIE

sm.eatright.org/GENIE


| CATEGORY COLOR CODE | 1) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE | 2) PROGRAM GOAL | 3) PROGRAM FRAMEWORK | 4) PROGRAM SETTING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN | 5) INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS | 6) PROGRAM CONTENT | 7) PROGRAM MATERIALS | 8) EVALUATION | 9) SUSTAINABILITY |
The Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE) is provided for your use by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and its Foundation with funding support from the ConAgra Foods Foundation. GENIE was designed as a simple, practical, and evidence-based tool to help nutrition education practitioners design high quality and effective programs. Program planners can benefit from GENIE during the design process to build effective nutrition education programs with a higher likelihood of achieving their outcomes. Program reviewers can also use GENIE to efficiently compare various nutrition education program proposals and inform funding decisions.

We invite you to view these brief video presentations and welcome you to this exciting resource:

- An Introduction to GENIE
- Guide for Effective Nutrition Intervention and Education
- Message from ConAgra and ConAgra Foods Foundation

GENIE was designed as a self-assessment tool. The results of your assessment will not be shared with anyone and the feedback is intended to help you improve your education programs. A high score is indicative of a high quality program, but does not necessarily indicate that your program may be more likely to receive funding. Keep in mind that while most GENIE’s criteria will apply to your program goals, some may not.

Clicking the I Agree/Start button below takes you directly to the GENIE checklist. If this will be your first time using GENIE, we strongly recommend that you familiarize yourself with the tool first before assessing your program. Click on the “How to Use GENIE” tab at the top of the page to access our sample proposals and scoring benchmarks. These tools were designed to help you learn how to effectively rate programs using GENIE. You can also skip directly to GENIE’s resources by clicking on the Videos and Resource Kit table at the top of the page. When you’re ready to evaluate your
Welcome to the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education -- GENIE! The GENIE checklist can be used to help you create a new nutrition education program, improve or modify an existing program, or compare different nutrition education programs.

The checklist consists of 9 Categories with various quality criteria within each category. Simply check "Yes" if the criterion is present in your program or "No" if it is not present. The "information" icons explain potentially unfamiliar concepts. Hover your cursor over the icon to view the information for each criterion. After completing the GENIE checklist, your program will be given a score based on how many quality criteria you marked as present.

Tips for program planners: When scoring your program, strive to mark only criteria that are clearly described in your plan. Since it can be difficult to score a program plan that you have written yourself, consider asking a colleague to complete the GENIE checklist for you. It may be easier for an outsider to provide an objective assessment. When scoring your nutrition education program, understand that having a checkmark for every criterion is ideal, but may not be realistic. If your program will not include a certain feature, provide rationale in your plan as to why it will be excluded.

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# GENIE Criteria

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1.1 The proposed program provides evidence of feasibility.

- **Yes**
- **No**

FEASIBLE - capable of being done; reasonable

1.3 The proposed program defines the target group and need (think about it is well-timed and/or novel)

- **Yes**
- **No**
### 3. PROGRAM FRAMEWORK

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## 5. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

**5.1** The proposed program includes several techniques to promote learning.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**5.2** The proposed program includes several techniques to motivate participants.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**5.3** The proposed program includes several techniques to promote nutrition behavior change.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**5.4** The proposed program explains why the planned teaching time and dose are adequate/fitting use related research or best practice examples as support.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

## 6. PROGRAM CONTENT

**6.1** The proposed program content relates to program goals.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**6.2** The proposed program content is based on best practice examples or related research with citations from relevant research or government/health society guidance.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**6.3** The proposed program content is supported by experts or key informants.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

## 7. PROGRAM MATERIALS

**7.1** The program cites and explains that the materials have social and cultural relevance including language, reading level, food likes/dislikes, household status, food/diet needs, interests, age/development stage matched, learning style and/or format.
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
8. EVALUATION

8.1 The proposed program includes measurement tools that address program goals.
- Yes
- No

8.2 The proposed program includes measurement tools that are reliable, valid, and chosen based on related research or best practice.
- Yes
- No

8.3 The proposed program’s evaluation method is cited, based on related research, best practice or includes pilot testing to support its use.
- Yes
- No

8.4 The proposed program includes process evaluation to check that the program is implemented as planned.
- Yes
- No

8.5 The proposed program includes outcome evaluation measures for proximal goals.
- Yes
- No

8.6 The proposed program includes outcome and/or impact evaluation measures for intermediate or distal goals.
- Yes
- No

8.7 The proposed program evaluates outcome/impact at multiple time points.
- Yes
- No

8.8 The proposed program includes an appropriate analysis plan.
- Yes
- No

9. SUSTAINABILITY

9.1 The proposed program addresses the potential for the program to continue.
- Yes
- No
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Thank you for completing the survey. Your score is 18.

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09/13/2014

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**1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE**

1. 1.1 The proposed program provides evidence of feasibility.
   - Yes
   - No

2. 1.2 The proposed program describes why it is well-timed and/or novel.
   - No

3. 1.3 The proposed program defines the target group and need (think about health inequities).
   - Yes
   - No
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Yes
No

4. 1.4 The proposed program justifies that the target group will benefit from the program or intervention, based on related research, best practice examples, or a needs assessment.

Yes
No

Score: 2
Recommended Practice
If you scored 3 or 4 - Great job! Your score indicates that your program meets 50% or more of the GENIE criteria for this category.

If you scored 0, 1 or 2 - It is important that your program plan is achievable and meets the needs of your target audience. It's important to explain how your program is not only necessary to meet those needs, but sufficiently planned to be effective. A literature review is strongly recommended to gather best practice recommendations and give you a sense of other effective interventions that address a similar target population or a similar topic. If you are not familiar with how to do a literature search or needs assessment, there are some tools in the GENIE Resource Kit to help you.
Thank you for completing the survey. Your score is 18
Resource Kit

Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education
Many resources are offered to GENIE to assist nutrition educators at any level of experience in developing the most effective programs possible.

**Definitions**

To download a complete listing of defined terms and program examples found within the GENIE checklist, click here.

**Videos and Tutorials**

A series of informational videos and tutorials have been created to help you familiarize yourself with GENIE and learn how GENIE can help you develop your nutrition education program. Click on the links below to access each presentation:

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**Additional Presentations**

- The Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education
- An Introduction to GENIE
- A Message from ConAgra Foods Foundation
- Why GENIE was Developed?
- Why is GENIE Important?
- How to Use GENIE

**Sample Proposals**

Familiarize yourself with GENIE by viewing this brief video presentation and using the sample proposals and scoring benchmarks.

Presentation

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Category 1- Program Description and Importance-v3.mov

sm.eatright.org/GENIE
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✧ GENIE Sample Proposals

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- Sample Proposal - First Draft Coded
- First Draft Benchmark

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PDF Note: You will need Adobe Reader to view these files. A free download is available from http://get.adobe.com search within the PDF files using the function CTRL+F.

Additional Resources

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Nutrition Proposal Example

You’re an education director at a mid-sized metro area food bank that coordinates programs at multiple local pantries. You would like to start a new program for parents and their children. You’re writing a grant proposal to a local funding organization to support your pilot project.
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Evaluation: Self-designed surveys to evaluate MyPlate knowledge, self-reported family meals and food habits
Proposed Program- What are we doing well?

Category 1: Program Description and Importance
• Evidence of feasibility, program is appropriate for the target group

Category 2: Program Goal
• Various appropriate goals are well defined and measurable

Category 4: Program Setting, Recruitment and Retention Plan
• Interested audience, program held at community locations where children already receive afterschool care
Scored High in 3 Categories:

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Proposed Program- Where can we improve?

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Proposed Program - What did we change?

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• No research or best-practice exampled to back up structure or content of the program

Category 3 - Program Framework and Design:

National Cancer Institute: Theory at a Glance

A “resource for public health practitioners seeking a single, concise summary of health behavior theories”, described as being “neither overwhelming nor superficial”.

Proposed Program - What did we change?

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Integrate the Social Cognitive Theory to explain program design
Proposed Program - What did we change?

Category 5: Program Methods

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Category 4- Program Setting, Recruitment, and Retention Plan:

Centers for Disease Control- Program Design

“This Web site serves to introduce certain concepts, provide resources for more detailed information on program design, and link program planners to practical resources”. Although specifically designed for workplace wellness programs, the materials included here can be applied to other adult populations.

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/hwi/programdesign/
Proposed Program - What did we change?

Category 5: Program Methods

• Does not explain why planned teaching time/dose are adequate or appropriate

• Spread program over 5 sessions of 90 minutes based on HOME model

• Change education focus from MyPlate to more targeted dietary needs (reduce high fat foods, increase fruit and vegetables, reduce high sugar foods/beverages, and controlled portions)
Proposed Program- What did we change?

Category 8: Evaluation

• Self-designed survey has not been tested. Unknown reliability and validity.
Proposed Program- What did we change?

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Use validated assessment instruments

• Modified General Nutrition Knowledge Questionnaire
• Family Meal Routines Survey (Frequency of Family Meals)
• Brief Meal Time Screener (Content of Family Meals)
• Fulkerson Home Food Inventory

Proposed Program - What did we change?

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Planning for the sustainability of community-based health programs: conceptual frameworks and future directions for research, practice and policy

Mona C. Shediac-Rizkallah and Lee R. Bone

Abstract

Attention to the sustainability of health intervention programs both in the US and abroad is increasing, but little consensus exists on the conceptual and operational definitions of sustainability. Moreover, an empirical knowledge base about the determinants of sustainability is still at an embryonic stage. Planning for the sustainability of community-based health programs

This “paper presents an initial set of potential guidelines and strategies for fostering program sustainability within the dynamic context of community”.

http://her.oxfordjournals.org/content/13/1/87.full.pdf
Proposed Program - What did we change?

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Partner with local grocery store to sponsor groceries for education sessions and/ or coupons for families

Consider collaborating with dietetic internships/ nursing programs/ culinary schools to provide staff support

Coordinate efforts with EFNEP/ SNAP program and community groups for referrals
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How GENIE can be used

- Enhance educators’ skill and confidence
- Choose appropriate lessons
- Arrange space to facilitate learning
- Modify activities as appropriate
- Encourage providers to include parents
- Use a variety of instructional methods
- Engage youth on multiple levels

Apply GENIE:

- New programs
- Comparing programs
- Modifying programs
- Advising others
Summary

• You and your clients will benefit from using strong evaluation tools.

• The Healthy Food Bank Hub has many helpful evaluation resources. [www.healthyfoodbankhub.org/assessment-and-evaluations/](http://www.healthyfoodbankhub.org/assessment-and-evaluations/)

• Program evaluation results will only be as good as the program it is evaluating...use GENIE and other resources to plan programs.
Thank you!