

Families and Children Activity program logic template

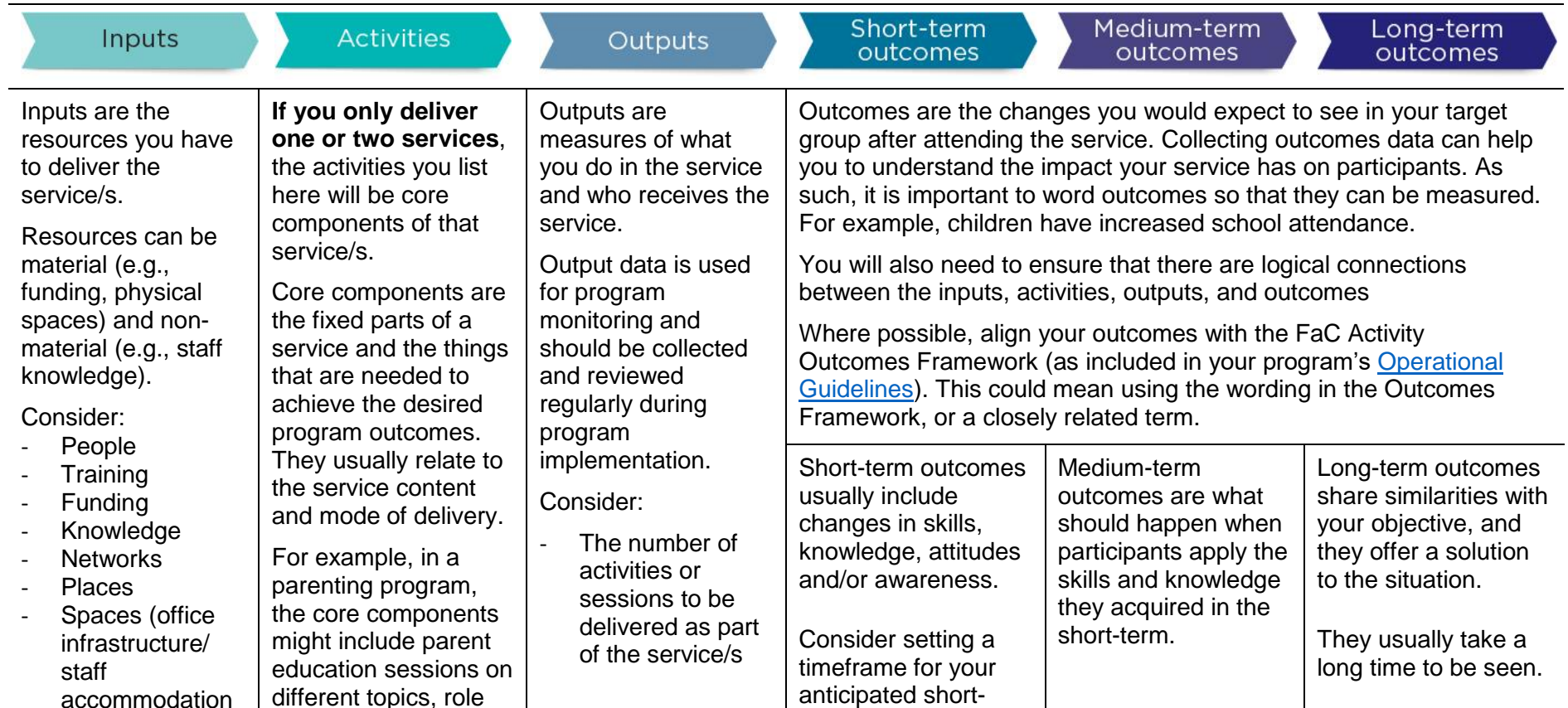
Objective/s: Write one or two lines about what you want to achieve through service delivery.

Needs statement

The situation summary provides important information about why a service is needed. In a few sentences, describe the problem or need that the program will address. Include information about:

- The nature and extent of the problem or need within the community
- Why the situation needs a response and what will happen if it is not addressed
- Who is primarily affected by the situation or who in particular needs support i.e., who is the target group

Reference any data sources you use or claims you make here. Refer to your needs assessment if you have one or the needs statement in your Activity Work Plan.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment - IT systems - Partner organisations 	<p>modelling and referrals.</p> <p>See the single service example for further guidance.</p> <p>If you deliver multiple services (e.g., peer support program, counselling and playgroup), the activities you list here will be the name of those services. It should match the services you have documented in your Activity Work Plan.</p> <p>If your services have similar target groups and outcomes, consider grouping them together. For example, parenting programs.</p> <p>See the multi-service example for further guidance.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of clients who attend the service/s - Client attendance rates - Client demographics (this should match the target group you described in your situation) - Relevant intake, assessment and referral numbers 	<p>term outcomes in your submission.</p>	<p>They can take some time to see and commonly include changes in behaviours and practices.</p> <p>Consider setting a timeframe for your anticipated medium-term outcomes in your submission.</p>	<p>Consider setting a timeframe for your anticipated long-term outcomes in your submission.</p>
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Theory of change statement

The statement you write here is intended to be a simplified version of a [Theory of Change](#). It should explain how and why the activities in the program logic model will lead to the intended service outcomes: it is your theory or explanation of why you think what you do (activities and outputs) will produce the results (outcomes) you want.

The statement should provide a brief description of each activity listed above, explain how it aligns with published research evidence about what works and how you expect it to contribute to the intended outcomes.

If your work is guided by practice frameworks (e.g., [Best Interests Framework for Vulnerable Children and Youth](#)) or theories (e.g., attachment theory), you should say what they are and why they are relevant to the intended outcomes.

It is important to use published evidence (e.g., journal articles, evidence summaries, evaluation reports, government reports etc.), where possible, to support your claims about how the program is expected to work. Include references where appropriate. If there is no available research evidence to draw from, then explain why you think your chosen strategy will work – preferably using some other form of evidence such as client feedback or practitioner experience.

If you're unsure where to find research evidence, or the best kind of evidence to use, these resources can help:

- Evidence Based Section of your Activity Work Plan, and the associated Activity Work Plan Guidance document
- AIFS guide on [how to review evidence](#) (step 3 in particular)
- AIFS resource on [What is an evidence-informed approach to practice and why is it important?](#)
- [CFCA library of publications](#) on various child, family and community related topics
- [Google scholar](#)

If you are looking for evidence in support of your theory of change, you can narrow your search by asking these questions:

- What strategies, practices or interventions are effective for achieving the desired outcomes?
- What strategies, practices and interventions are effective when working with the target group?
- Are there any known theories that have been shown to produce positive outcomes for the target group?
- What are the benefits of the type of service you deliver (e.g., counselling service)?