Bridging Systems for Kinship Families

Strengthening collaboration across government systems and nonprofit service providers to address service barriers and leverage resources, all to better serve kinship families

WORKBOOK

BRIDGING SYSTEMS FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES

GRANDFAMILIES & KINSHIP SUPPORT NETWORK

A National Technical Assistance Center

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Goals

- Improve supports & services for kinship families
- Reduce silos & increase collaboration among systems
- Increase use of evidence-informed practices
- Amplify the voices of those with lived experience

Agenda – Day 1

- Arrivals
- Overview of the two days
  - Introductions
  - Background
  - Theory of change
  - Discuss conversations & insights
  - Define the challenges
- Break
- Explore visions of the future
  - Create shared vision
- Close

Overview of the Two Days

Day 1

- Define the challenges/the problems we are trying to solve
- Create a shared vision

Day 2

- Develop solutions
- Develop draft action plan

Action Step

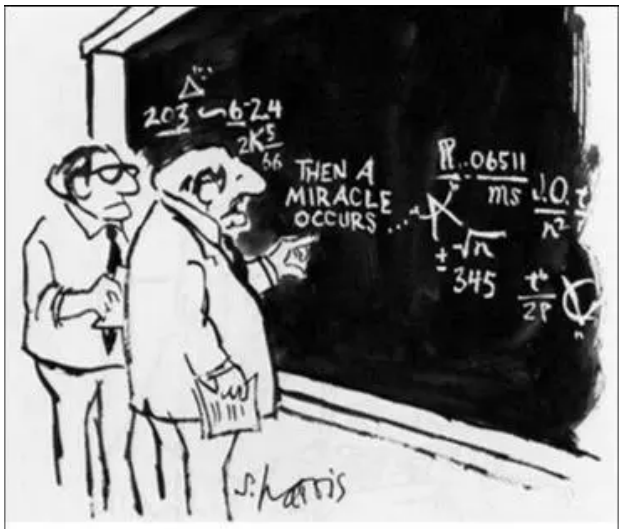
Review and solicit feedback on draft action plan

Engaging in Collaborative Action Learning



Why Develop a Theory of Change?

- Identifies the ROOT CAUSE(S) of a problem, the theory behind why they occur, and how to effect positive change
- Explains HOW a program or initiative works and WHY it is expected to lead to the desired change
- Maps out the CONDITIONS needed to get to the looked-for outcomes



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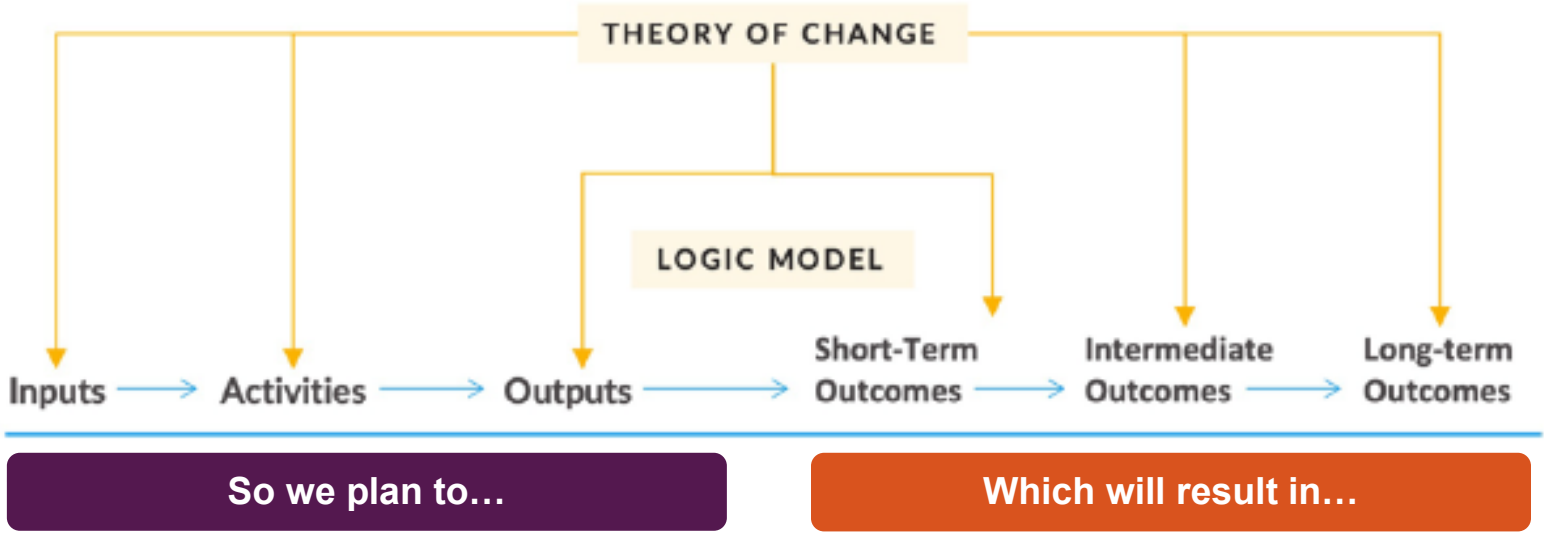
How is a Theory of Change Related to a Logic Model?

A **logic model** is a roadmap to the program or initiative based on the theory of change.

Logic models are used to measure and track outcomes.

And they illustrate the links between the program activities, outputs, and outcomes.

Transforming the Theory of Change into a Logic Model

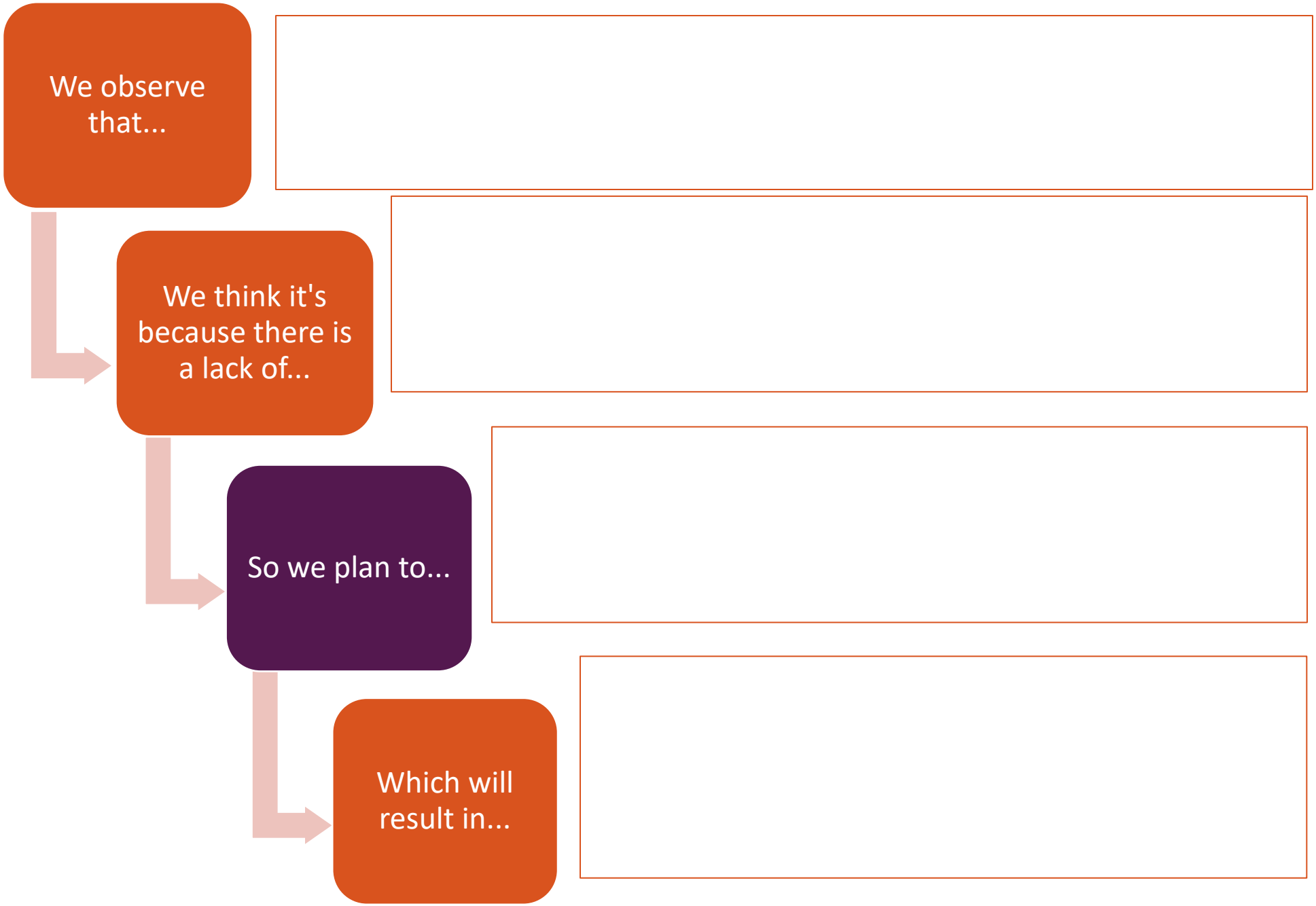


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Agenda – Day 2

Arrivals	Overview of day 2 Review draft theory of change from day 1 Brainstorm solutions	Break	Storyboard solutions Identify top solutions	Lunch	Measure progress Develop action plan Next steps	Close

Theory of Change Model



Build Out and Test Your Solutions – Storyboard It!

More panels are on the following pages. Remember to include details about what and who is needed in each step

If you want, give your solution idea(s) an exciting name:

Describe challenge…

Describe solution…

Describe what happens next…

Describe what happens next…

Describe what happens next…

Describe the result…

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Develop an Action Plan

All goals and action steps should be measurable

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Action Step: Provide Feedback

Once the action plans from today are combined into one draft action plan, please review and solicit feedback.

To consider and ask as you're collecting feedback from within your agency or organization:

- Are the planned actions desirable, viable, and feasible (DVF)?
- Do the planned actions build on what we already do well in our jurisdiction?
- Are we leveraging existing resources with these planned actions?
- What/who will support the planned actions?
- What are some barriers to the planned actions?

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The Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network: A National Technical Assistance Center (Network) helps government agencies and nonprofits in states, tribes, and territories work across jurisdictional and systemic boundaries to improve supports and services for families in which grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends are raising children whose parents are unable to do so. For more information, please visit www.GKSNetwork.org.

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