Logic Models: A Tool for Engaging in Sub-Field, Multidisciplinary and Multi-Stakeholder Research?

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ABSTRACT

One of the ongoing challenges facing anthropology in engagement is the sub-fields within anthropology as well as within social sciences. This paper explores the potential of engaging in the development of logic models as a tool to address these challenges. A recent logic model workshop with health professionals and community-university research partnerships in the University of Regina, Canada, introduced logic models as a tool to develop research and disseminate knowledge. The workshop was part of a larger research project funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Canadian Social Science Research Council to explore potential approaches in engaging community-university research partnerships. The logic model workshop was designed to promote a common understanding of complex phenomena and to facilitate the development of a tool that could be used by anthropologists and community members to engage in higher education programs and research.

WHAT IS A LOGIC MODEL?

A logic model, also known as a theory model, offers a visual framework for understanding the relationships between objectives, activities, and outcomes. It is a tool for planning and evaluating the effectiveness of various programs or projects. Logic models are useful in planning and evaluating complex interventions, particularly those with multiple stakeholders.

The logic model can be used to:

- Clarify program goals and objectives
- Identify key stakeholders
- Plan and implement strategies
- Evaluate program outcomes
- Communicate findings

The logic model is a tool that helps to organize and communicate information about a program, project, or intervention. It is a visual representation of how different components of a program are related to each other and how they contribute to achieving specific outcomes.

How can logic models be used in research?

Logic models can be used in various ways in research. For example, logic models can be used to:

- Plan research activities and priorities
- Evaluate research outcomes
- Communicate research findings
- Identify areas for improvement

In this research project, the logic model was used to:

- Plan and implement strategies
- Evaluate program outcomes
- Communicate findings

The logic model was used to develop a common understanding of complex phenomena and to facilitate the development of a tool that could be used by anthropologists and community members to engage in higher education programs and research.

CHALLENGES DIRECT THE COMMUNICATION IN RESEARCH

The challenges facing anthropology in engagement are not limited to the sub-fields within anthropology as well as within social sciences. This paper explores the potential of engaging in the development of logic models as a tool to address these challenges.

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Figure 1: Research Project Logic Model

1. Logic Model Element Description

2. Logic Model Component Description

3. Logic Model Activity Description

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5. Logic Model Component Description

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