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## Constructing A Logic Model

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### Basic Components of a Logic Model Framework

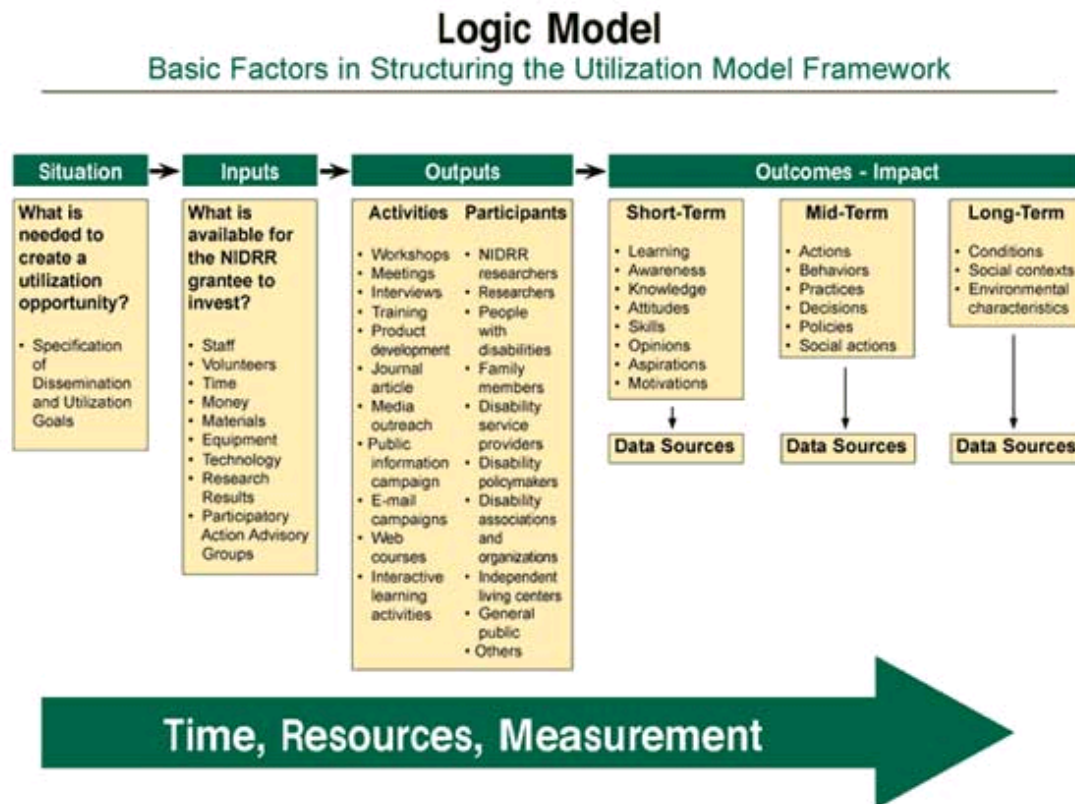
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Developing a logic model for a NIDRR-supported project can facilitate planning and decision-making about resources needed for particular purposes, priorities within project efforts, and primary and secondary groups/systems targeted for change. Logic models can expedite some types of evaluation by clarifying the relationship between planned activities and expected results.

Figure 1 displays the basic components often associated with a logic model, and descriptive elements associated with each component are listed. Other components and elements may be added to reflect the needs of a specific project.

Figure 1: Basic Components of a Logic Model Framework

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Based on information adapted from *Program Evaluation: Strategies for Assessing How Information Dissemination Contributes to Agency Goals* (GAO, 2002).

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d02923.pdf>

## Questions to Ask When Constructing a Logic Model

Logic models may vary as widely as the projects they represent. Our suggestions for NIDRR grantees present a relatively simple and straightforward logic model outline defined by seven basic elements. Questions are offered to suggest what key information is associated with each element:

1. **Purpose or Situation**
  - What is the overall goal of your project work?
  - Why is this important?
2. **Resources or Inputs**
  - What supports do you have as a result of your NIDRR grant project, other contributing agencies, and your host organization's support that enable you to perform your proposed project?
3. **Activities**
  - What actions, processes, events, services, products, technologies, or other elements will be used to implement your project?
  - Will your activities be exclusively offered to a specific targeted audience or members of a specific target system?
  - Will your activities be organized or "phased" in a particular manner?
4. **Results or Outputs**
  - What direct services, products, or research-specific materials will be developed by the project staff or its associates?

**5. Short-term Outcomes**

- What changes or improvements in the identified target system will have occurred under the direct influence of project activities?
  
- What changes or improvements in learning, awareness, knowledge, and attitudes will have occurred?

**6. Mid-term Outcomes**

- What expected or actual changes or improvements in the identified target system will have occurred in part as a result of the use or adoption of program outputs?
  
- What changes in behaviors, actions, decisions, and policies will have taken place in the identified target system in response to short-term outcomes?

**7. Long-Term Outcomes**

- What changes would you expect to occur in overall conditions experienced generally by society from your project work and related efforts?
  
- What changes in universal environments or social policies would be expected to occur?

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