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Spring In-service Continuing Education Program (ICEP)

Considering Family, Agency and Community Work

Logic Models, Scales & Other Tools

The Recertification Review Team has identified some common issues related to the development of family level logic models, and these are the focus on new activity introduced at the Spring ICEP.

We know that the certified Trainers and Implementers are helping agencies improve their implementation of the full ROMA Cycle, but our data is primarily qualitative – reports from the field. The challenge is to be able to quantify the progress.

The ROMA Implementation checklist, introduced by OK state CSBG office in 2016 has been shared across the country as a way of identifying that the ROMA Cycle is being used. It was originally used as a way to document the

agency’s compliance with Organizational Standard 4.3, but being used more broadly as a way to talk about elements of ROMA implementation.

Our discussion at the ICEP centered around how the checklist could be used as a kind of ROMA Audit – to establish a baseline of ROMA implementation.

NCRPs who have used the checklist reported their experience with identifying exactly what was being done and who was doing it. This leads to identifying what the NCRP can do to improve agency capacity and performance.

It is very exciting to begin to talk about setting a baseline and then being able to measure progress.

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See more photos from the ICEP at our Facebook page

One of the often cited barriers to implementing ROMA is the agency culture, that is not “ROMA friendly.” Some ideas about what a ROMA culture would look like were shared. These may become the basis of agency level scales and matrices.

Participants engaged in activities related to Community Initiative Status Forms and analysis of family level data. *The Community Initiative Status form is the CSBG Annual Report Module 3 version of a logic model.*

MORE SPRING 2019 ICEP NEWS

We received an OK welcome from Tricia Auberle (Community Action Association) and Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal (CSBG State Office). Thanks to Tricia and staff for all your help in hosting this session.



Aaron Bowen and Jill Connor from Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership brought us some custom ROMA t-shirts. They will be taking orders. Information will be posted on the Facebook page

Thanks to national partners: Katy Kujawski from NASCSP and Courtney Kohler and Jarle Crocker from the Community Action Partnership for sharing important information! (see photos at our Facebook page)



IT'S NOT TOO SOON TO START THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT ICEP!!!!

The 2019 Fall In-service Continuing Education Program (ICEP) for Nationally Certified ROMA Trainers and Implementers will be held October 23 and 24, 2019

**La Quinta Inn & Suites Springfield
100 Congress Street, Springfield, MA 01104**

Registration for this session is open http://www.roma-nptp.org/icep_registration.html

The ICEP is one of the activities that Certified ROMA Professionals have to enable them to keep their knowledge and skills current. The sessions are moved around - so a session should be coming to your part of the country soon. The requirement is to attend at least one of these sessions in each 3 year recertification period. For more information go to www.roma-nptp.org

The ICEP team is currently working on the April 2020 session.

The plans are to have it in Omaha, Nebraska. Check the Event Tab <http://www.roma-nptp.org/events.html> for more information (which will be posted as it becomes available)

CONDUCTING A ROMA AUDIT

More Information

Using ROMA principles, we know that we have to **assess** before we start to identify what we will do.

This assessment will allow us to establish a baseline of ROMA implementation.

If we don't have a baseline, we will not be able to say what has changed. If we can't say what has changed we will not be able to celebrate success.

How have NCRPs increased a standardized understanding of ROMA?

A ROMA Checklist is a way to identify what is happening at YOUR agency.

Once you have a good picture of what is happening **now**, and what you want to **change**, you can find places where you (as the NCRP) can join in the processes! Where you can put your knowledge and skills to work!

One of the strategies reported to be successful is building relationships by talking about ROMA Principles and Practices with agency colleagues. Find out: Who is engaged in activities that we would consider ROMA?

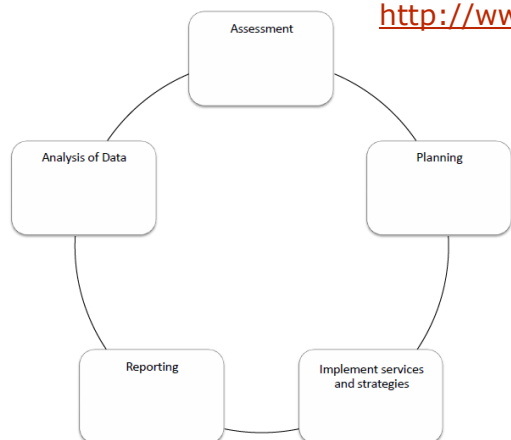
The checklist can be used to open discussion, raise questions and help to figure out what can be done to improve implementation of ROMA – and increase agency capacity to achieve results.



Thanks to **Deb Markman from Economic Security Corporation, MO** who shared her work at the Spring ICEP!!

She has worked on both agency local Theory of Change <https://www.ecswa.org/menus/our-mission-vision.html?fbclid=IwAR3aPkEDSWsIFMoymxDArDsuLaR6nIDsejwMWgyYQtpmvkAWjbYQg1L6oLY> and also has begun a ROMA Audit of programs at her agency to identify what non-CSBG staff are doing that fits into ROMA principles and practices. See the last issue of this newsletter to see examples of Weatherization and Head Start that she has already produced.

Here is a "blank" cycle that you could use as you think about what activities your agency does in non-CSBG funded programs that could be factored into a broader agency-wide understanding of ROMA.



http://www.roma-nptp.org/resources/Checklist_for_implementation.docx

Download the checklist of ROMA Implementation

Use the checklist to open discussions throughout the agency

Attention

NCRTs



http://www.roma-nptp.org/re-cert_quiz_application.html

As of January 31, 2019 NCRTs certified before December 2015 who had not been recertified in 2018 have been marked "inactive." To be reactivated, go to the Contact Us tab at the site www.roma-nptp.org to set up a discussion

If you are an NCRT certified prior to December 2015, you were due for recertification in 2018

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If you were certified in 2016, you are due for recertification in 2019.

NCRIS (Implementers) will be eligible for recertification starting January of 2020. This means that anyone certified in the 2016 Pilot year will be given an additional year in the first recertification period. No NCRIS will be required to recertify prior to January of 2020.

Have a change of title, address, email, phone number, etc.?



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