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DECISION TREE FOR
SELECTING A PEER-BASED PROGRAM

Summary

The *Decision Tree for Selecting a Peer-Based Program* is designed to be used as a decision-making support tool for agencies who are considering developing a peer-based program. Areas explored include practice and application areas, target group, strategic goals, program objectives, program model, program setting and program types.

Keywords

Planning Template

Staff/Volunteer Use

Program Planning

Resources

1-2 agency staff members

Individual Activity

Time

Approx. 0.5-1 hour

Frequency of use

One-Off (before program implementation)

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⚙️ How to Use This Tool

The *Decision Tree for Selecting a Peer-Based Program* leads the user visually through a series of areas which will help to determine whether the desired practice and application areas of their intended program will be useful to be implemented as a peer-based program. Additional aspects to be considered include the target group, strategic goals, program objectives, program model, program setting and program types.

By going through the diagram step by step (from top to bottom) and by answering each category with either 'Yes' or 'No' agencies will be able to identify if a peer-based program is recommended or if other types of programs should be considered instead. Answering 'Yes' implies to move on to the next step, while 'No' infers that a peer-based approach may not be the best option for the planned program. If all categories are answered with 'Yes' this indicates that a peer-based program will be a useful strategy to implement.

👍 Suggested Uses

The *Decision Tree for Selecting a Peer-Based Program* may be used by any agency which is planning to implement a youth program and is not sure whether a peer-based approach is suitable.

🧩 Complementary Tools

Once a program approach has been decided upon it is important to set clear objectives, define timelines, calculate resources and inputs, determine work activities, and programs or processes to ensure that program outcomes and impacts will be achieved in the long-term. Other Planning Tools that assist with these processes include the *Setting Objectives* and *Constructing a Program Logic Model tools.*

🔧 Implementation Tips

- The tool is intended to be completed by any agency staff member who is familiar with the planned program.

🔗 Links

Setting Objectives
Constructing a Program Logic Model

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