# Strategies for Region-Based Strategic Planning

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#### Housekeeping

- Interactive session: Be prepared to move around during this session –activities planned
- Questions during the session? Put them in the parking lot!
- As an individual:
  - Post-it notes
  - A working pen/pencil
- As a table:
  - Big sticky note
- In the room- big sticky notes with topics/titles note



#### Icebreaker [3 mins]

- On your post it notes, please write & then place on this larger sticky pad here:
  - 1. One thing you are hoping to learn from this session?
  - 2. On a scale to 1-10 how familiar are you with strategic planning processes?
  - 3. What was the worst movie you can recall that you saw?
- Notes can have your name or not I will read out a few of these Post-it notes
- Will give me an idea if expectations for this session fit what I have planned and give you some foreshadowing
- Will help inform future sessions

# Overview of Today's Conversation



Who is presenting?



What is strategic planning?

High-Level Overview [steps 1-5]



Where do you start and who do you engage?



How do you prepare for strategic planning?

# Who is presenting?

- PhD in Science Communication & MPH in Family & Community Health
- From the Pocono mountains to the plains of Indiana
- Grew up on Section 8/HCV
- Policy Analyst at INCAP
- Worst movie I can recall...Atlas on Netflix



# What is strategic planning?

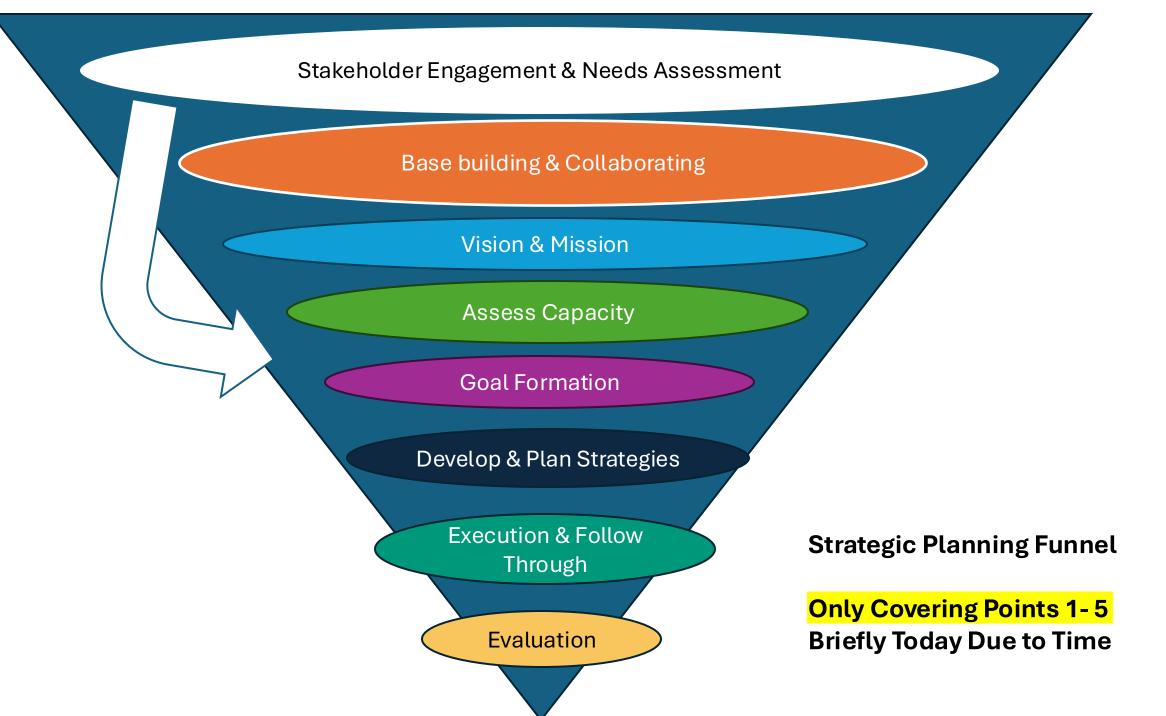
# Strategic Planning:



ENGAGES YOUR STAKEHOLDERS IN PLANNING AND VISIONING DIRECTION ON A TOPIC



FUTURE MAKING AND PLANNING FOR YOUR GROUP



#### Strategic Planning Will NOT:



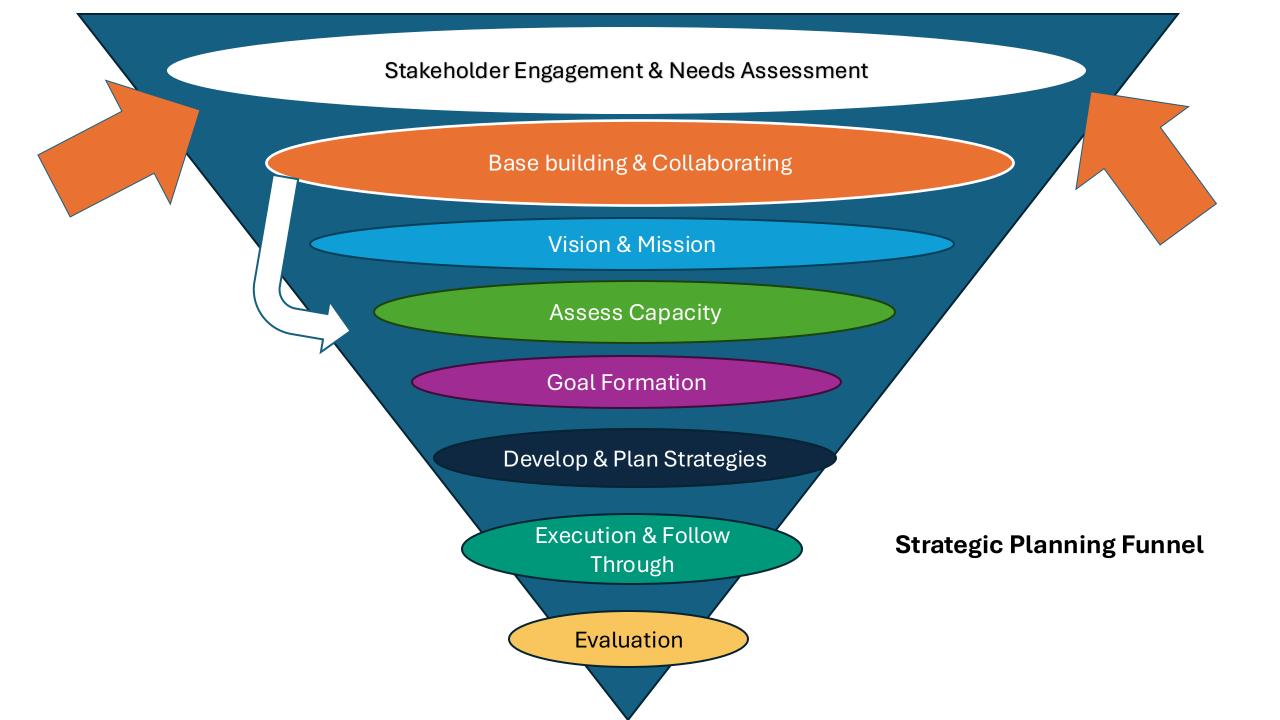
# Strategic Planning Uses:

- Internal operational functionality
- Community/ Cross-Organizational Engagement
- Can be topic-specific reasons or issues/concerns
  - Ex:
    - Homelessness
    - Housing Instability
    - Affordability Needs for Housing

### Why Do This?

- Builds Collaboration & Community Buy-In
- Creates Communication Point for Feedback on Concern/Topic
- Gives Reasoning for Approach Taken
  - Supportive in grant writing efforts
- Improves Direction –North Star

# Where Do You Start / Who Do You Engage?



# Think Point #1 [3mins]

- Think of your issue
  - Is the issue/concern/problem/desired change in that area?
    - Homelessness
    - Housing Instability
    - Affordability
- Think of your where:
  - Is there a certain location you would focus on?
    - Regional issue
    - County issue
    - Internal Organizational concern, etc.
- Write this down on your sticky note
- Place on the larger sticky note
- If you start to see patterns pull the sticky notes into clusters!

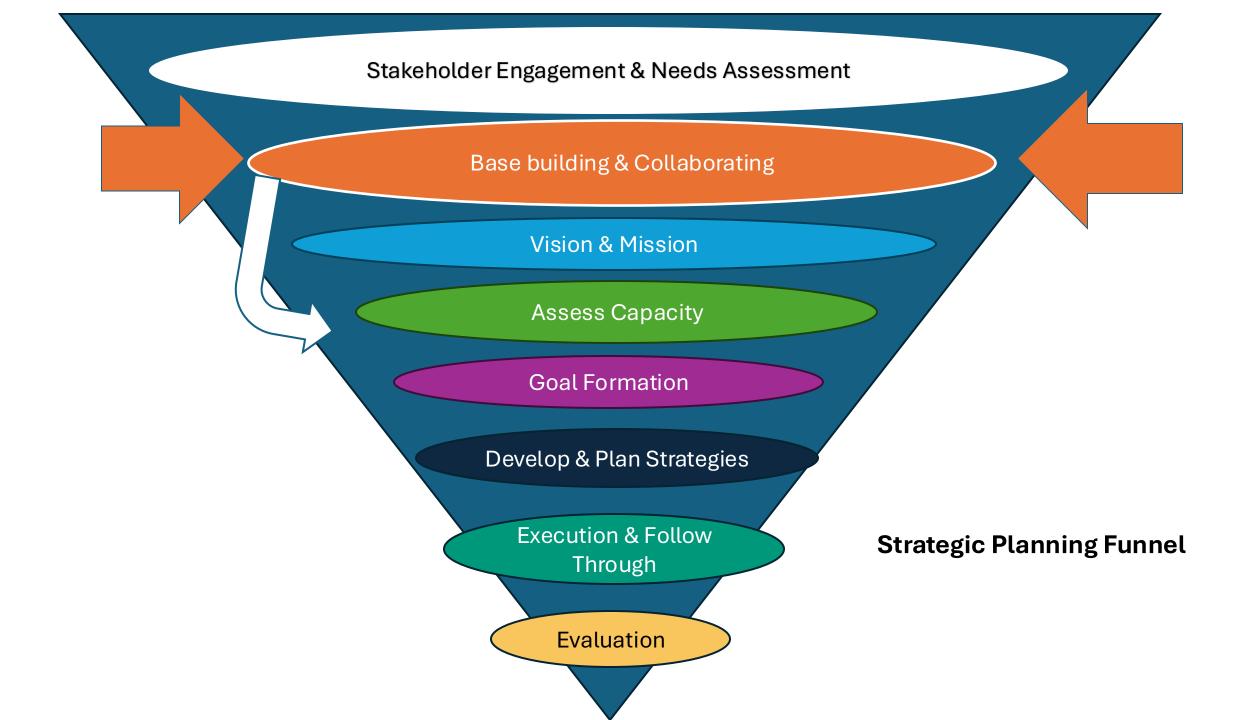
# 1. Start at the Ground! Stakeholder Engagement & Needs Assessment



- Varied stakeholder perspectives
  - Impacted populations/community
  - Power players/brokers/influential community members
  - Active community members in the area
  - Organizations and groups engaged in efforts on your topic/concern

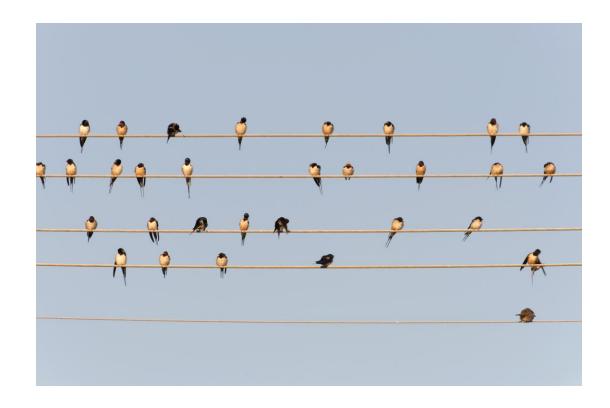
# Think Point #2 [3 mins]

- Think of your who- Who would you want to engage in your strategic planning process and keep in mind:
  - Who are decision makers/power brokers/influential people in your area of work/region?
  - What community/group or population is impacted?
  - Who supports these efforts currently?
- Write this down on your sticky notes can use multiple
- Place on the larger sticky note
- If you start to see patterns pull the sticky notes into clusters!



#### 2. Base building & Collaborating

- Who is your base?
- Are there organizations you typically engage with or work in this space?
- Who should be engaged in these conversations?
- Who holds the ability to make or influence change?
- Who is impacted?



# 3. Vision & Mission

- **Vision:** What is your ideal outcome in a perfect world for your issue/concern/problem?
  - North Star
  - Example:
    - All Region 9 residents will have access to safe, stable, quality, and affordable homes and community connections that allow them to be self-sufficient and active citizens.
- Mission: How would you get to that goal?
  - Guiding pathway
  - Example:
    - The Region 9 Planning Council (Wayne, Rush, Union, Fayette, and Franklin) will work collaboratively to build the capacity of partners to improve access to quality housing and provide person-centered, need-based interventions to households that are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



Vision & Mission

**Assess Capacity** 

**Goal Formation** 

Develop & Plan Strategies

Execution & Follow Through

Evaluation

**Strategic Planning Funnel** 

# 4. Assess Capacity



Does the group have skills that could help the mission and vision?



Are those engaged already at capacity?



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#### 5. Goal Formation

- Review your mission and vision
  - What large buckets can be made to reach that north star and stay on your guiding pathway?
  - Examples:
    - Efforts to End Homelessness are Well-Coordinated & Resourced
    - Homelessness is Acknowledged, Safe, and Short-Term
- Keep in mind:
  - Boundaries Around Goals
    - What is your rationale?
  - Think About Desired Outcome
    - What is the timeline for completion?

# Case Example of INCAP Strategic Planning Work with the R9PC





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Scan for a copy of the full public **R9PC Strategic Planning Report** 

Celebrate your wins!

	Homelessness
	Differences in Homeless Definitions & Data Collection (HUD vs McKinney-Vento)
	Predictors of Housing Instability and Homelessness
	Eviction Filings
	Renter Cost Burden
	Poverty Rates
	Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed "ALICE" Rates
	Rental Costs vs. Wages
	Medical Debt
	Housing Availability
	Emergency Shelter, Supportive Housing, and Rapid Rehousing Beds
	Total Housing Units and Subsidized Units
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Safe, Stable, Affordable Housing	Utility Costs Region 9
unity Connections for All	Homeownership
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	Human Lives and Human Potential
	Health and Health Care Costs
	Education and Child Welfare
	Public Safety
	Economic Development
	Community Strengths
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About the Region 9 Regional Planning Council.

About the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute...

Sensitivity and Commitment to Support Individuals Who are Homeless ......

While Insufficient, Valued Community Resources Exist ..... 'We've Come a Long Way:' Progress has Been Made......

Benchmarks: Homelessness and Housing in Region 9.

Recommendations from Individuals with Direct Experience					
Cheryl – Wayne County					
Cheryl's Recommendations:					
Dana – Wayne County					
Dana's Recommendations:					
Jason - Wayne County					
Jason's Recommendations:					
Carolyn - Fayette County					
Carolyn's Recommendations:					
Joseph – Union County					
Joseph's Recommendations:					
Karen - Fayette County					
Karen's Recommendations:					
Strategic Plan					
Vision					
Mission					
Goal 1: Efforts to End Homelessness are Well-Coordinated and Resourced					
Goal 2: Homelessness is Acknowledged, Safe, and Short-Term					
Goal 3: Homelessness is Prevented					
Goal 4: We Increase Choice and Affordability in Housing					
For the Future					
Eviction Diversion Program					
Cross-Agency Data Sharing Platform					
Rehabilitation of Existing Properties					
Housing Improvement Program					
Resource Hub					
Housing Navigators					
Transportation Support					
Fair Housing Center					
Housing Ordinances					
Appendix 1: Interview Questions.					
Individuals with Direct Experience of Housing Instability					
Other Key Stakeholders					
Appendix 2: Housing Inventory Count Data (Detailed)					
Appendix 3: McKinney-Vento Region 9 Homeless Student Liaisons					
Appendix 4: Department of Education IREAD Pass Rates Region 9					
Appendix 6: References					
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# How Do You Prepare for Strategic Planning?

# How do we do Strategic Planning-Let's Plan to Plan!

- Logic Model:
  - Typically used in program planning but is useful when doing preparation for any effort

- 1. Problem Statement: What is the problem? Who is most affected?

  Lack of affordable housing in XYZ region leading to increased number of homeless low-income families
- 2. Objective: (What do you aim to do to address your problem?)
  Create a regional planning council strategic plan to address XYZ (Problem)

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes(S/M/L)	
Time + Expertise : Homeless Social Service Providers	<ul> <li>Engage in the planning process</li> <li>Communicate and collaborate with other orgs. As to how current intake functions.</li> <li>Raise awareness of the benefits of engaging with the planning council for other providers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participate on a subcommittee or leadership on RPC</li> <li>Contribute to building out service pathway communications between other providers/organizations</li> <li>Create awareness-raising materials for other providers to encourage engagement with the planning council</li> </ul>	S: Increased communication among service providers in the region M: Improved cross-group collaboration between regional homeless social service providers L: Streamlined process and communication that provides a clear pathway for clients in need across the region	

#### **Assumptions: (What do you think you know?)**

- Capacity to dedicate X hours of staff time a month to these efforts
- There is currently no strategic plan for XYZ

#### **External Factors: (What is the environment?)**

- There is community support to address the X problem
- Organizations are committed to collaboration
- Power brokers are supportive

# Think Point #3 [10 Mins]

- Get into your regions!
  - Calling out by number to see if we can cluster you
- Use the large sticky note pad on your table and the post—notes to fill in your large logic model
- Look back at the previous post it notes on the walls if needing inspiration.
  - These should help guide you through your logic model

# Additional Strategies/Tools & What Support INCAP Provides for Strategic Planning



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#### Useful Additional Strategies/Activities







STRATEGIC BRAINSTORMING ACTION PLAN & OUTPUTS

TRACKING & EVALUATION

#### Useful Additional Tools /Activities

Carroll County SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis: COVID-19 Response April 2020

INTERNAL FACTORS			INTERNAL FACTORS			
STRENGTHS (+)		IMPORTANCE	WEAKNESSES (-)		IMPORTANCE	
1	Most of those who are eligible to participate in the workforce in Carroll County are employed	Unemployment rate has decreased	1	Communities in Carroll County residing in rural environments	More vulnerable to not having access to testing and treatment for COVID-19. There is also a concern around a lack of awareness as to who is high risk and the general severity of COVID-19.	
2	Communities in Carroll County residing in rural environments	Could contribute to the reason the county has a low number of confirmed cases as indivduals already function on a social distancing environmental set up	2	Many of those who are employed in this county may have to file for unemployment due to being laid off due to COVID-19	This may then cause the unemployment rate to increase slightly for the county	
3	Community is caring and supportive	This is intergal during times of crisis and could be used in mitigation/containment planning (i.e. organzing block level engagement where neighbors keep track of each others needs)	3	The lack of a hospital within the county.	There is a serious lack of infrastructure to screen, test, and treat patients.	
4	There is a centralized team for county level containment and mitigation planning	The formation of the centralized team will assist in standardizing responses to COVID-19 across the county	4	There is only one practicing physician in the county.	There is a serious lack of personnel to be equipped to handle a high patient load if there is a major outbreak.	
5	Many large employers in the area have already implemented additional percautions related to COVID-19 (i.e. social distancing in lines, extra cleaning processes, tempature checking etc.)	By taking this extra steps, these employers are contributing to containent and mitigation of COVID-19	5	Many of the clinical spaces are appointment only and are not equipped to function as an urgent care and/or ED.	Similar tack of infrastructure, unable to meet urgent needs of patients.	
6	There is a health clinic for Indiana Packers employees and family members	This will assist in helping monitor potential cases of COVID-19 in that facility	6	Limited PPE in some of the clinics / health department.	Reduces efficacy with which they can see the patients they can see.	
7	There is a functioning postal system that gives mail and packages to almost every address	This could be used if there is a desire to reach residents in remote areas with information on the COVID-19 virus, who is high risk and what they can do.	7	Many clinics expressed little internal planning for potential covid-19 outbreak [due to limited resources / facilities].	They may be able to offer virtual screening but after that there is little they can do to facilitate care.	

# Thank you for Listening & Engaging!

Questions from the parking lot/ raised hands at this time