

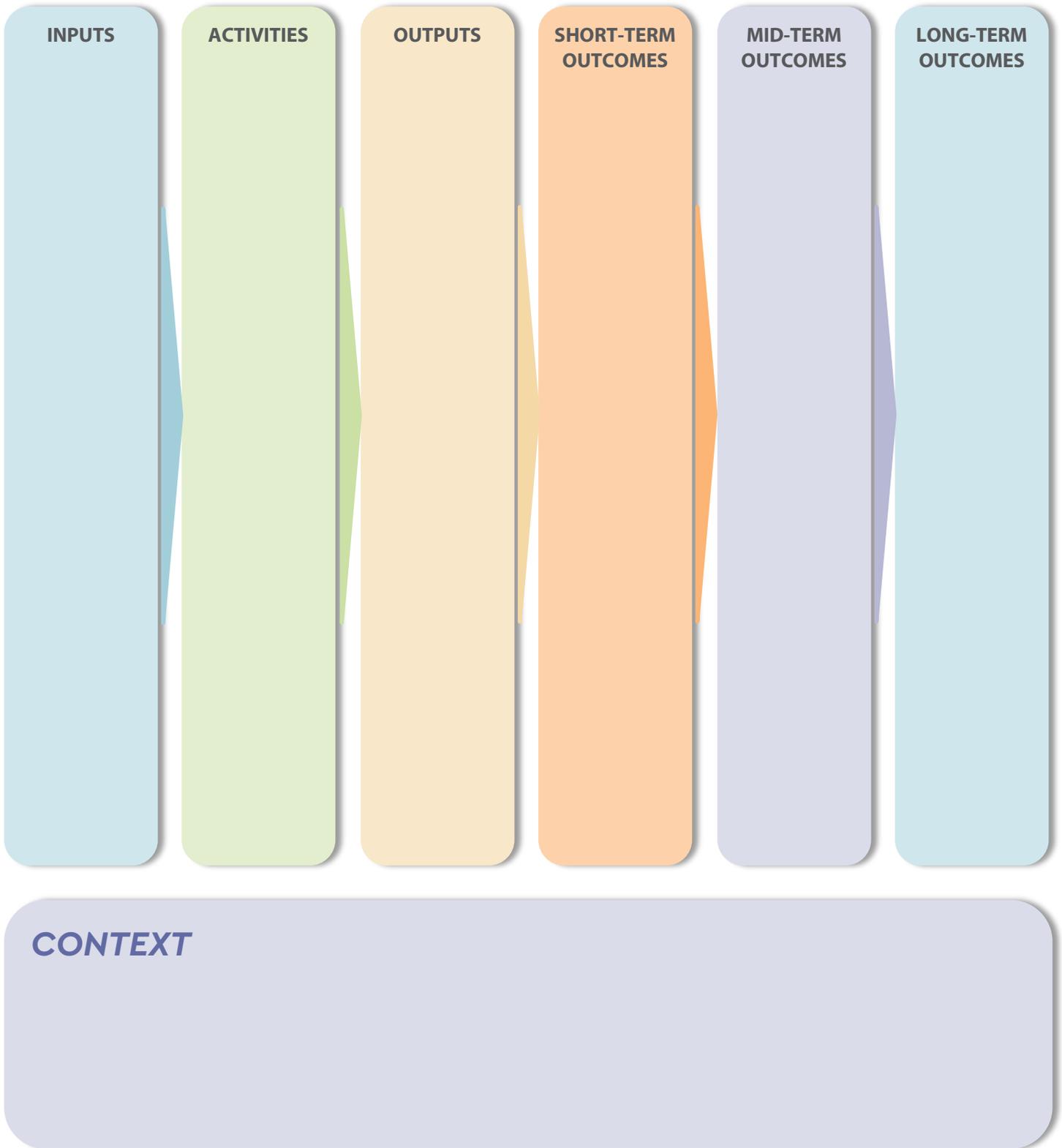
Using Logic Models to Build Strong Magnet Programs

Appendix B: Blank Tools



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Logic Model Template



Situation and Assumptions Identification Tool

| Situation | |
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| Probe | Answer |
| What is the current problem? | |
| Why is it a problem? | |
| Who is affected? | |
| What have we done about it so far? | |
| What else can be done? | |
| What other considerations exist? | |
| Assumptions | |
| Probe | Answer |
| What do we need to learn before we can implement a solution? | |
| What can we directly affect? | |
| What is outside our control? | |
| How will people find our services? How will we find people to serve? | |
| What is our number one priority? | |
| What skills, knowledge, and resources do we need to implement a solution? | |
| What other considerations exist? | |

Logic Model Development Process Checklist

- Decide on a process that works for your team (e.g., writing a narrative that explains the theory of action before designing the logic model, or creating the logic model before summarizing ideas in a narrative).
- Create timelines and assign staff members to specific tasks.
- Identify the district or school situation and assumptions about how the program should be implemented, who should participate, and what change should occur.
- Involve stakeholders in the process.
- Determine the program's desired outcomes and identify the length of time needed to achieve those, including when short-, mid-, and long-term outcomes will be achieved.
- Work backward to identify the activities that will help your program reach the outcomes. Select activities that research or past experience have shown to be successful.
- Identify the resources necessary to implement magnet program activities. If resource gaps appear, determine how they can be filled by external funding, community partners, or other methods.
- Show that selected activities can be implemented with the resources available and in the right dosage at the right time to ensure success and lead to desired outcomes.
- Analyze the logic model forward and backward—from inputs to outcomes and vice versa—to make sure there is logical flow and each component leads to the next.