

PROGRAM PLANNING

PROGRAMS MUST BE BASED ON THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE DEVELOPMENTAL STAGES OF YOUTH

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THE 1ST FUNCTION OF COUNCIL IS TO HELP PLAN A PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY.

ASSESSMENT

CONDUCT A COUNTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO:

- IDENTIFY ISSUES
- ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR 4-H PROGRAMMING

USE INFORMATION GATHERED WHEN:

- DEVELOPING YEAR-LONG PROGRAM
- PLANNING ACTIVITIES
- CONSIDERING DELIVERY METHODS

IMPLEMENTATION

OFFER LOCAL PROGRAMMING THAT:

- FOLLOWS STATE/FEDERAL POLICIES
- IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

GUIDELINES SHOULD ASSURE:

- SAFETY
- FAIRNESS
- EQUITY

PROGRAM METHODS

DESIGN AND SUPPORT A VARIETY OF DELIVERY METHODS



COMMUNITY CLUBS



CAMPS



SUBJECT-BASED CLUBS



ISSUE-RELATED WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES



SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

OTHER

CONSIDERATIONS

RISK MANAGEMENT

- PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- KEEP RISK AT MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

RECOGNITION

- PROVIDE FOR INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS
- PROVIDE MEANINGFUL, TIMELY FEEDBACK

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- PROGRAM DOES NOT EXCLUDE YOUTH
- OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN COMMUNITY

EVALUATION

- ASSESSES PROGRESS
- IMPROVES PROGRAM
- MAINTAINS ACCOUNTABILITY