

Future Planning (Strategic Planning)

The National Resource Center for Tribes refers to 'Strategic Planning' as "Future Planning", emphasizing that the development of a plan needs to focus on the future of the agency and serve as a working document – not simply a report that gathers dust on a shelf.

Future Planning may follow as a next step from a program assessment. The strategic plan involves looking at the overall direction of where the agency wants to go, assessing the agency's current situation, and developing and implementing approaches for moving forward.

Planning is future-oriented when it focuses on what the agency wants to accomplish, and on moving the agency towards these larger goals. By always focusing attention on a shared vision and on more specific goals and objectives, future planning has the potential to become embedded with creating long-term change.

Effective future planning requires a collaboration of many individuals – staff, community and stakeholders – to identify the program's vision and goals, and to develop strategies to meet them.

Timeframe

Future Planning technical assistance is generally conducted over an initial period of three days with two consultant facilitators on site, followed by additional off-site and on-site support.

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