



## Keys to Food Bank Nutrition Education Program Evaluation

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- Describe the importance of evaluating nutrition education programs at food banks
- Identify at least two evaluation resources on the Healthy Food Bank Hub www.healthyfoodbankhub.org
- Describe at least one outcome of the CA Association of Food Banks Evaluation Report
- Name at least two criterion from of the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE)

### **Introducing Today's Speakers**





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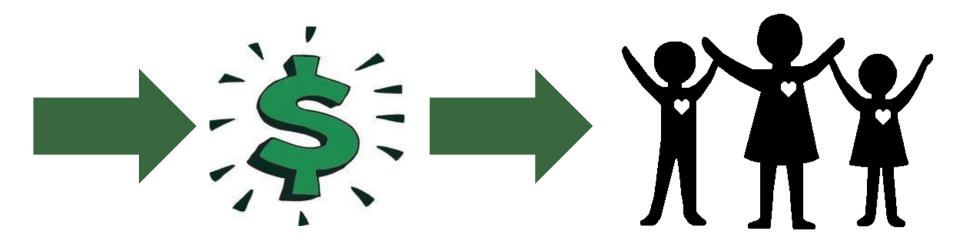
Rationale and approaches to nutrition education evaluations

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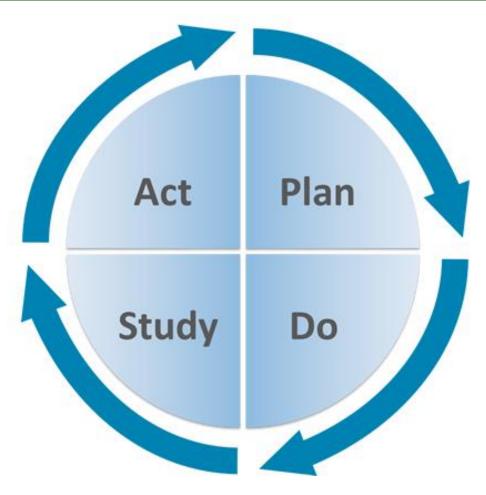


- Document
- Justify
- Improve



# PDSA cycle in program planning and evaluation





http://www.ihi.org/resources/Pages/Tools/PlanDoStudyActWorksheet.aspx; http://healthit.ahrq.gov/health-it-tools-and-resources/workflow-assessment-health-it-toolkit/all-workflow-tools/plan-do-check-act-cycle

- ✓ Planned prior to implementation of the program
- ✓ Grounded in program objectives
- ✓ Based on theory and/or framework
- ✓ Accurate report of results

<u>Program objective:</u> Participants will improve fruit and vegetable consumption by one serving per day by the end of the program.

<u>Evaluation:</u> Assess fruit and vegetable consumption using food diaries.

Outcome: Improvement in fruit and vegetable consumption among 75% of participants!

Program report: The nutrition education improved health outcomes such as heart disease and diabetes.



Program report: This program was effective in improving fruit and vegetable consumption among the majority of participants. While higher fruit and vegetable consumption is linked to lowered risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes, these were not assessed. Our next iteration of the program will assess change in risk factors related to chronic diseases.



## No need to reinvent the wheel

There are FREE and easy-to-use evaluations available at

<u>www.healthyfoodbankhub.org/assessment-and-evaluations/</u>









Q SEARCH THE HUB.



#### TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Additional Tools and Resources that help fight hunger and provide invaluable information about healthy foods and distribution policies.

SEARCH TOOLS AND RESOURCES ...



#### FOOD MATTERS AT MOBILE MARKETS

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle delivers fresh produce and provides nutrition lessons and cooking demonstrations at mobile markets to help families prepare the fresh produce they receive in healthful, safe, and tasty ways.

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Great American Milk Drive



**HEALTHY RECIPES** 





ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS

#### Assessments and Evaluations

A resource list developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation is specifically intended to help food banks and those working with food banks to identify and utilize validated evaluation and assessment tools for nutrition and health programs and initiatives. This list includes helpful descriptions, topics and applications of each resource.

There are many different strategies to provide nutrition education. When working with a food bank or within a food insecure community, one important first step is to conduct a needs assessment to scan for strengths and gaps in nutrition education within the community. Finding out what other organizations are offering is important; most likely, food banks will not be the only organization providing nutrition education in the community. Use this assessment to determine the correct level and type of service/strategy to pursue, as well as help identify potential partners, define the target audience, learn about community values and motivation, and ultimately predict successful outcomes.

The next step is to decide which method of delivery is the best for your nutrition education program. Remember, one of the basic objectives of your program should be to empower low-income individuals and families to make the best use of their food resources with the challenges





#### Assessment and Evaluation Resources:

#### Helpful resources when working with food insecure populations

This resource list was developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation as part of a project funded through an educational grant from Feeding America. This resource list is specifically intended to help food banks and those working with food banks to identify and utilize validated evaluation and assessment tools for nutrition and health programs and initiatives.

#### Each resource includes the following:

- Description explains what is included in the resource
- Topics identifies the main topics included in the resource
- Application describes how the resource can be used

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#### Needs Assessment

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Source: Centers for Disease Control - Healthy Communities Program - Tools for Community Action

http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dch/programs/healthycommunitiesprogram/tools/change.htm

#### Description:

This resource walks community team members through an 8-step assessment process.

#### Topics:

Community assessment; strategic planning

#### Application:

Develop strategic plans for sustainable community-based programs. Define and prioritize areas for improvement. Annually assess current policy, systems, and environmental change strategies and offer new priorities for future efforts.

#### 2. Community Tool Box

Source: University of Kansas

http://ctb.ku.edu/en

Description:

## Needs assessment examples

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND GROUP EVALUATION (CHANGE)





Building a Foundation of Knowledge to Prioritize Community Needs

AN ACTION GUIDE





MMUNITY ASSESSME





#### **Evaluation Planning Tools**

The tools below offer direction and guidance on how to incorporate validated evaluation tools into your nutrition education program.

#### 1. Evaluation Handbook

Source: W.K. Kellogg Foundation

https://www.nwcphp.org/documents/evaluation/kellogg-eval-handbook

#### Description:

This resources describes the role evaluation should play at the project level.

#### Topics:

Program development; evaluation planning

#### Application:

Learn about types of evaluations, how to plan and implement evaluation procedures, and how utilize the results.



#### 2. Introduction to Program Evaluation for Public Health Programs

Source: Centers for Disease Control http://www.cdc.gov/eval/guide/

#### Description:

This document is a "how to" guide for planning and implementing evaluation activities. The manual, based on CDC's Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health, is intended to assist in planning, designing, implementing and using comprehensive evaluations in a practical way.

#### Topics:

Program development; evaluation planning

#### Application:

Learn how to establish an evaluation team, how to engage stakeholders, how to complete a logic model, and more.

## Program evaluation



Introduction to
Program Evaluation for Public Health Programs:
A Self-Study Guide
Suggested Citation: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Office of the Director, Office of Strategy and Innovation. Introduction to program evaluation for public health programs: A self-study guide. Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011.
OCTOBER 2011

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http://www.cdc.gov/eval/guide/









#### **Nutrition Education Delivery, continued**

#### Application:

Build effective nutrition education programs with a higher likelihood of achieving their outcomes. Or, use GENIE to compare nutrition education programs to select the highest quality program.

#### 3. Theory at a Glance

Source: National Cancer Institute

http://www.sneb.org/2014/Theory%20at%20a%20Glance.pdf

#### Description:

This resource contains a concise summary of health behavior theories and describes how to put theories into practice when designing programs.

#### Topics:

Program development; writing proposals

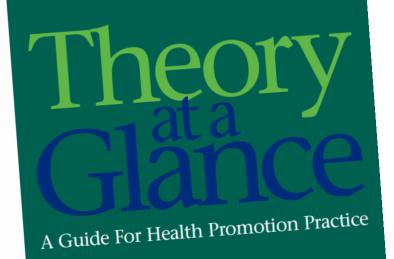
#### Application:

Develop programs based on learning theories that support expected outcomes.



## Access it here:

http://www.sneb.org/2014 /Theory%20at%20a%2 0Glance.pdf







#### Nutrition Education Delivery

After conducting the needs assessment, deciding what method of delivery is the best for your nutrition education program can be challenging. There is no "one-size fits all" model for delivering nutrition education. Nonetheless, there are some widely accepted nutrition education and public health best practices, including, but not limited to, focusing on specific behaviors rather than knowledge alone; involving active participation on the part of the learners through a variety of teaching methods; and addressing the motivations, needs and interests of the target audience.

The Healthy Food Bank Hub identifies four nutrition education strategies:

Nudges <a href="http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/nudges/">http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/nudges/</a>

Point of Service http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/point-of-service/

Workshops/Classes http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/workshops-and-classes/

Train the Trainer http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/train-the-trainer/

These strategies are examples of how organizations working with food insecure individuals are implementing the important work of nutrition education. Resources helpful for determining the best method of delivery for your nutrition education program are listed below.



#### 1. Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) Checklist Tool

Source: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation

http://healthyfoodbankhub.feedingamerica.org/resource/nutrition-education-handoutchecklist/

#### Description:

The DANEH checklist includes a description of characteristics found in quality nutrition education handouts.

#### Topics:

Creating educational materials; assessing educational materials

#### Application:

Screen existing nutrition education handouts and/or develop new quality nutrition education handouts.

## Program delivery assessment examples



## Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) Checklist

The Developing & Assessing Nutrition Education Handouts (DANEH) checklist was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation as part of the Enture of Food (FOE) project. The purpose of the DANELL checklist is burfeld. was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation as part of the Future of Food (FOF) project. The purpose of the DANEH checklist is twofold: 1) to screen existing nutrition education handouts in order to establish the inclusion/exclusion of important quality components, and; 2) as a tool to use in developing quality nutrition education handouts. The checklist incorporates 21 constructs identified as quality indicators to be included in nutrition education. handouts, based on a literature review. The constructs are categorized into five main topic areas: content; behavior focus; cultural sensitivity; written word; and

Results of DANEH validation testing proved that DANEH is a valid tool and has good interrater reliability for handouts for a general low-income audience when RDNs are the reviewers. It is recommended that a score of 18 out of 21 possible organization/readability. points (86%) by two reviewers is the cutpoint for handouts to be considered high quality handouts. For handouts with a score of 17, it is recommended that a 3rd reviewer rates the handout using DANEH. It is recommended that handouts

with a score of 16 or less are not considered high quality. The DANEH checklist is used to vet nutrition education handouts for inclusion in

the FOF Healthy Food Bank Resource Hub website for a target audience of people raving rood moccounty. All mandouts posted on www.healthyfoodbankhub.org have been approved using the DANEH checklist. people facing food insecurity. All handouts posted on

http://sm.eatright.org/GENIE



#### NHANES Food Questionnaire



#### NHANES Cuestionario de Hábitos Alimentarios

Useful for assessing overall improvements in diet, or use specific questions for your intervention.

War the past 12 months how often did you drink

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	Over the past 12 months, now often did you drink					
	tomato juice or vegetable juice?					

NEVER

- 1 time per month or less
- 1 time per day
- 2-3 times per month

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- 2-3 times per day
- 1-2 times per week
- 0 4-5 times per day
- 3-4 times per week
- 6 or more times per day
- 5–6 times per week

2. How often did you drink orange juice or grapefruit juice?

NEVER

- 1 time per month or less
- 1 time per day
- 2-3 times per month
- 2-3 times per day
- 1-2 times per week
- 0 4-5 times per day
- 3-4 times per week 5-6 times per week
- 6 or more times per day

6. How often did you drink other fruit drinks (such as cranberry cocktail, Hi-C, lemonade, or Kool-Aid, diet or regular)?

**NEVER (GO TO QUESTION 7)** 

- 1 time per month or less
  - 1 time per day
- 2-3 times per month
- 2-3 times per day
- 1-2 times per week
- 4-5 times per day
- 3–4 times per week
- 6 or more times per day
- 5-6 times per week

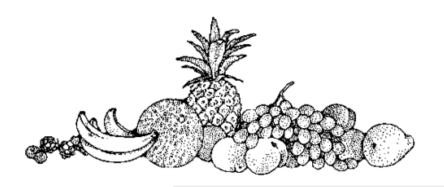
How often were your fruit drinks diet or sugar-free drinks?

- Almost never or never
- About 1/4 of the time
- About 1/2 of the time
- About 3/4 of the time
- Almost always or always

http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/archive/usualintakes/FFQ.English.June0304.pdf



## NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH EATING AT AMERICA'S TABLE STUDY QUICK FOOD SCAN



Targeted only to interventions aiming to increase fruit and vegetable consumption.

- The person who completed the telephone in the America's Table Study should fill out this quality
- Use only a No. 2 pencil.
- Be certain to completely blacken in each of completely if you make any changes.
- · Do not make any stray marks on this form.
- When you complete this questionnaire, ple envelope to:

 Over the last month, how many times per month, week, or day did you drink 100% juice such as orange, apple, grape, or grapefruit juice? Do not count fruit drinks like Kool-Aid, lemonade, Hi-C, cranberry juice drink, Tang, and Twister. Include juice you drank at all mealtimes and between meals.

Never (Go to Question 2) 1-3 times

O 1-2 times

3-4 times

per week

5-6 times

1 time per day

times per day 3 times per day 4 times

5 or more times per day

1a. Each time you drank 100% juice, how much did you usually drink?

Less than ¾ cup (less than 6 ounces) 3/4 to 11/4 cup (6 to 10 ounces) 11/4 to 2 cups (10 to 16 ounces) More than 2 cups (more than 16 ounces)

 Over the last month, how many times per month, week, or day did you eat fruit? Count any kind of fruit—fresh, canned, and frozen. Do not count juices. Include fruit you ate at all mealtimes and for snacks.

Never (Go to 1-3 times 1-2 times 3-4 times

5-6 times 1 time 2 times per day

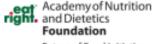
3 times per day 4 times per day

5 or more times per day

#### Dietary Screeners by Type of Intake Measured

Fruit & Vegetable								
Screener	With portion size questions	Without portion size questions	Percentage Energy from Fat	Fiber/Whole Grains		Dairy	Calcium	Red Meat/Processed Meat
Fruit & Vegetable Intake Screeners in the Eating at America's Table Study (EATS)	x							
Percentage Energy from Fat Screener			х					
Multifactor Screener in the Observing Protein and Energy Nutrition (OPEN) Study		x	x	x				
Multifactor Screener in the 2000 NHIS Cancer Control Supplement (CCS)		x	x	x				
Five-Factor Screener in the 2005 NHIS Cancer Control Supplement (CCS)		x		x	x	x	x	
Fruit and Vegetable Screener in the 2000 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)		x						
Dietary Screener in the 2005 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)		x			x			
Dietary Screener in the NHANES 2009-10		x		x	х	x	x	х
Dietary Screener in the 2009 California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)		x			x			
Dietary Screener in the 2010 NHIS Cancer Control Supplement (CCS)		x		x	x	x	x	х

http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/diet/screeners/



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#### **Evaluation Survey Tools**

It is important for evaluation tools match the intervention to accurately evaluate the program. The sample surveys below may be helpful in identifying specific questions that have been tested and will match your intervention.

#### 1. Compendium of Surveys for Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention

Source: Champions for Change - Network for a Healthy California

http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cpns/Documents/Compendium%20of%20Surveys.pdf

#### Description:

This compendium contains tools for evaluating programs working with children, teens, and adults. Some of the surveys contained within the compendium have been validated and should not be modified. Others are designed to be modified to reflect the specific items targeted by the intervention.

#### Topics:

Evaluation planning

#### Application:

Use content from sample evaluations to evaluate nutrition education programs.

#### 2. Daily Food Checklist

Source: National Cancer Institute - Applied Research

http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/diet/screeners/daily food checklist.pdf

#### Description:

This 8-page booklet contains 7 Daily Food Lists and instructions.

#### Topic:

Evaluation planning

#### Application:

Use as an in-depth evaluation of eating patterns and/or for sample questions to include in creating a smaller scale evaluation tool.

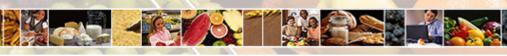
#### 3. Dietary Assessment Instruments

Source: USDA

http://fnic.nal.usda.gov/surveys-reports-and-research/research-tools/dietary-assessment-instruments



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#### **Dietary Assessment Instruments for Research**

#### Measures Registry (Childhood Obesity Research)

National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research.

For public health researchers, a searchable database of diet and physical activity measures (or tools) relevant to childhood obesity research to promote the consistent use of common measures and research methods.

#### Diet History Questionnaire &

DHHS, NIH, National Cancer Institute.

Part of Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods, this questionnaire provides background information and tools and resources for utilizing this program.

#### Dietary Assessment Calibration/Validation Register

DHHS. NIH. National Cancer Institute.

Register contains studies and publications which compare dietary intake estimates from two or more dietary assessment methods.

#### Behavior Change and Maintenance &

DHHS. NIH. Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

Summary report of research on key health behaviors and lifestyle factors affecting disease.

#### USDA Healthy Eating Index®

USDA. Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

The UET is a summary measure of everall diet quality

#### Surveys, Reports and Research

- Food and Nutrition
   Surveys
  - National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
  - Community Nutrition
     Mapping Project
  - Behavioral Risk Factor
     Surveillance System
  - · Healthy People
- Historical Information
  - Other Historical Information
- Legislation and Policy
- Reports, Studies and Statistics
- ▼ Research Tools
  - Periodicals
  - Dietary Assessment
     Instruments for
     Research
  - o Other Resources

http://fnic.nal.usda.gov/surveys-reports-and-research/research-tools/dietary-assessment-instruments-research



## Unsure of what steps to take?

- Reach out to Feeding America's Community
   Health and Nutrition Team
   <u>nutritionteam@feedingamerica.org</u>
- Partner with a researcher from your local university!



## Thank You!

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# Assessing Effectiveness of Nutrition Education at a Food Bank

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- Second Harvest Food Bank description
- USDA SNAP-ed Grant
- Nutrition Education program

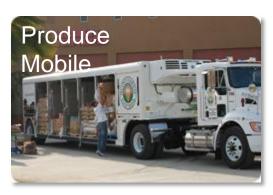


#### **Our Food Distributions**

# Direct Service Sites & Partner Agencies











## Encourage Food Bank clients to:

- Take, prepare, and eat Food Bank foods, especially produce
- Make healthy food choices based on MyPlate

## Agency client classes:

Food Safety, Shopping on budget, MyPlate, etc.

Provide Nutrition education materials to partner agencies to share with clients



- 1. Clients don't want to lose their place in line
- 2. Belief that clients not interested in nutrition education
- 3. Diverse languages
- 4. Unfamiliar produce
- 5. 140+ directdistribution sites, only2 nutritionists



### How We Addressed these Challenges



Develop 3-5 minute lessons to teach clients while waiting in line.

Simple objectives.

Snippet of nutrition information.

Include a food demonstration or food sample tasting plus recipe.



### How We Addressed these Challenges





Nutritionists place the lesson materials on cart.

Cart is pushed along the line of clients.

Nutrition display is interactive and engaging!

## Help With Diverse Languages





Recruit and train Health
Ambassadors to help teach in
a bilingual/bicultural manner





- CAFB, Perales & Associates
- Dr. Perales from SJSU
- 6 control & 6 intervention sites
- Received same produce
  - Controls: no education
- "Post-test" only
  - 1 month after education





# June & July

- Brief lessons
- Recipe Cards
- Recipe tastingsAugust
- Recipe Cards





# Results

46% of intervention group reported preparing more vegetables, vs. 10% control



# The intervention group reported being: right.





2.3 times more likely to make sure their families ate all 5 food groups from the My Plate model than the control group

1.6 times more likely to purchase the same produce item at the store than control group





- Clients <u>are</u> interested in nutrition education, both in line and at agency classes.
- Even 5-minute sessions, paired with food, recipes and samples, can lead to positive reported health behavior changes.
- With some training and simple lessons, non-nutritionists can provide effective nutrition education.



- Shared with food bank donors interested in nutrition education
- Shared with all food bank staff to show how their support with materials has paid off
- Used the data successfully when applying for next USDA SNAP-Ed grant



## Assessing the Impact of Nutrition Education at Produce Distributions

by
Perales & Associates Evaluation Services

October 2012



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## **Evaluation Examples & Reports**

The report listed below is specific to food banks and contains helpful tools for program evaluation.

## 1. Assessing the Impact of Nutrition Education at Produce Distributions

Source: California Association of Food Banks

http://www.cafoodbanks.org/sites/default/files/assessing-the-impact-of-nutrition-educationat-produce-distributions.pdf

## Description:

This report summarizes a research study that evaluated the impact of brief nutrition education interventions on food bank clients participating in produce distributions. Contains charts and helpful tools for program evaluation.

## Topics:

Program development; evaluation planning

**Application:** Use as a reference to support that short nutrition education interventions can be effective.



# New "Produce Toolbox" Education Materials Available

<a href="http://cafoodbanks.org/produce-toolbox-evaluation-report.html">http://cafoodbanks.org/produce-toolbox-evaluation-report.html</a>



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#### Produce Toolbox Evaluation Report has been published!

The "Produce Toolbox" program was piloted by California Association of Food Banks in conjunction with Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to assess the effectiveness of short and focused nutrition education lessons with food bank clients standing in food distribution lines. The interactive MyPlate-based nutrition lessons and tastings focused on increasing nutrition knowledge and consumption of fresh, food-bank-provided fruits and vegetables. The evaluation study of the program, conducted by Perales & Associates Evaluation Services in partnership with the Network for a Healthy California, shows that a well-designed nutrition education intervention, conducted within the time restraints of a food distribution line, can still have an impact on nutrition message knowledge and consumption-related behaviors.

Download the full report here: Assessing the Impact of Nutrition Education at Produce Distributions

The nutrition education lessons and their accompanying materials can be found below:









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# Introducing GENIE

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Why was GENIE created?

Nutrition education is important

What does 'good' look like?





## GENIE™

## Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education



Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics **Foundation** 

## What is GENIE?

- A simple-to-use online checklist
- A rigorously validated tool for designing, modifying or comparing nutrition education programs
- A tool kit of resources for program planners



# How was GENIE created?

3 Step Process

Criteria development and expert panel

Reviewer testing

Systematic literature review



# **Introducing GENIE**



## sm.eatright.org/GENIE

Abram JK, Hand RK, Parrott JS, Brown K, Ziegler PJ, Steiber AL. What is Your Nutrition Program Missing? Finding Answers with the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE). *JAND.* 2015; 115:(1): 122-130.

Hand RK, Abram JK, Brown K, Ziegler PJ, Parrott JS, Steiber AL. Development and Validation of the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE): A Tool for Assessing the Quality of Proposed Nutrition Education Programs. JNEB. 2015; 47:(4): 308-315.

## GENIE™

Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education





# CATEGORY COLOR CODE 1) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE 2) PROGRAM GOAL 3) PROGRAM FRAMEWORK 4) PROGRAM SETTING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN 5) INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS 6) PROGRAM CONTENT 7) PROGRAM MATERIALS 8) EVALUATION 9) SUSTAINABILITY



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# Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education

The Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education (GENIE) is provided for your use by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and its Foundation with funding support from the ConAgra Foods Foundation. GENIE was designed as a simple, practical, and evidence-based tool to help nutrition education practitioners design high quality and effective programs. Program planners can benefit from GENIE during the designed process to build effective nutrition education programs with a higher likelihood of achieving their outcomes. Program reviewers can also use GENIE to efficiently compare various nutrition education program proposals and inform funding decisions.

We invite you to view these brief video presentations and welcome you to this exciting resource:

- ♦ An Introduction to GENIE
- ♦ Guide for Effective Nutrition Intervention and Education ♦ Message from ConAgra and ConAgra Foods Foundation

GENIE was designed as a self-assessment tool. The results of your assessment will not be shared with anyone and the feedback is intended to help you improve your education programs. A high score is indicative of a high quality program, but does not necessarily indicate that your program may be more likely to receive funding. Keep in mind that while may GENIE's criteria will apply to your program goals, some may not.

checklist. If this will be your first time using GENIE, we strongly recommend Clicking the I Agree/Start button below takes you directly to ogram. Click on the "How to Use GENIE" tab at the top of the page to access that you familiarize yourself with the tool first before assessing igned to help you learn how to effectively rate programs using GENIE. You can our sample proposals and scoring benchmarks. These tools also skip directly to GENIE's resources by clicking on the Videos and Resource Kit table at the top of the page. When you're ready to evaluate your

I Agree/Start

# The GENIE Checklist





## **Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education**

Welcome to the Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education -- GENIE! The GENIE checklist can be used to help you create a new nutrition education program, improve or modify an existing program, or compare different nutrition education programs.

The checklist consists of 9 Categories with various quality criteria within each category. Simply check "Yes" if the criterion is present in your program or "No" if it is not present. The "information" icons explain potentially unfamiliar concepts. Hover your cursor over the icon to view the information for each criterion. After completing the GENIE checklist, your program will be given a score based on how many quality criteria you marked as present.

Tips for program planners: When scoring your program, strive to mark only criteria that are clearly described in your plan. Since it can be difficult to score a program plan that you have written yourself, consider asking a colleague to complete the GENIE checklist for you. It may be easier for an outsider to provide an objective assessment. When scoring your nutrition education program, understand that having a checkmark for every criterion is ideal, but may not be realistic. If your program will not include a certain feature, provide rational in your plan as to why it will be excluded.

1.	1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE		
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*	<ul> <li>1.4 The proposed program justifies that the target group will benefit from the program or intervention, based on related research, best practice examples, or a needs assessment.</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>		
2.	PROGRAM GOAL		
*	2.1 The proposed program promotes healthy eating behaviors.  Yes  No		
*	<ul> <li>2.2 The proposed program includes nutrition related goals that address proximal outcomes.</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>		
<b>i</b> )*	2.3 The proposed program includes nutrition related goals that address intermediate or distal outcomes - if weight is the outcome, including appropriate physical activity in goals is encouraged.		

## **GENIE Criteria**

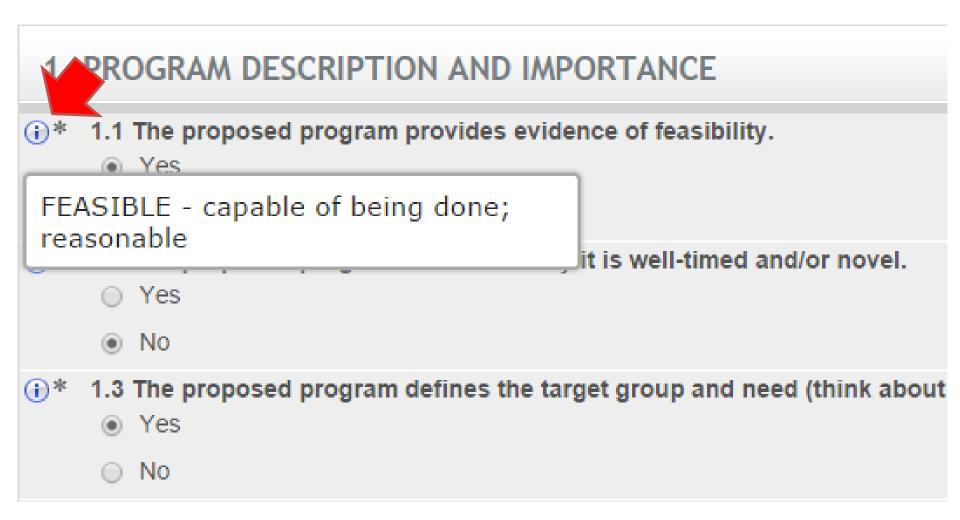


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  - No

## **Checklist Features**





# GENIE checklist, con't.

3.	PROGRAM FRAMEWORK
i)*	3.1 The proposed program uses research or best practice examples to show how a model or framework integrates with the program goal.  O Yes  No
*	3.2 The proposed program includes partnerships with other groups and explains how these partners aid the program.  O Yes  O No
*	3.3 The proposed program meets the needs of the target group.  O Yes  No
i)*	3.4 The proposed program addresses external influences on food and eating.  O Yes  No
4.	PROGRAM SETTING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN
i)*	4.1 The proposed program describes an appropriate setting for target group.  ○ Yes  ○ No
*	4.2 The proposed program describes realistic recruitment and retention of participants.  O Yes  No

5.	INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS
<b>i</b> )*	5.1 The proposed program includes several techniques to promote learning.  O Yes  No
<b>()</b> *	5.2 The proposed program includes several techniques to motivate participants.  O Yes  No
<b>(</b> )*	5.3 The proposed program includes several techniques to promote nutrition behavior change.  O Yes  No
<b>(i)</b> *	5.4 The proposed program explains why the planned teaching time and dose are adequate/fitting use related research or best practice examples as support.  O Yes  No
6.	PROGRAM CONTENT
*	6.1 The proposed program content relates to program goals.  O Yes  No
<b>(i)</b> *	6.2 The proposed program content is based on best practice examples or related research with citations from relevant research or government/health society guidance.  Ves  No
*	6.3 The proposed program content is supported by experts or key informants.  Ves  No
7.	PROGRAM MATERIALS
*	7.1 The program cites and explains that the materials have social and cultural relevance including language, reading level, food likes/dislikes, household status, food/diet needs, interests, age/development stage matched, learning style and/or format.

YesNo

8.	EVALUATION
*	8.1 The proposed program includes measurement tools that address program goals.  O Yes
•	8.2 The proposed program includes measurement tools that are reliable, valid, and chosen based on related research or best practice.  Yes
*	<ul> <li>No</li> <li>8.3 The proposed program's evaluation method is cited, based on related research, best practice or includes pilot testing to support its use.</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> </ul>
•	8.4 The proposed program includes process evaluation to check that the program is implemented as planned.  O Yes  No
•	8.5 The proposed program includes outcome evaluation measures for proximal goals.  O Yes  No
•	8.6 The proposed program includes outcome and/or impact evaluation measures for intermediate or distal goals.  O Yes  No
*	8.7 The proposed program evaluates outcome/impact at multiple time points.  O Yes  No
*	8.8 The proposed program includes an appropriate analysis plan.  O Yes  O No
9.	SUSTAINABILITY
•	9.1 The proposed program addresses the potential for the program to continue.  O Yes  No

# **Checklist Features**



	•	NO NO
*	•	The proposed program is supported by evidence of prior/current program success. Yes No
-1-		
*		The proposed program describes shared roles and duties of program partners. Yes
	•	No
*		The proposed program implies potential for broader reach, replication and growth.  Yes
		No No
<b>i</b> )*	9.5	The proposed program addresses the collective program impact within the community and/or among progr
U		Yes
	•	No
		Submit Responses







You may view your results below or click on the Download link to save a PDF version for later review.

#### Date

1. Today's Date

09/13/2014

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# **GENIE Score Page**



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Yes	
No	
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Yes	
No	

Score: 2

#### Recommended Practice

If you scored 3 or 4 - Great job! Your score indicates that your program meets 50% or more of the GENIE criteria for this category.

If you scored 0, 1 or 2 - It is important that your program plan is achievable and meets the needs of your target audience. It's important to explain how your program is not only necessary to meet those needs, but sufficiently planned to be effective. A literature review is strongly recommended to gather best practice recommendations and give you a sense of other effective interventions that address a similar target population or a similar topic. If you are not familiar with how to do a literature search or needs assessment, there are some tools in the GENIE Resource Kit to help you.

# **GENIE Score Page**





## Resource Kit



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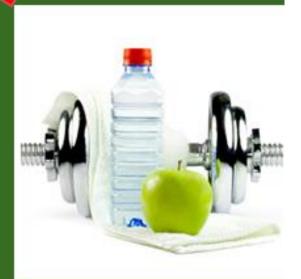
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How to Use GENIE

Videos and Resource Kit







Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education

# Interventions and Education



GENIE to assist nutrition educators at any level of experience in developing the most effective programs possible

To download a complete listing of defined terms and program examples found within the GENIE checklist, click here.

#### Videos and Tutorials

A series of informational videos and tutorials have been created to help you familiarly elf with GENIE and learn how GENIE can help you develop your nutrition education program. Click on the links below to access each presentation:

Tutorial	Video
Category 1: Program Description and Importance	Category 1: Program Description and Importance
Category 2: Program Goal	Category 2: Program Goal
Category 3: Program Framework	Category 3: Program Framework
Category 4: Program Setting, Recruitment and Retention Plan	Category 4: Program Setting, Recruitment and Retention Plan
Category 5: Instructional Methods	Category 5:; Instructional Methods
Category 6: Program Content	Category 6: Program Content
Category 7: Program Materials	Category 7: Program Materials
Category 8: Evaluation	Category 8: Evaluation
Category 9: Sustainability	Category 9: Sustainability

Addtional Presentations	
The Guide for Effective Nutrition Interventions and Education	
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A Message from ConAgra Foods Foundation	
Why GENIE was Developed?	
Why is GENIE Important?	
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#### Sample Proposals

Familiarize yourself with GENIE by viewing this brief video presentation and using the sample proposals and scoring benchmarks.

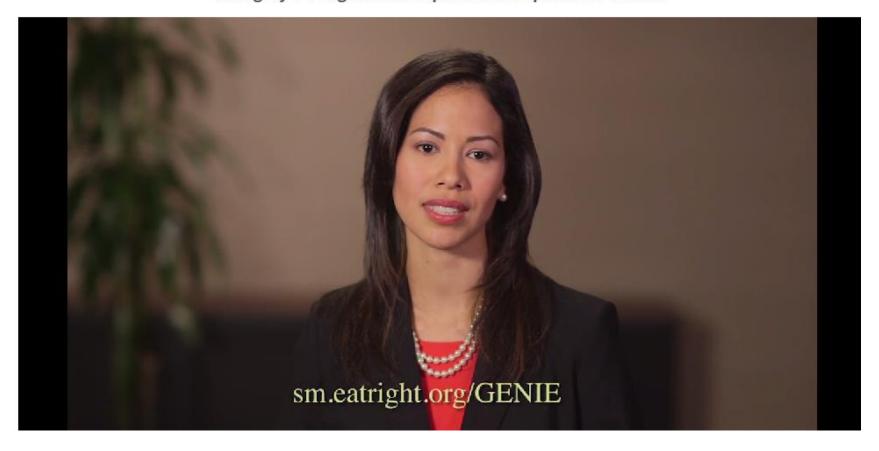
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# Video Tutorials



Category 1- Program Description and Importance-v3.mov



## Additional Resources



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### GENIE Sample Proposals

#### First Draft

- Sample Proposal First Draft Blank
- Sample Proposal First Draft Coded
- First Draft Benchmark

Revised Draft - Composition Format

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- Sample Proposal Revised Draft Composition Coded
- Revised Draft Benchmark Composition

Revised Draft - Q&A Format

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- Sample Proposal Revised Draft Q&A Coded
- Revised Draft Benchmark Q&A

PDF Note: You will need Adobe Reader to view these files. A free download is available from <a href="http://get.adobe.com">http://get.adobe.com</a> search within the PDF files using the function CTRL+F.

#### Additional Resources

To download a complete listing of online program planning resources, click here.

# GENIE's 9 Categories



CATEGORY COLOR CODE
1) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE
2) PROGRAM GOAL
3) PROGRAM FRAMEWORK
4) PROGRAM SETTING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN
5) INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS
6) PROGRAM CONTENT
7) PROGRAM MATERIALS
8) EVALUATION
9) SUSTAINABILITY

# **Nutrition Proposal Example**

You're an education director at a mid-sized metro area food bank that coordinates programs at multiple local pantries. You would like to start a new program for parents and their children. You're writing a grant proposal to a local funding organization to support your pilot project.

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### Proposed Program- What are we doing well?



### Category 1: Program Description and Importance

Evidence of feasibility, program is appropriate for the target group

### Category 2: Program Goal

Various appropriate goals are well defined and measurable

# Category 4: Program Setting, Recruitment and Retention Plan

 Interested audience, program held at community locations where children already receive afterschool care



### Scored High in 3 Categories:

### CATEGORY COLOR CODE 1) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND IMPORTANCE PROGRAM GOAL 3) PROGRAM FRAMEWORK 4) PROGRAM SETTING, RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN 5) INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS PROGRAM CONTENT 7) PROGRAM MATERIALS 8) EVALUATION SUSTAINABILITY

# Needs Improvement in 4 Categories: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation

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### Proposed Program- Where can we improve?



### Category 3: Program Framework

 No research or best-practice example to back up structure or content of the program

### Category 5: Program Methods

 Does not explain why planned teaching time/ dose are adequate or appropriate

### Category 8: Evaluation

 Self-designed survey has not been tested. Unknown reliability and validity.

### Category 9: Sustainability

 Program does not address potential for continuity and lacks collaboration with partners/ community



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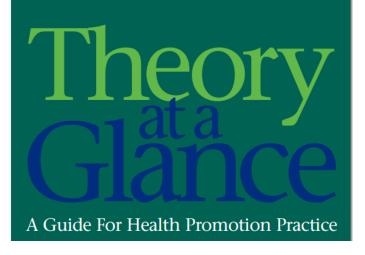
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#### Category 3- Program Framework and Design:

National Cancer Institute- Theory at a Glance

A "resource for public health practitioners seeking a single, concise summary of health behavior theories", described as being "neither overwhelming nor superficial".

http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/cancerlibrary/theory.pdf

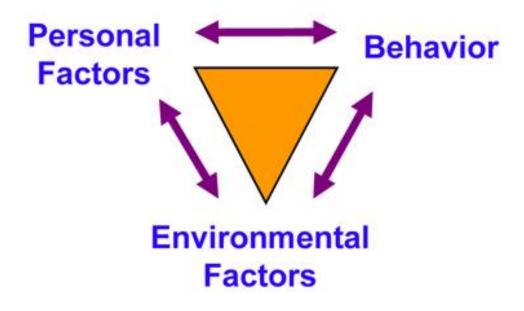




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Integrate the Social Cognitive Theory to explain program design





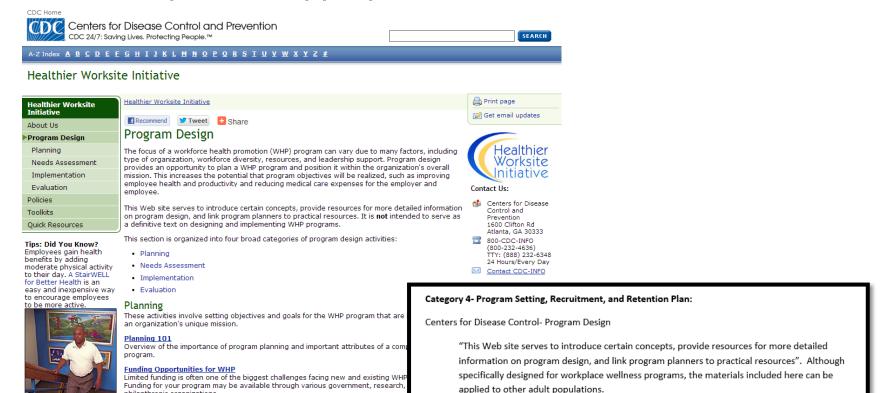
### Category 5: Program Methods

philanthropic organizations.

Tools that can be used to reach consensus on goals and objectives, and incorpora

Logic Models

 Does not explain why planned teaching time/ dose are adequate or appropriate



http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/hwi/programdesign/



### Category 5: Program Methods

- Does not explain why planned teaching time/ dose are adequate or appropriate
- Spread program over 5 sessions of 90 minutes based on HOME model
- Change education focus from MyPlate to more targeted dietary needs (reduce high fat foods, increase fruit and vegetables, reduce high sugar foods/ beverages, and controlled portions)



### Category 8: Evaluation

Self-designed survey has not been tested. Unknown reliability and validity.



Surveys, Reports and Research > Research Tools >

#### Dietary Assessment Instruments for Re

#### Measures Registry (Childhood Obesity Research)

National Collaborative on Childhood Obesity Research.

For public health researchers, a searchable database of diet and physical activity measures (or tools) relevant to childhood obesity research to promote the consistent use of common measures and research methods.

#### Resources for:

Search all USDA №

· Advanced Search @

Consumers

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#### Diet History Questionnaire &

DHHS, NIH, National Cancer Institute.

Part of Risk Factor Monitoring and Methods, this questionnaire provides background information and tools and resources for utilizing this program.

#### **Browse By Subject**

- · Dietary Guidance
- · Lifecycle Nutrition
- · Diet and Disease
- · Food Composition
- Weight and Obesity

#### Dietary Assessment Calibration/Validation Register

DHHS, NIH, National Cancer Institute.

Register contains studies and publications which compare dietary intake estimates from two or more dietary assessment methods.

#### Behavior Change and Maintenance

DHHS, NIH, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

#### Category 8- Evaluation Resources:

W.K. Kellogg Foundation- Evaluation Handbook

"This Evaluation Handbook is designed to encourage dialogue about the role evaluation should play at the project level".

https://www.nwcphp.org/documents/evaluation/kellogg-eval-handbook

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### Use validated assessment instruments

- Modified General Nutrition Knowledge Questionnaire
- Family Meal Routines Survey (Frequency of Family Meals)
- Brief Meal Time Screener (Content of Family Meals)
- Fulkerson Home Food Inventory

Wardle, Jane, Kathryn Parmenter, and Jo Waller. "Nutrition knowledge and food intake." *Appetite* 34.3 (2000): 269-275.

Fulkerson JA, Nelson MC, Lytle LA, Moe S, Heitzler C, Pasch KE. The validation of a home food inventory. International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, 2008, 5;55.

Fulkerson JA, Story M, Neumark-Sztainer D, Rydell S. Family meals: perceptions of benefits and challenges among parents of 8- to 10-year-old children. J Am Diet Assoc. 2008 Apr;108(4):706–709.

Fulkerson et al.: Development and validation of a screening instrument to assess the types and quality of foods served at home meals. International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity 2012 9:10.



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HEALTH EDUCATION RESEARCH Theory & Practice Vol.13 no.1 1998 Pages 87-108

Planning for the sustainability of community-based health programs: conceptual frameworks and future directions for research, practice and policy

Mona C. Shediac-Rizkallah and Lee R. Bone

#### Abstract

Attention to the sustainability of health intervention programs both in the US and abroad is increasing, but little consensus exists on the conceptual and operational definitions of sustainability. Moreover, an empirical knowledge base about the determinants of

#### Introduction

Throughout the world, considerable resources are

Planning for the sustainability of community-based health programs

This "paper presents an initial set of potential guidelines and strategies for fostering program sustainability within the dynamic context of community".

http://her.oxfordjournals.org/content/13/1/87.full.pdf



### Category 9: Sustainability

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Partner with local grocery store to sponsor groceries for education sessions and/ or coupons for families

Consider collaborating with dietetic internships/ nursing programs/ culinary schools to provide staff support

Coordinate efforts with EFNEP/ SNAP program and community groups for referrals

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### How GENIE can be used

- Enhance educators' skill and confidence
- Choose appropriate lessons
- Arrange space to facilitate learning
- Modify activities as appropriate
- Encourage providers to include parents
- Use a variety of instructional methods
- Engage youth on multiple levels

### **Apply GENIE:**

- New programs
- Comparing programs
- Modifying programs
- Advising others

- You and your clients will benefit from using strong evaluation tools.
- The Healthy Food Bank Hub has many helpful evaluation resources. www.healthyfoodbankhub.org/assessment-andevaluations/
- Program evaluation results will only be as good as the program it is evaluating...use GENIE and other resources to plan programs.





## Thank you!

