

Co-Production Self-Assessment

Is My Organisation Ready for a Time Bank?

The Co-Production Self Assessment is a simple tool that will help you determine to what extent your programme is meeting the principles of Co-Production.

It also shows the most effective way your programme can focus its energies to effect change.

The questions below are a sample of the kind of questions that a Co-Production Assessment asks about whether and how much your organisation subscribes to or implements the five core values of Co-Production. The questions can be applied at any one of six different levels:

- Mission
- Board, management and organizational structure
- Current strategic plan
- Budget
- Current policies and procedures
- Ongoing, day-to-day operations

Asset Based Questions

- Does your organisation take into account the things that your client/service user can do for others in the community as part of the strengths the client brings?
- Does your organisation take into account client/service user abilities to mobilize others as part of an asset based approach to human services?

Redefining Work

- Are residents and clients asked to fulfill substantive roles (beyond administrative support) in achieving the outcomes of your organisation?
- How do you record the unpaid hours that clients and community members contribute to your organisation's mission?
- Do you reward the people who contribute in any way?

Reciprocity

- Does your organisation request, require or even encourage paybacks? (Do you just deliver services and material goods?)
- Do you accept help given to people outside of the organisation as a form of paying back?
- Do you budget money or create special programmes with incentives and rewards for people who contribute?

Social Networks

- Does your organisation actively seek to include building trust relationships, mutual self-help and social action networks among clients?
- Do you define clients/service users as individuals or as multi-party clusters that include family, extended family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and informal support systems?
- Does your organisation work in collaboration with other agencies? Do you encourage clients/service users to access support and help from clients who are part of another organisation?