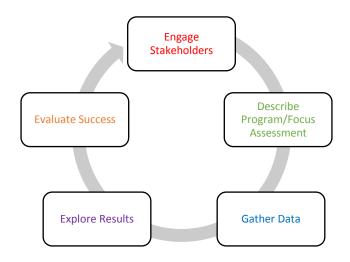
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1. Engage Stakeholders

- a. Who are stakeholders?
- b. Why engage stakeholders?
- c. How do we engage stakeholders?
- 2. Describe Program—this information can be obtained from your stakeholders during engagement
 - **a.** Who is your audience and environment? Where does/will the program take place?
 - **b.** Describe the core components of the existing program or future program context

3. Focus the Assessment

- **a.** Use your stakeholders (students, staff, families) to focus the direction of your needs assessment
- **b.** Use your knowledge of the current program or a previous program you have worked in
- **c.** Collect existing data—from school/district documents, from conversations, from personal experience

4. Gather Data

a. A comprehensive needs assessment includes a collection and analysis of data, survey information, focus groups, policy review, and review of current programs.

5. Explore Results

- **a.** What have you learned?
- **b.** Share the results!!

6. Evaluate Success

a. Always include ways to measure the success of individual pieces of the program or the overall program (and use it regularly)