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PAN Sustainability Planning Session
Thursday, January 21st, 9 am to 4 pm

AGENDA

Session Description

We've all heard the story: an innovative program or initiative was successful but had to stop because the funding ended. However, new research in the area of program sustainability has shown there are concrete steps organizations can take to increase the longevity of their successful programs and initiatives. In this session, staff will learn through interactive and hands-on activities what factors can increase the sustainability odds of a program and learn how to develop a formal sustainability plan.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the session, participants will be able to:

a) Explain the concept of program sustainability and why it's important
b) State the factors that promote program sustainability
c) List what areas they need to work on to increase their program's sustainability
d) Use a tool to help identify periods of potential funding instability
e) Identify what components of the program to save if program funding was unexpectedly cut or reduced
f) Develop concrete strategies for increasing their program's sustainability

Session Overview

1. Definition of Sustainability
2. Why Sustainability is Important
3. Characteristics of Sustained Programs
4. Factors Promoting Sustainability
5. Sustainability Planning Tools
6. Program Champions
7. Co-location & Mergers