



GUIDELINES FOR WRITING NEED AND OUTCOME STATEMENTS



A need is a starting place that describes where we are now and acknowledges that we need to go somewhere.

NEED STATEMENTS

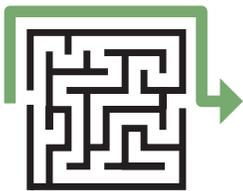
SHOULD



Should include only one person, except for needs in the Wraparound Family and Relationships life domain



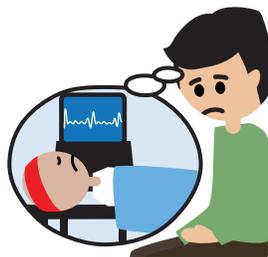
Should connect to a Wraparound life domain



Should be simple!



Should include the word "need"



Should involve the heart or core of the need

SHOULD NOT



Should **NOT** be an action step



Should **NOT** be symptoms or behaviors

~~"Needs to feel"~~
~~"Needs to be"~~

Should **NOT** include "needs to feel" or "needs to be"



Should **NOT** be a service or a strategy

FILL IN THE BLANKS TO ARRIVE AT THE TRUE NEED STATEMENT

What is it that you hope to get out of [INSERT SERVICE OR STRATEGY] ...

How will [INSERT SERVICE OR STRATEGY] help you...

What type of concerns do you want [INSERT SERVICE OR STRATEGY] to address...

What does the youth/family need help with that [INSERT SERVICE OR STRATEGY] will address...

OUTCOME STATEMENTS

SHOULD



Should be written as a result or a future state of being (Quality)

TIP Brainstorm first, then measure it!



Should be connected to the prioritized need (Quality)

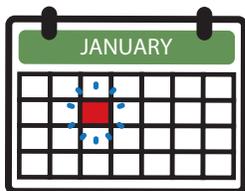
SHOULD NOT



Should **NOT** include the word "Not" (Quality)



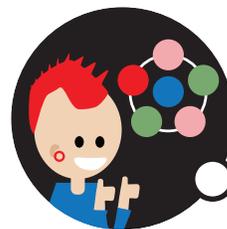
Should **NOT** be an action step (Quality)



Should have a specified timeline (Quality)



Should include the word "will" or "is" (Quality)



Should be measurable and assessable (Fidelity)

Leticia connects with her family at least 1x a day as reported by her and her family by August 1.



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Name

Who is this outcome statement regarding?



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Outcome

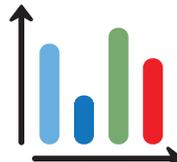
What does the team want to see when the need is met? Examples: emotional regulation, safety, family connection, communication, etc.



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Measurement

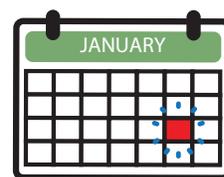
Frequency or quantity. Examples: 3 people, 5 times per week, most of the time, regularly, etc.



A

Assessment

How will the team know the outcome is happening at the frequency it wants to see? How will the outcome be documented, observed, reported, and by whom, etc.?



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Deadline

By what date does the team expect this statement to be true?

Disclaimer: NOMAD is not a required format for writing outcome statements. It is one example of many templates that can be used to ensure the "should" elements listed above are included.