

WORKSHEET 4

Given the information we need, what data gathering strategies make the most sense?

Why is this important?

Each data gathering strategy has its pros and cons. Factors to consider include: How much time will this take (for us and for the people we are asking information of)? Is this method appropriate for the kinds of questions we want to ask? How will we use this information? Remember you can use more than one strategy if needed, but that the goal isn't necessarily to collect lots of data, but rather to collect the right kind of data.

Strategy	Y/N	Questions that should be included to get the information we need
Information forms about participants or service users (e.g., age, gender identity, etc.)		
Surveys of participants or service users		
Interviews or focus groups with participants or service users		
Surveys of other stakeholder groups (e.g., partner organizations, parents, youth)		
Basic tracking data (e.g., attendance, referrals)		
Discussion forums, town halls, or other large group meetings		
Other		