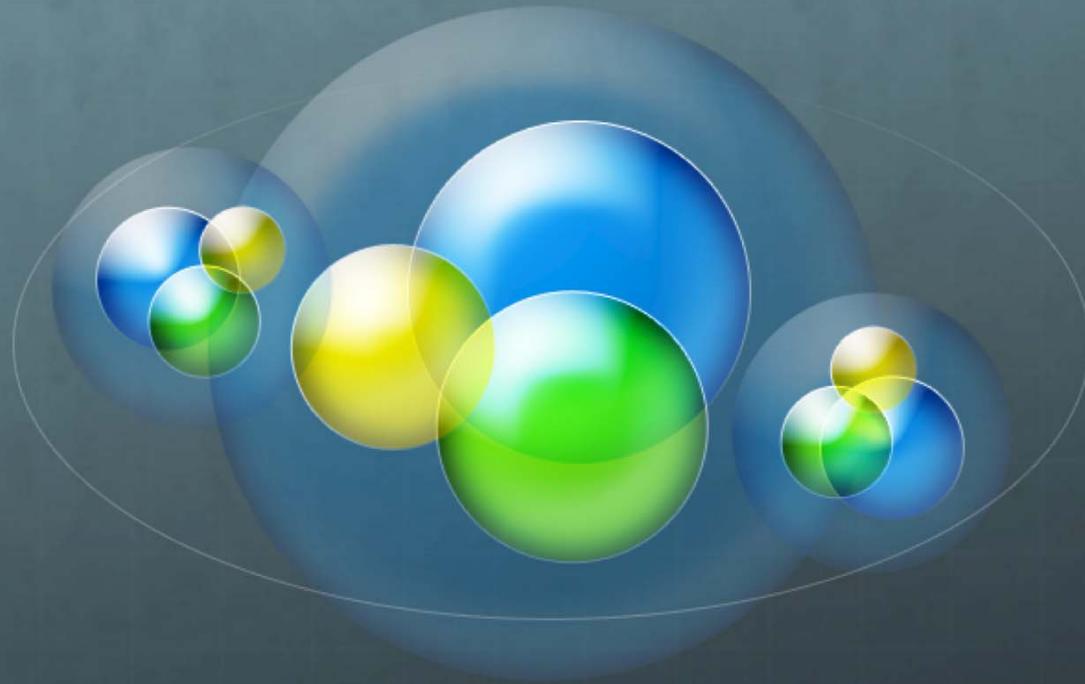


# Where's the Logic in Logic Modeling

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# Objectives

-  By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to ...
-  Describe the basic component of a behavioral change logic model
-  Describe how to use a logic model



# Overview of Logic Models

# Definition of a Logic Model

A logic model describes the main elements of an intervention and how they sequentially work together to address a specific problem or issue in a given population

# Logic Models

- 🌐 Are simply a picture that describes a program and its inner workings
  - 🌐 Flow chart
  - 🌐 Diagram
- 🌐 Are made far more complicated than they need to be

# Logic Models

- 🌐 In our field, we create logic models to describe:
  - 🌐 Evaluation plans
  - 🌐 Community assessments
  - 🌐 Prevention programs
  - 🌐 Behavior change
- 🌐 We further dissect problems so that we can more finely tune our programs



**YOU HAVE A  
HEADACHE!!!!!!**

**What do you do?**

# Show Obvious Relationships

Stress and tension have produced a headache



Take two aspirins

Rest for 30 minutes



Headache pain will be reduced

# Logical Progression to Solving a Problem

PROBLEM



SOLUTION / ACTION



RESOLUTION / RESULT

# The Process



**Starts with an observation and then follows a “but why?” line of reasoning to identify causes**

**Then you implement the solution ... and monitor the outcome**

# Elements of the Logic Model

PROBLEM



Problem Statement



SOLUTION / ACTION



Inputs, Activities, and Outputs



RESOLUTION / RESULT



Immediate and Intermediate Outcomes

# Flow of a Logic Model

PROBLEM STATEMENT

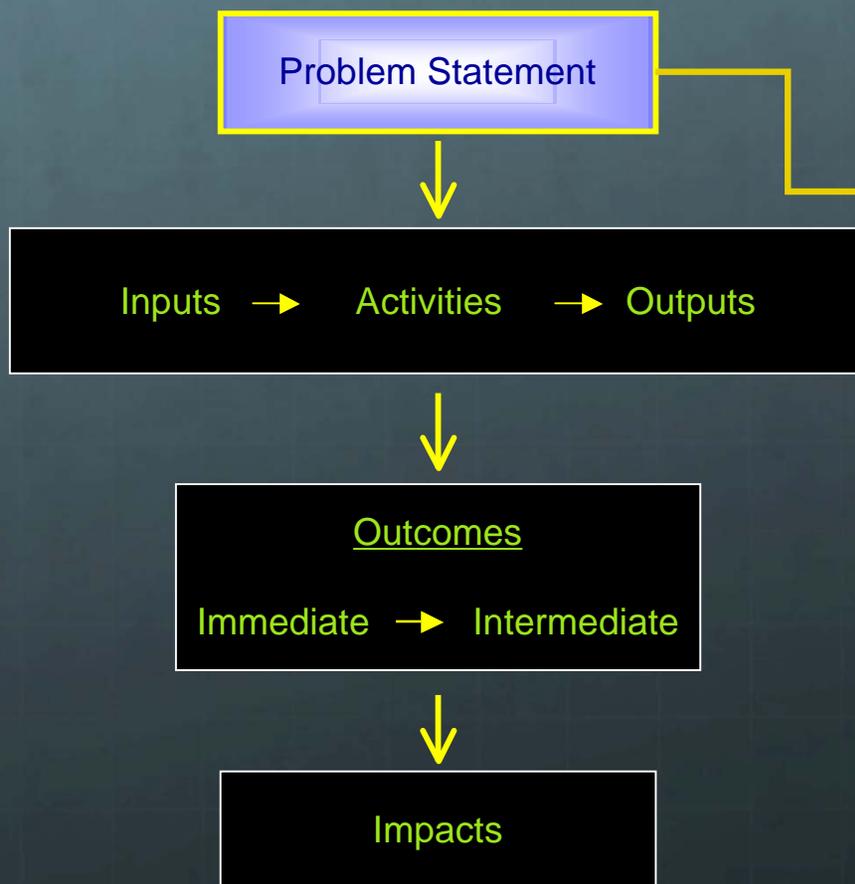


INPUTS → ACTIVITIES → OUTPUTS



IMMEDIATE OUTCOMES → INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

# Definitions of Logic Model Components



## **Problem Statement:**

Description of the behaviors, causes, and context placing a specific population at risk.

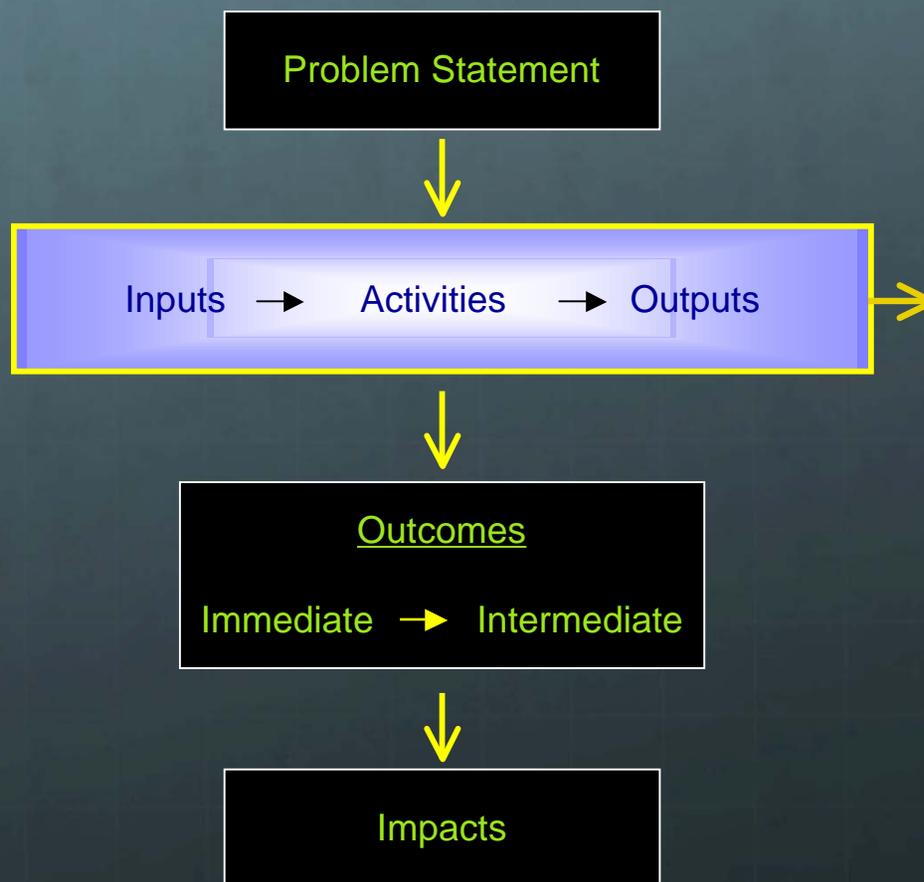


Causes that put a population at risk may include: knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, skills, access, policies, or environmental conditions



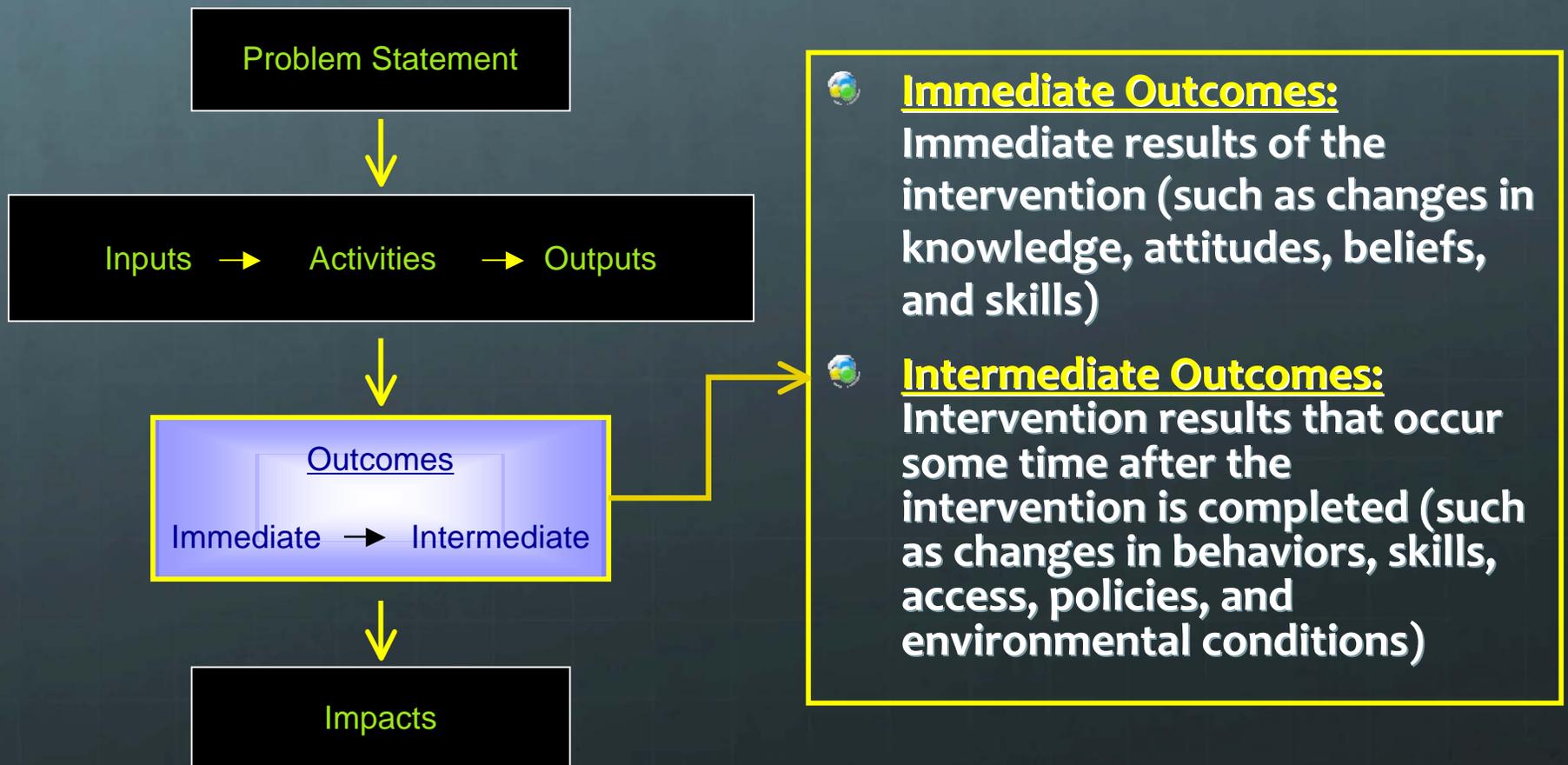
The problem statement should be the result of an assessment or research

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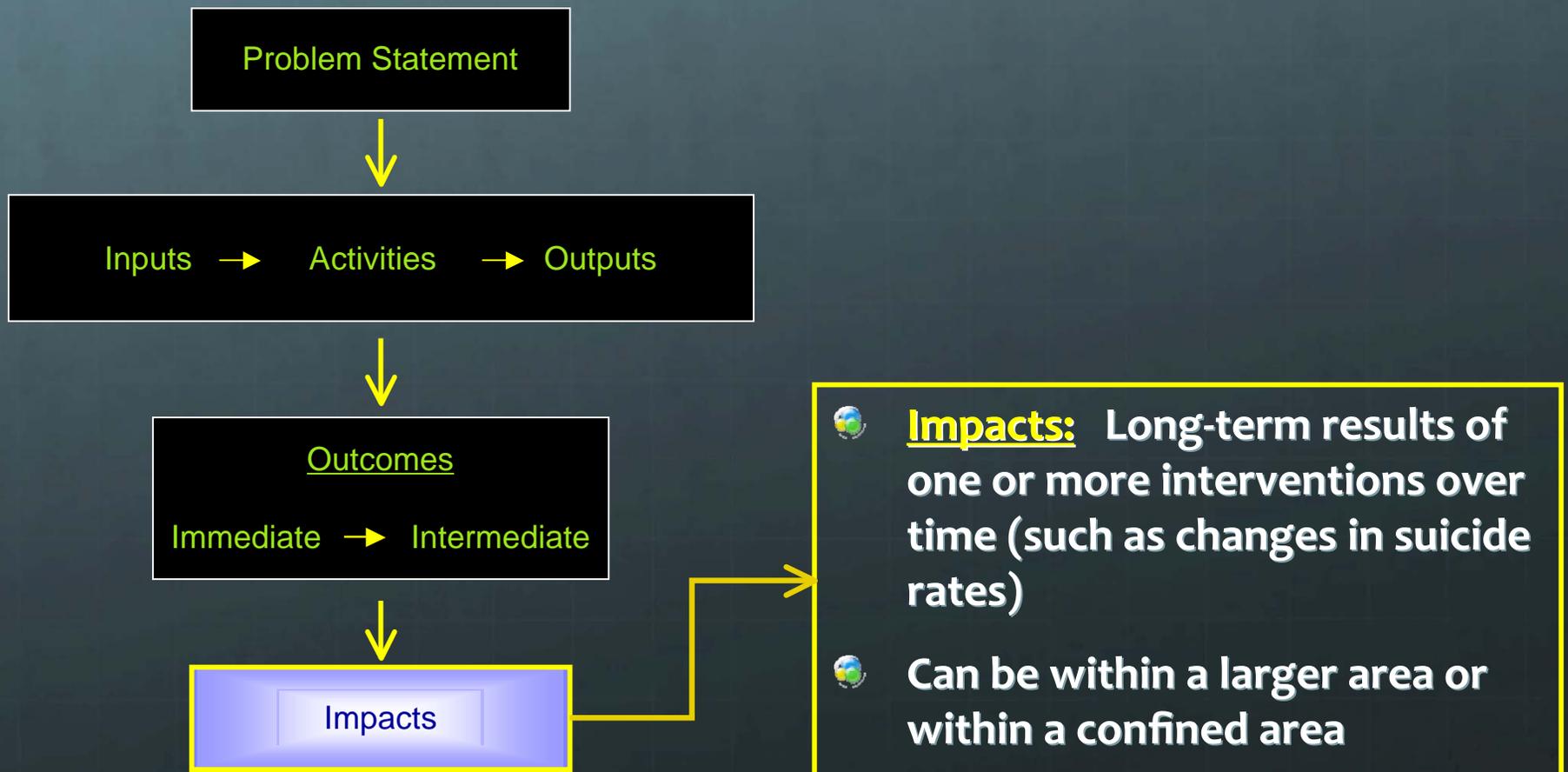


- Inputs:** Resources used in an program (such as money, staff, curricula, and materials)
- Activities:** Services that the intervention provides to accomplish its objectives (such as outreach, materials distribution, counseling sessions, workshops, and training)
- Outputs:** Direct products or deliverables of the intervention, (such as intervention sessions completed, people reached, and materials distributed)

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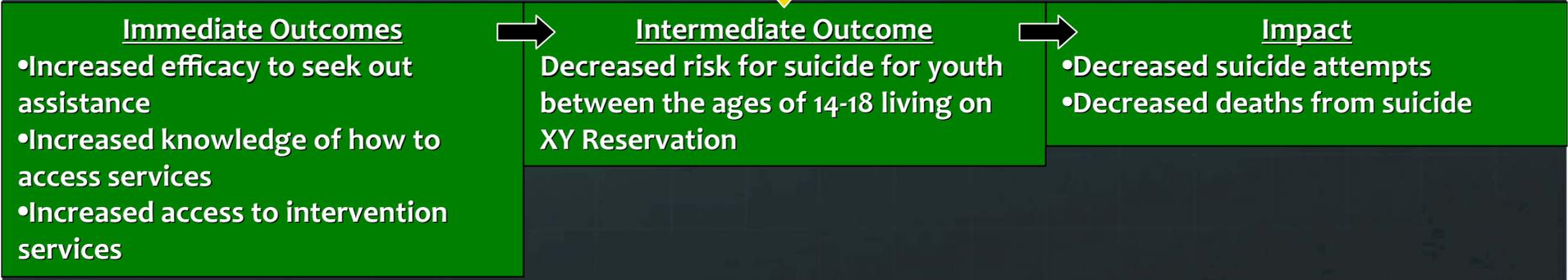
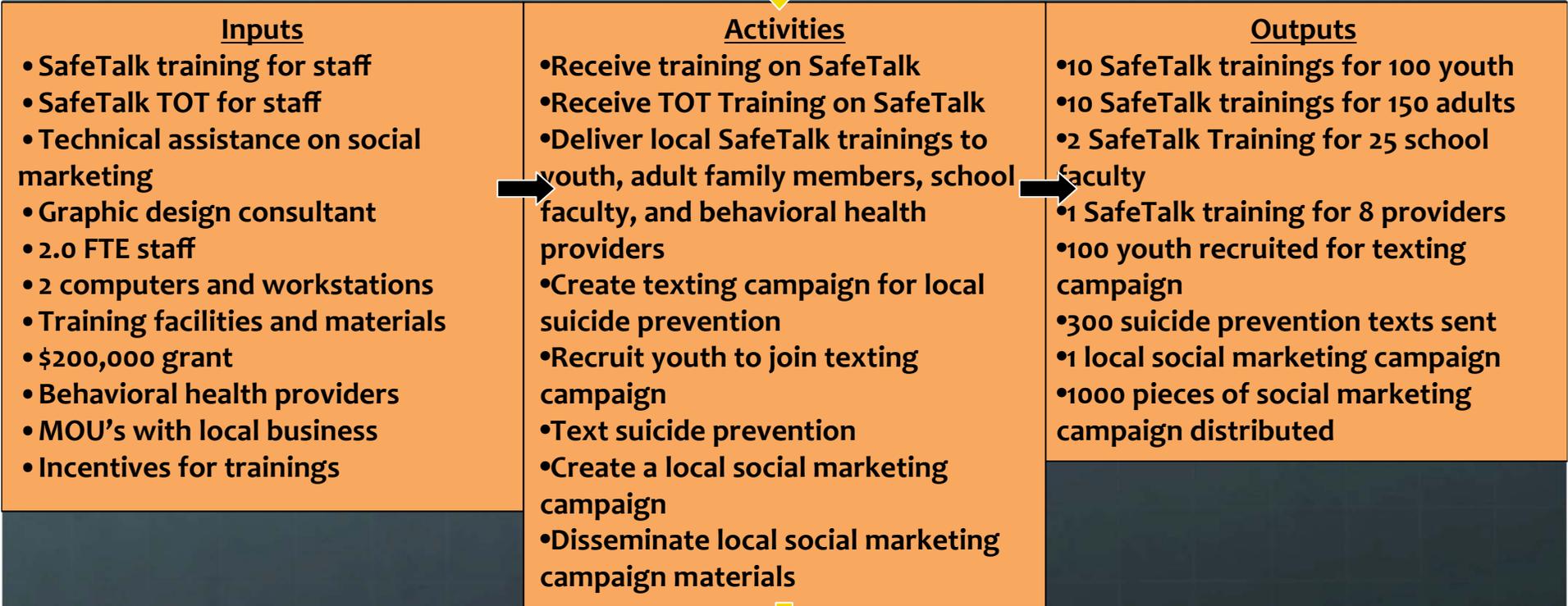
# The Logic of a Logic Model

- The problem statement contains:
  - Statement of risk behavior
  - Statement of the causes (behavioral determinants)
  - Specifies the population engaging in the risk behavior
- Activities directly address behavioral determinants
  - Large programs generally have many activities
- Immediate outcomes show a change in behavioral determinants
- Intermediate outcomes show a change in actual risk behavior

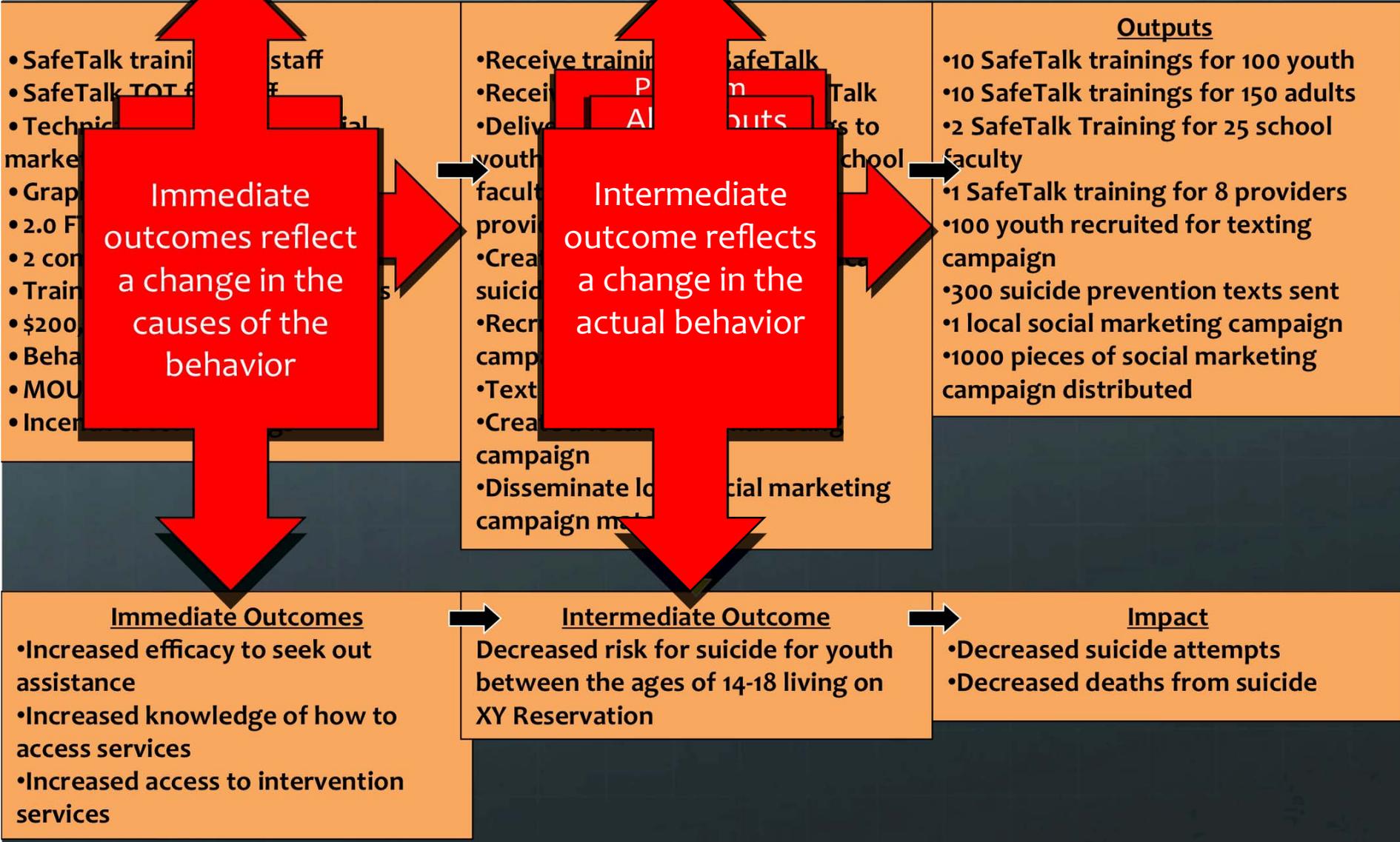
# Tips for Writing a Logic Model

- 🌐 Inputs are what you need to do your activities
- 🌐 Activities start with verbs
  - 🌐 Conduct, Distribute, etc.
- 🌐 Outputs are also called deliverables
- 🌐 Outputs are almost always associated with numbers
- 🌐 Outcomes use words to indicate a change shift
- 🌐 Immediate outcomes lead to intermediate outcomes

Youth between the ages of 14-18 living on XY Reservation are a heightened risk for suicide due to diminished access to intervention services, lack of knowledge of how to access services, and low self-efficacy to ask to seek out assistance



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# What Can Happen if Your Logic Model is Illogical

If you don't know the actual causes of the risk behaviors

OR

If your activities do not directly address the causes of the behavior



You may implement a program that does not significantly impact the actual behavior because it is not addressing the "root" causes



# Why Use Logic Models?

# Benefits of Using a Capacity Building Logic Model

-  Shows the internal logical consistency of the program and helps to identify gaps in the plan
-  Makes the intended outcomes of the intervention clear so that planners can determine whether the intended activities are appropriate and realistic
-  Helps in monitoring progress by providing a clear plan for an intended intervention

# Benefits of Using a Capacity Building Logic Model

-  Ensures that everybody (planners, managers, grant writers, line staff, funders, community members, and others) are all on the same page
-  Great tool for continuity
-  Ensures concrete effective programming
-  Seeks to ensure that the problem statement is based on evidence and not assumption

# Using the Logic Model to Construct a Workplan

-  Using the activities component, begin to construct incremental tasks needed to accomplish each activity
-  Construct a Gantt Chart to supplement the workplans
-  Doing the Workplan will also help you to validate how many staff are needed to accomplish each task and activity
-  The activities can then be grouped into objectives and goals

# Using Logic Model to Guide Evaluation Planning

- 🌐 **Helps to focus evaluation questions**
- 🌐 **Process Monitoring and Evaluation**
  - 🌐 **Create Process Objectives (generally around the outputs)**
    - 🌐 **By the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> month, 1 social marketing campaign will have been created**
- 🌐 **Outcome Monitoring and Evaluation**
  - 🌐 **Create Outcome Objectives (for both immediate and intermediate)**
    - 🌐 **By the end of grant year 1, youth will exhibit a 25% increase in their self-reported self efficacy to access services**

# If not meeting outputs

- 🌐 Then the logic model becomes a monitoring tool, and you can ask yourself
  - 🌐 “Why aren’t we meeting our output?”
    - 🌐 Did we miscalculate inputs and resources needed?
    - 🌐 Are the activities taking too long?
    - 🌐 ...

# Using Logic Model for Budgeting

- 🌐 Using inputs to write specific budget line items
  - 🌐 That includes work materials, computers, training required, and travel
- 🌐 Using activities to estimate staff time needed

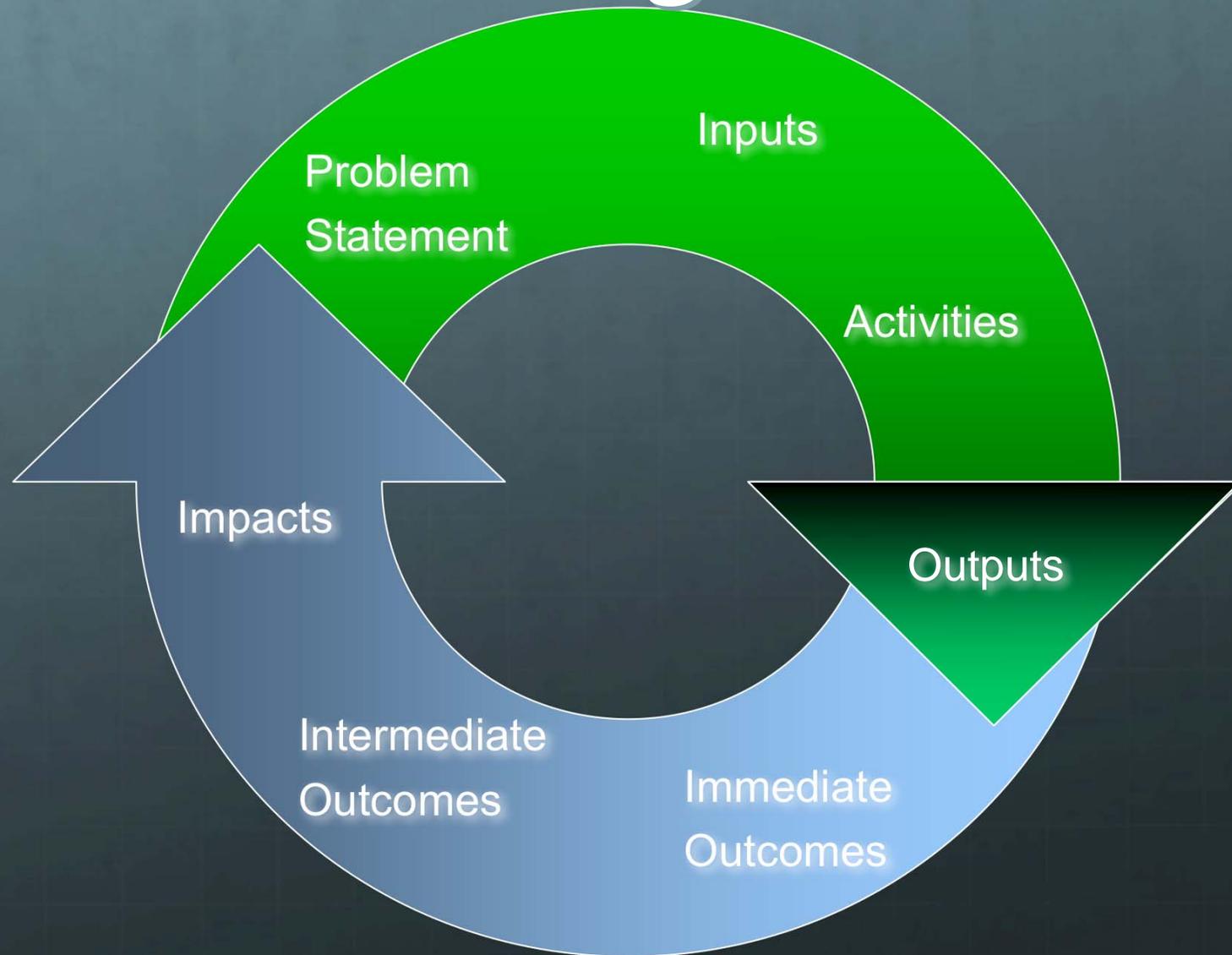
# Planned Versus Actual Logic Models

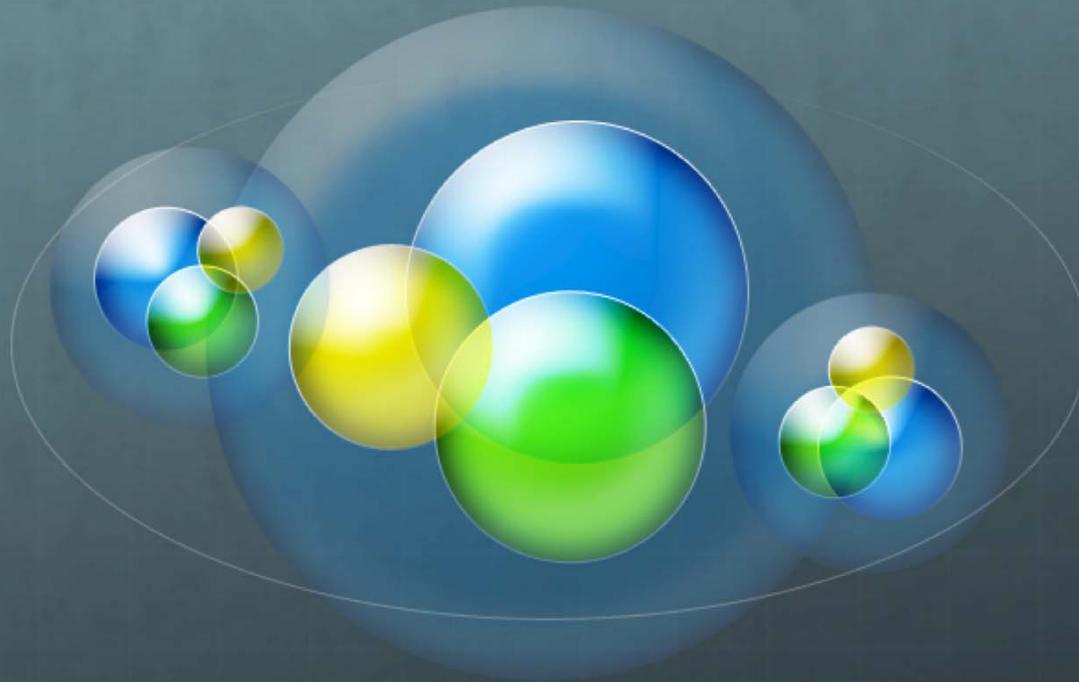
- 🌐 **Planned implementation and outcomes**
  - 🌐 During the planning of a program, a logic model can
    - 🌐 describe intended implementation
    - 🌐 show expected outcomes
- 🌐 **Actual implementation and outcomes**
  - 🌐 Once the program is implemented, a logic model can
    - 🌐 describe how the implementation actually occurs
    - 🌐 demonstrate the outcomes that actually occurred

# Logic Model Structure

- The structure of a logic model is flexible
  - Does not have to be so linear and Western in its approach
- As long as the following components are included:
  - Problem Statement
  - Activities
  - Immediate and Intermediate Outcomes

# Circular Logic Model





**Thank you!**

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