High-quality out-of-school time experiences play an important role in helping Saint Paul’s youth recognize and achieve their greatest potential – that’s why we are committed to continuous program improvement through the Sprockets Activator Improvement Cycle.

Complete the Activator Cycle to become an Activator! Use data to strengthen and improve your program - leading to better outcomes and experiences for youth, supported by Sprockets at every step of the way.

### September
- Attend Activator Kick-off Event
- Create plan for fall data collection

### Fall
- **ASSESS**
  - Collect data in 2-4 areas:
    - Program Quality
    - Attendance & Participation
    - Youth Outcomes
    - Program Experience

Sprockets offers supports for data collection in all four areas, with free access to measurement tools and the Sprockets Shared Data System.

### January
- Attend M³: Making Meaning with Multiple Data Sets

### February
- Submit Improvement Plan informed by data to Sprockets

### Spring
- Implement improvement plan.
- Send staff to Sprockets trainings to build skills to improve programs
Which data sets will you add this year?

The Activator Improvement Cycle is all about using data to inform improvement - and the more sets of data you collect, the more complete of a picture you have to inform your improvement plan.

**Program Quality**

*What is it?*
Data that assesses your program’s use of quality afterschool practices.

*How can programs measure it?*
YPQA, NYSAN, organization capacity scales, BiBi Building Blocks of Effective Practice self-assessment, Quality Mentoring Assessment Project

*How does Sprockets support programs in this area?:*
- YPQA as a Self-assessment training
- External YPQA Assessments
- Scores Reporter account for PQA reports

**Attendance & Participation**

*What is it?*
Data that shows the participation of youth in your program, including daily attendance and participant demographics.

*How can programs measure it?*
City Span, KidTrax, CTK, EZ reports, OYP, spreadsheets

*How does Sprockets support programs in this area?*
- Access to Sprockets Shared Data System
- Training in running reports

**Youth Outcomes**

*What is it?*
Data/info that shows the outcomes (academic, social, emotional, etc.) of your program participants.

*How do you measure it?*
Internal evaluation tools, SAYO-Y SAYO-S, pre/post tests, Federal Teacher Survey, Experience Survey, academic test scores, behavior monitoring sheets

*How does Sprockets support programs in this area?*
- SAYO-S and SAYO-Y
- Holistic Student Assessment
- Staff Rating of Youth Behavior

**Program Experience**

*What is it?*
Data that speaks to how your participants experience the program from their perspective.

*How can programs measure it?*
Parent and youth satisfaction surveys, focus groups, SAYO-Y

*How does Sprockets support programs in this area?*
- SAYO-Y

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