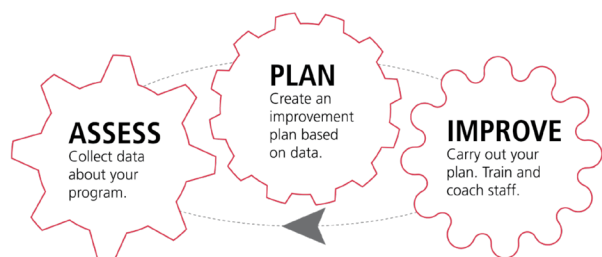


# Activator Improvement Cycle



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 M<sup>3</sup>: Making Meaning with Multiple Data Sets

## February

- PLAN**  
Submit Improvement Plan informed by data to Sprockets

## Spring

- IMPROVE**  
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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