



The Every Hour Counts Measurement Framework

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The Framework

The Every Hour Counts (EHC) [Measurement Framework](#) was created in 2014 by [Every Hour Counts](#), a coalition of citywide intermediaries nationwide. The in-depth document offers professionals in our field common outcomes allowing for measurements on three levels:

- Youth
- Programs
- Systems

Data and measurements

EHC awarded United Way of Rhode Island's [Afterschool Leadership Circle](#) (ALC) a grant to explore how the Framework could help move our field's work forward — especially in an environment where data and outcomes are increasingly requested by funders.

Although the Framework utilizes such language as “measurement tasks” and “data use goals,” it's structured to be user-friendly and accessible.

Development opportunities

Over the past year, ALC offered professional development opportunities connected to various parts of the Framework. Workshops were presented as part of our training calendar and annual Lights On Afterschool Mini-Conference, and included:

- Planning with Data
- Observe, Anticipate, Adapt! Quick and Useful Observational Strategies for Frontline Staff

We are planning future professional development opportunities and will announce them as soon as possible.

An integral part

There are many reasons ALC works hard to ensure the Framework becomes an integral part of Rhode Island's OST landscape. This includes its multi-tiered structure that allows for three levels to promote success, and its ability to be tailored to address issues OST programs have with measuring outcomes.

Once these programs become more confident and/or efficient, the Framework can be accessed again to support even deeper work in this area.

Pioneers and the way forward

Our wonderful partners at the [Providence After School Alliance](#) (PASA) are at the forefront of EHC work in the state. Their experience and success with the Framework will help inform our field's future work, particularly around outcomes.

The Framework's updated version is due to be released in 2019 — we're eager to see how it creates accessible entry points for various levels of professionals engaging with it for the first time. We're also excited about what it means for the future of our field.

As always, ALC and PASA are here to support you throughout this effort.