## **Program Taxonomy**

The MOHLTC Annual Service Plan (ASP) 2018 marked a significant shift in the way MLHU reported on programs and services delivered externally and internally to our community and staff. We previously reported by "team" and now we report by "program". Teams represent administrative reporting structures that seek to best align people and the services they are delivering; however, planning as a team loses the specificity of having defined program outcomes. Moving forward, the MLHU will be planning at the programmatic level. The taxonomy with definitions can be found below.

Program

A <u>program</u> is a coordinated grouping of public health interventions related to a disease, topic, or population/age. This set of interventions helps to achieve the desired short, intermediate and long-term health outcomes.

A list of all MLHU programs and their interventions can be found <u>here.</u>

Intervention

An <u>intervention</u> is a combination of activities performed to assess, improve, maintain, promote and/or modify outcomes for individuals, target populations, or entire populations. Interventions can be implemented in multiple settings using multiple strategies. Examples include Smart Start for Babies, Food Safety Inspections, Active and Safe Routes to School, School-Based Immunization Clinics, etc.

Component

Activity Activity

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<u>Activities</u> are specific services and actions within an intervention, delivered to achieve a desired outcome. Examples of activities include distributing campaign posters, demonstrating breastfeeding technique, reading TB skin tests, etc.

Similar activities can be grouped by <u>component</u>, which are the essential functions necessary to produce the desired outcome. These include education, direct service delivery, policy development, screening, etc. If an intervention is prescribed or specific, it may not include components.

Task

A <u>tasks</u> are the individual actions required to complete an activity.

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