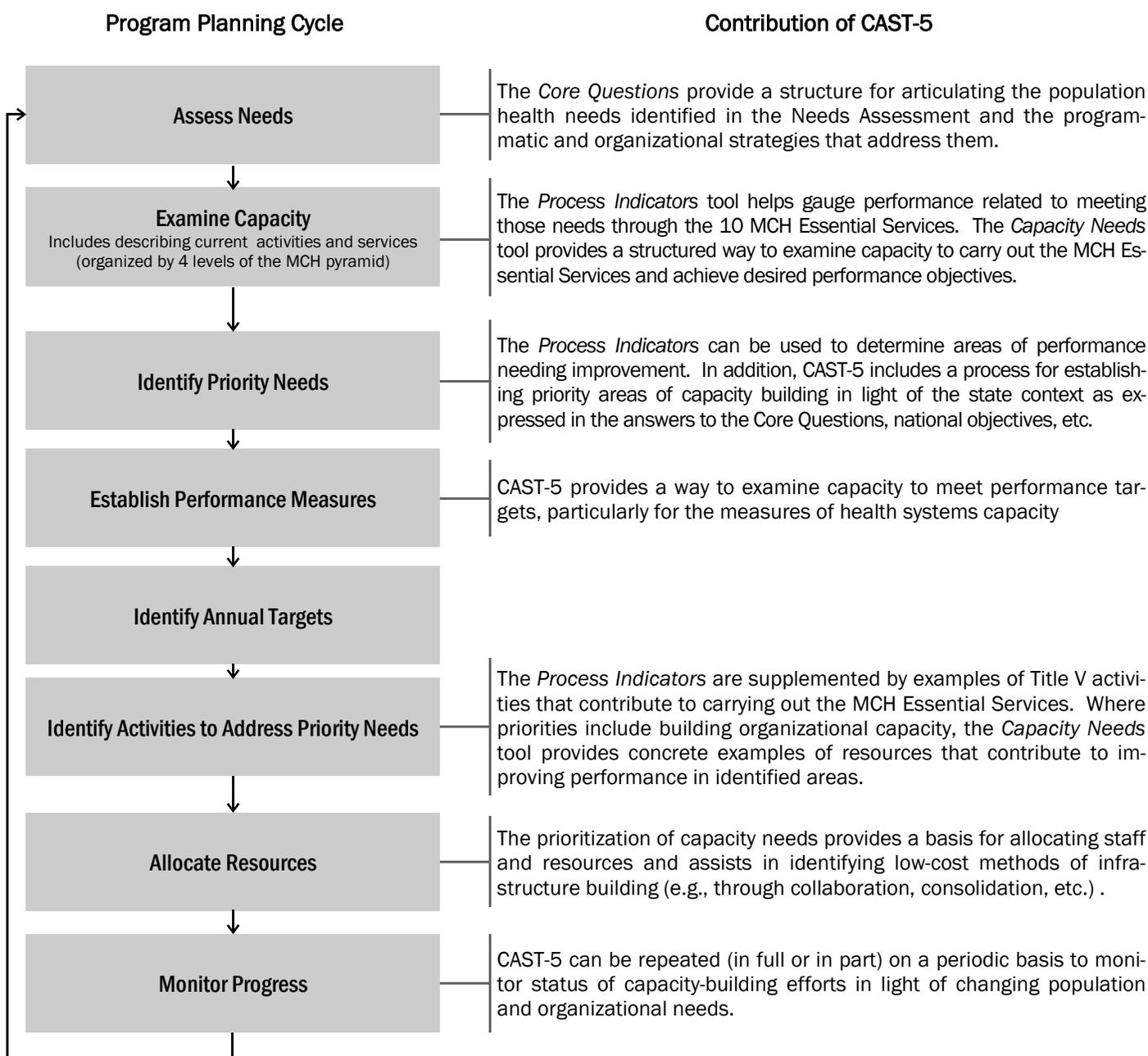


CAST-5 and the Title V Program Planning Cycle

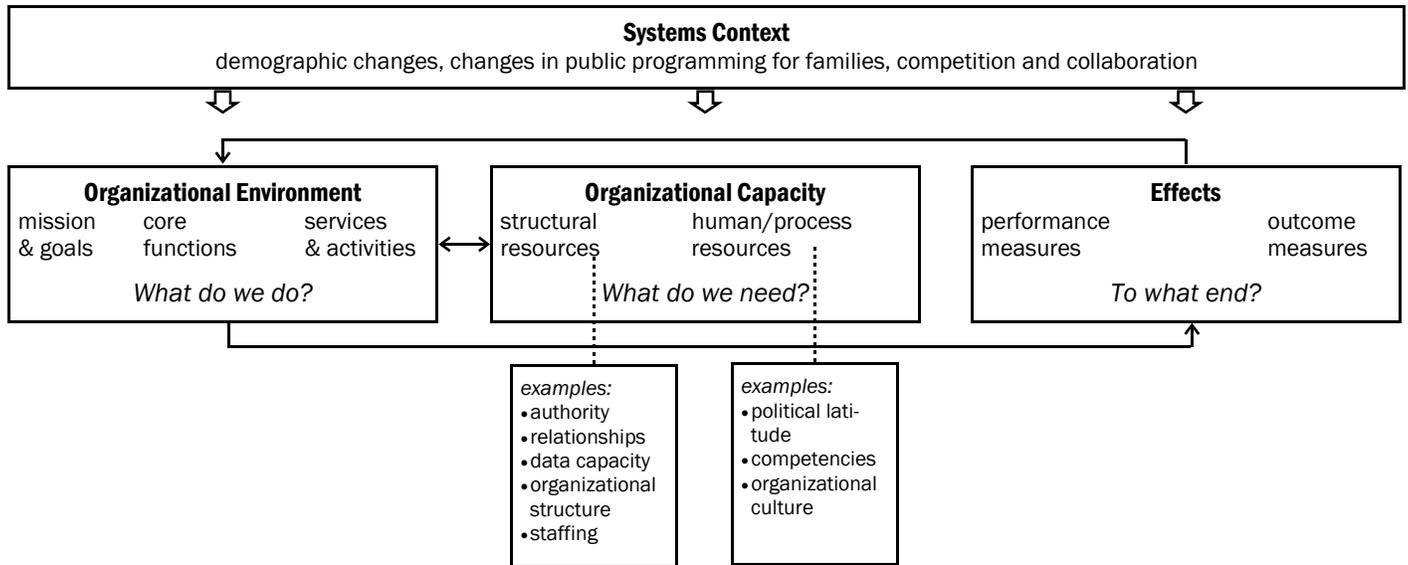
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The Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Title V MCH Services Block Grant Program Guidance describes a cyclic process for needs assessment, planning, and program monitoring and improvement. Capacity Assessment for State Title V (CAST-5) can contribute to each part of that cycle.



MCH Strategic Capacity Planning Framework

CAST-5 provides a link between what a program does and what it strives to achieve by identifying the organizational resources that support program operations.

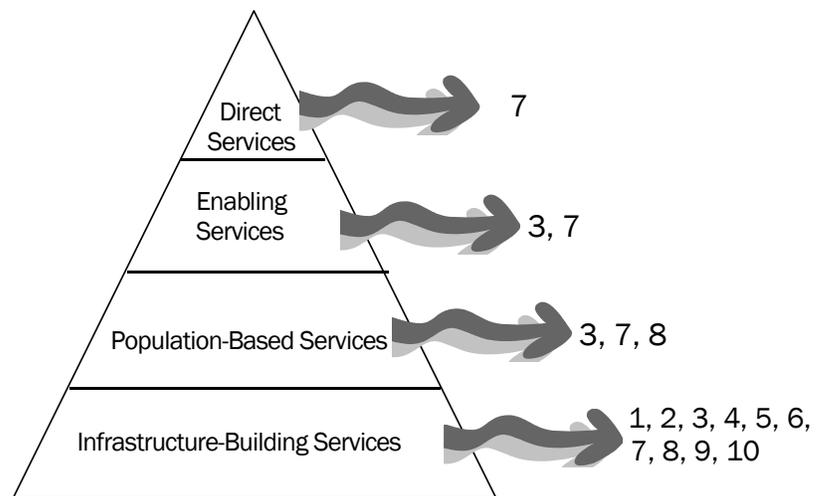


CAST-5 and the Title V Pyramid

The MCH-specific 10 Essential Services provide the conceptual framework for CAST-5. This framework is compatible with the four levels of the MCH pyramid, which form the conceptual basis for Title V activities as described in the Block Grant guidance. The 10 MCH Essential Services and the 4 levels of the MCH Pyramid are different ways of categorizing the same core public health functions.

The 10 MCH Essential Services (abridged):

- 1) Assess and monitor MCH status
- 2) Diagnose and Investigate health problems and health hazards
- 3) Inform and educate the public
- 4) Mobilize community partnerships
- 5) Leadership for priority setting, planning, and policy development
- 6) Promote and enforce legal requirements
- 7) Link to services
- 8) Assure workforce capacity
- 9) Evaluate services
- 10) Support research and demonstrations



Each level of the Title V Pyramid corresponds to one or more of the MCH-specific 10 Essential Services.



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