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# WestEd Update

March 6, 2024

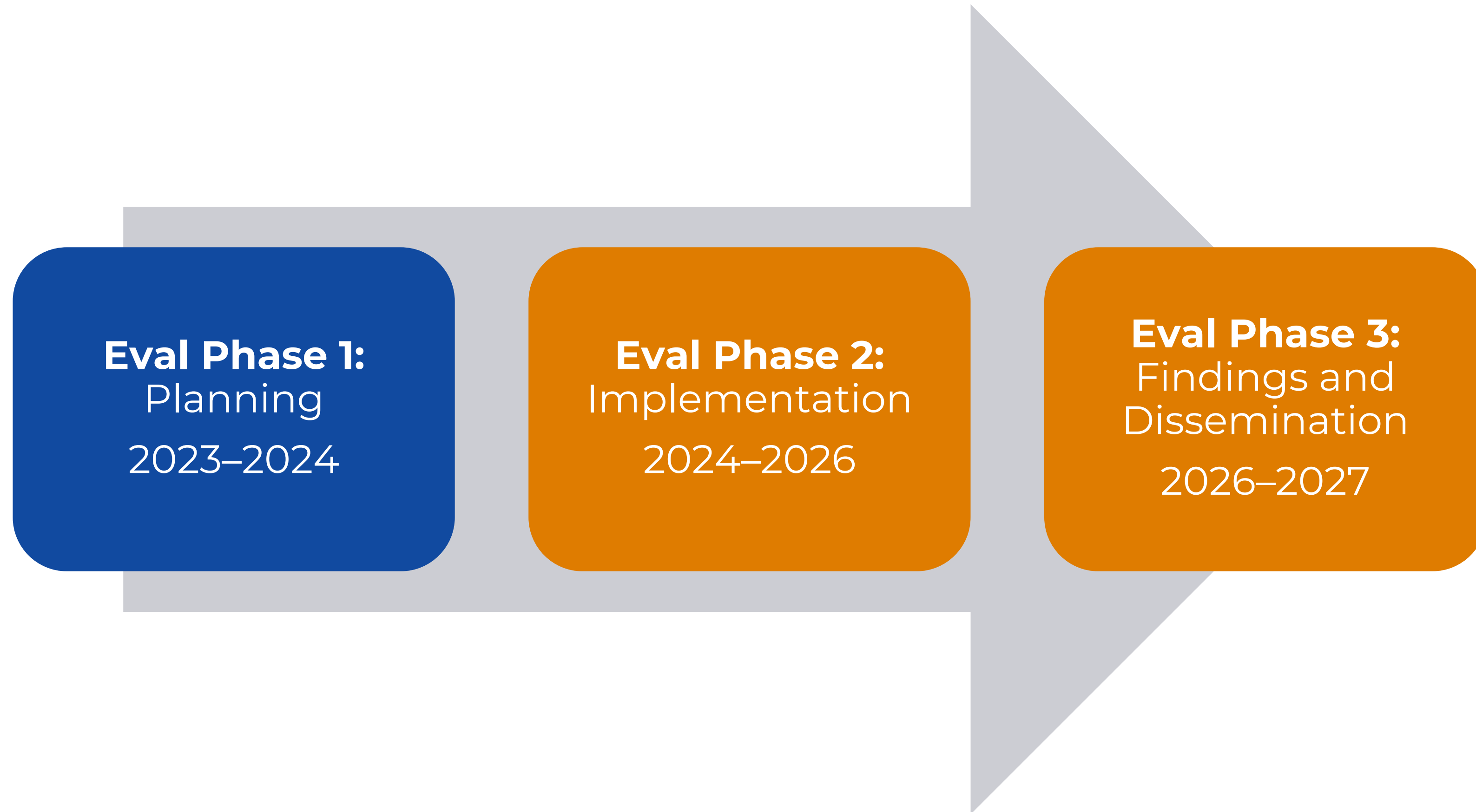
# What We Will Cover Today

**Evaluation plan  
update**

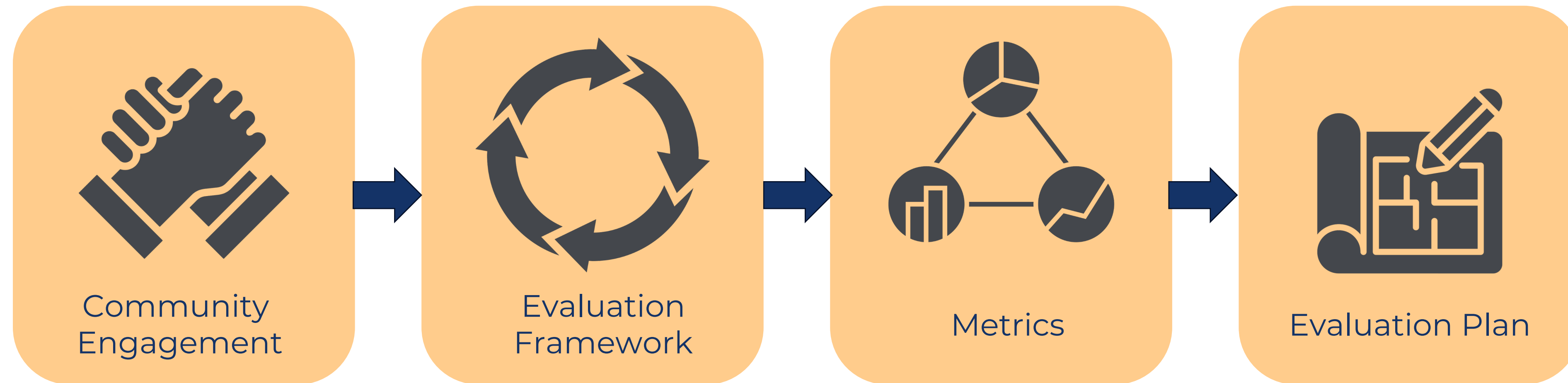
**Introducing the  
youth advisory  
group (YAG)**

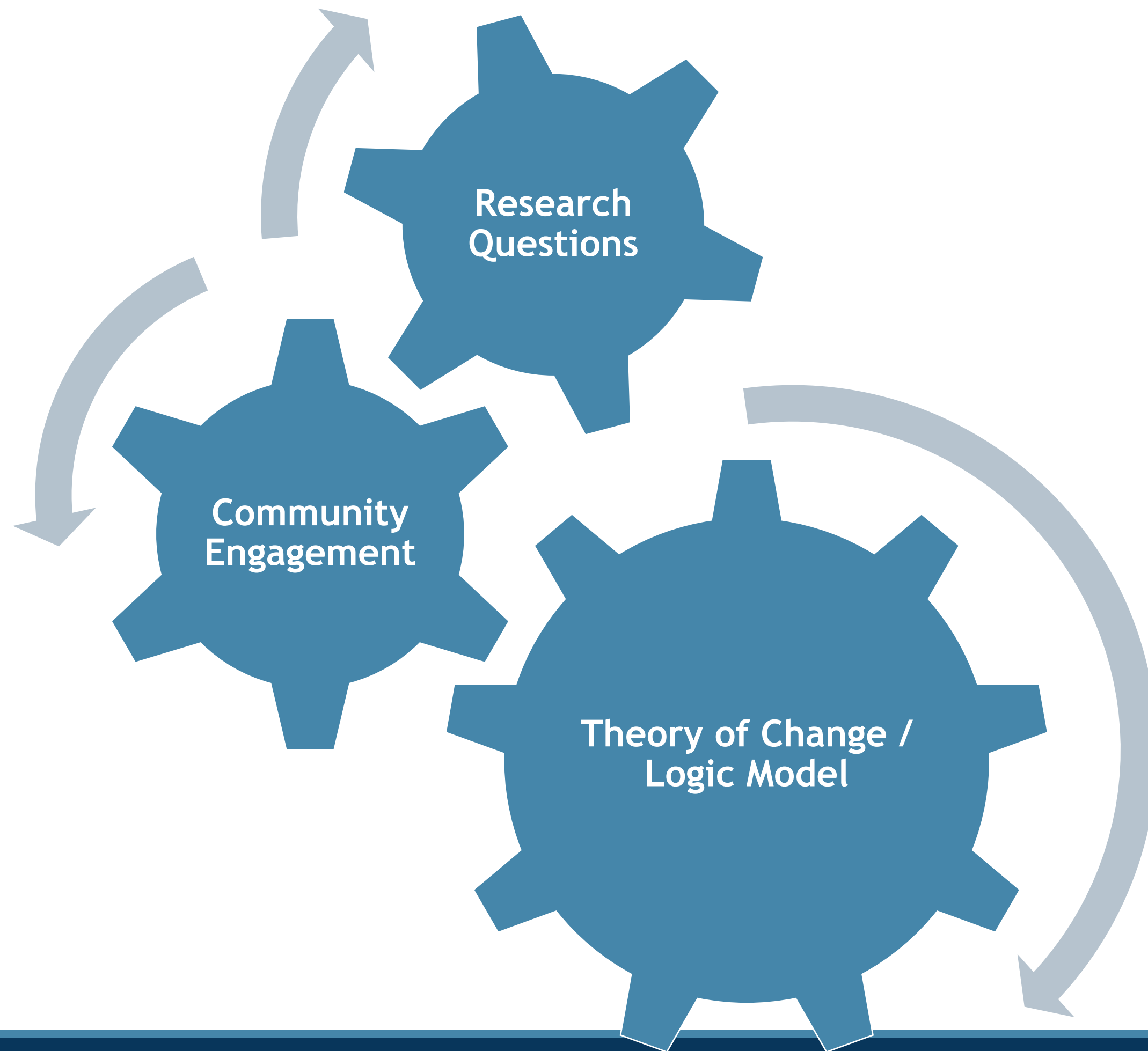
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# Evaluation Planning Update



# Phase 1





# Introducing the MHSSA Evaluation Planning Youth Advisory Group

- Purpose: Involve youth partners in decision-making related to the evaluation plan for MHSSA
- Through their participation, youth will
  - learn about MHSSA and the steps of evaluation;
  - practice leadership, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and shared decision-making with other youths and adults; and
  - have opportunities to speak to leaders across the state of California.

# YAG Make-Up

- **15 youths ages 14 to 19**
  - 11 women/girls, 2 men/boys, 2 prefer not to disclose gender, 4 LGBTQ youths
- **White, Asian or Asian American, Black or African American, and Hispanic or Latinx**
- **5 speak a language other than English at home**

# Meeting Structure

Icebreaker

Short presentation

Group work in breakout groups or workshop

Pre-work assignment for the next meeting

Month	Topic
Feb	Introduction and Goals for the MHSSA Evaluation
Mar	Evaluation Questions and Outcomes
Apr	Interviews and Focus Groups
May	Youth Participation
June	Equity and Representation
July	Recruitment
Aug	Dissemination
Sep	Reflecting



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# So far . . .

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**Developed group agreements**

**Defined evaluation and its steps**

**Introduced MHSSA**

**Participated in brainstorming activity about evaluation goals: “If you had to evaluate MHSSA, what goals would you choose?”**



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# Questions?

Contact us anytime at [mhssaeval@wested.org](mailto:mhssaeval@wested.org)

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