

Results-Based Accountability™ (RBA™) is a disciplined way of thinking and acting to improve entrenched and complex social problems. Communities use it to improve the lives of children, youth, families, adults. RBA is also used by organizations to improve the effectiveness of their programs.

RBA™ starts with the ENDS in mind, and works backwards to MEANS. The approach focuses on the community-level conditions of well-being that leaders are agreeing to be accountable for achieving, and then uses common sense steps to organize collective action to make a positive impact.

RBA™ provides communities and organizations to:

- Define the results we are seeking... in our community, for the population served, for our organization
- Determine and get buy in for Indicators of Success – How would you know if the result were achieved?
- Identify *What Works*, especially in terms of best practices and promising practices, and to prioritize strategies
- Identify all those who could potentially play a role in contributing to results – Who are our partners?
- Move from talk to action. RBA™ is not strategic planning, but it can replace strategic planning with an action-oriented approach to making a positive impact over a long period of time

The RBA™ framework also:

- Moves from “doing good things” to “doing effective things” that can have a population level impact
- Allows you to clearly communicate the need and the progress being made
- Creates a table for everyone to contribute to achieving the result
- Guides investment... of time, energy, and money

RBA™ has two separate and critically important components, POPULATION ACCOUNTABILITY and PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.

**Population Accountability**  
about the well-being of  
**WHOLE POPULATIONS**  
For Communities – Cities – Counties – States – Nations  
**Performance Accountability**  
about the well-being of  
**CLIENT POPULATIONS**  
For Programs – Agencies – Service Systems

The Healthcare Foundation of La Porte (HFL) is dedicated to empowering our residents to live healthy and well in and around La Porte to become one of Indiana’s top 10 healthiest communities by 2030. A healthy community is a population-level result that HFL can only achieve in close collaboration with partners across the community, working in alignment using powerful strategies. HFL is working to build the community’s capacity to tackle this challenge, and will be utilizing the RBA™ framework in this effort. As a first step, prospective partners are invited to attend an RBA™ primer session on July 20, 2017 from 8:00-10:00am or 2:00-4:00pm. As a result of participating in the session, prospective grantees will be able to articulate appropriate performance measures in their applications, and will understand the relationship between the result(s) they want to achieve with their programs and services and the community-level results that HFL and other leaders are striving to achieve.

These sessions will be facilitated by Community Solutions, Inc., an Indianapolis-based community development consulting firm that is assisting HFL in building capacity to improve the health of our community.

For more information about RBA™: <https://clearimpact.com/results-based-accountability/>

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