Cause and Consequence Analysis (Worksheet)

Purpose

To determine the priority of each need and examine both the difficulty of meeting it and the degree to which it is critical to meeting the goal

To review the ratings in light of the magnitude of the discrepancy between the present and desired states

To provide data for consideration in setting priorities and moving to solution strategies

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| Goal: |
| Need | Causes | Difficulty to Meet Need (low, medium, high) | Consequences if Cause Is Not Removed | Criticality of Need5, 4, 3, 2, 1 |
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Column 1: List needs that were previously identified in the needs assessment.

Column 2: List all possible “treatable” causes of each need; itemize causes separately for each need. A given need may have more than one cause.

Column 3: Enter a rating (low, medium, high) of the difficulty in meeting the need once it has occurred.

Column 4: List consequences if the cause is not removed and the need is not met; also itemize consequences separately for each need. There may be more than one consequence for each need.

Column 5: Enter a rating, on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 indicating the most critical need