



AAFCS Presents the “Five I’s” Policy Analysis Organizing Tool

Policy Under Analysis: _____ Analysis Done by _____ Date _____

<p>Information <i>Gather the facts about the situation—Legislation (existing, proposed, pending); Values; Needs; Assets; Capacity; Costs; Benefits</i></p>	<p>General Questions to answer: What information exists? What is needed? Who needs the information? Why is the information needed? When is the information? In what media is the information needed? Who can obtain the information? At what cost? When?</p>	<p>Findings and Source:</p>
<p>Issues <i>Identify the issues involved in the situation</i></p>	<p>What issues have a history? What issues are emerging? Who agrees? Disagrees? Are the issues changing?</p>	
<p>Impacts <i>Analyze the likely consequences for people</i></p>	<p>Who will be affected by the legislation? Intentionally? Unintentionally? What are the short and longer term effects?</p>	
<p>Implications <i>Consider the possible effects on people and organizations</i></p>	<p>What might the legislation, as is or as proposed, mean for: People targeted? not targeted? Other federal, state and/or local legislation? Community non-profit and faith-based groups? Government agencies?</p>	
<p>Imperatives <i>Ponder the call for action presented by the situation</i></p>	<p>What’s the reason (s) for action? Why should we act in a timely manner? Why us? Why now? What might have if no action is taken?</p>	

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Based on Braun and Bauer "5 I" Policy Analysis Matrix

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