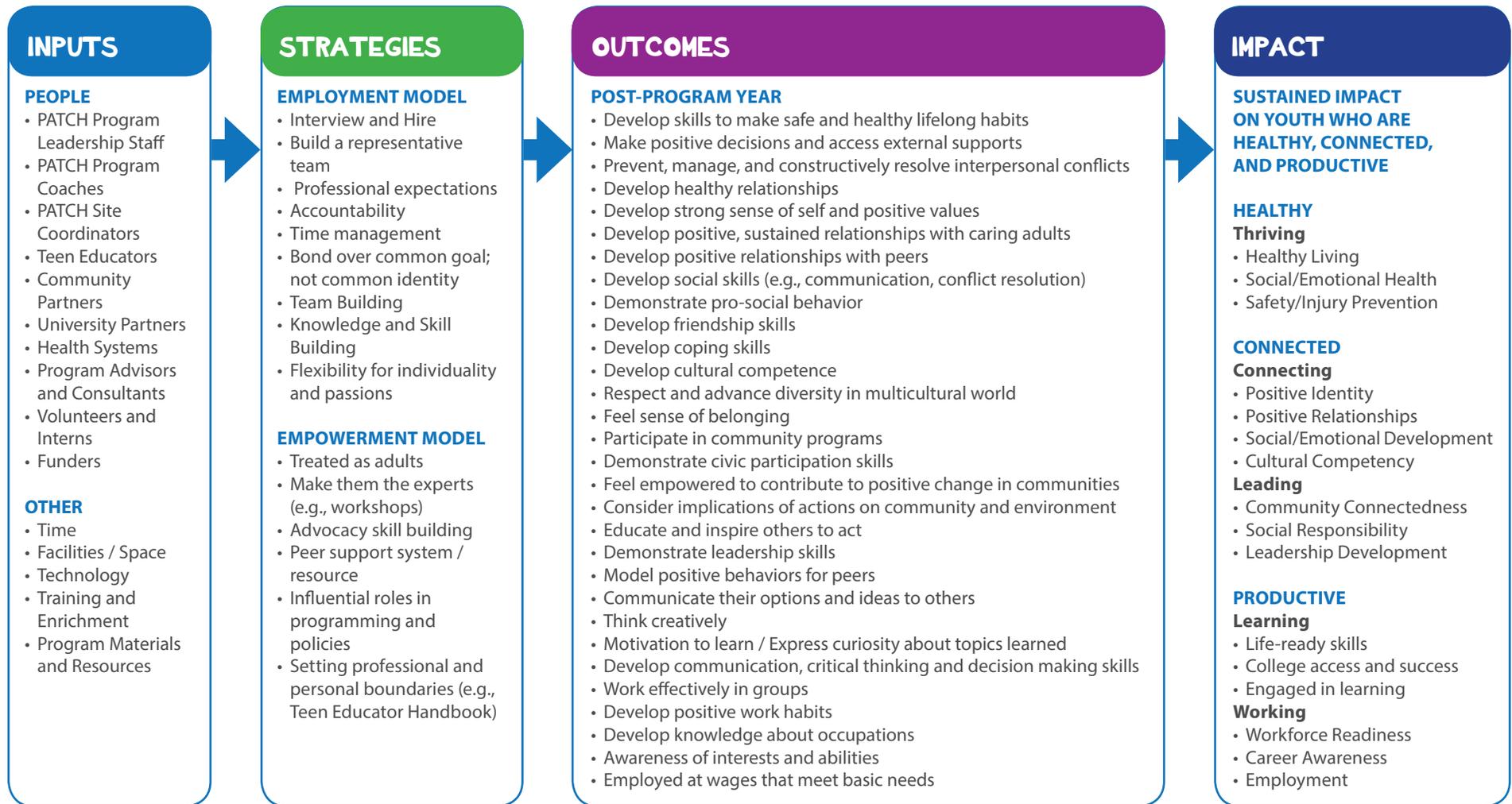


PATCH TEEN EDUCATOR MODEL - LOGIC MODEL



SITUATION Although a majority of adolescents are considered healthy, this population has been closely monitored because of their distinct differences in health status and health behaviors - often related to individual behavior choice. Health professionals can play a key role in helping adolescents stay healthy, but research indicates unique challenges that influence the effectiveness and quality of the patient-provider relationship. Adolescents often approach the health care system with confusion and uncertainty as well as a fear of being judged or lectured, which often leads them to either lie by omission or falsify information, directly impacting quality of care. Unfortunately, health professionals often receive little or no training on how to build stronger relationships with this population and improve adolescent willingness to engage in open and honest conversations. **The Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH) Teen Educator model empowers youth to mediate these challenges by empowering their peers and health professionals to work collaboratively together to improve the adolescent health care experience and quality of care provided and received.**



ASSUMPTIONS

- Satisfactory level of community readiness is established prior to program implementation
- PATCH Sites implement programming to fidelity as outlined in the PATCH Implementation Manual
- PATCH Sites utilize PATCH Coaching to address challenges, approach adaptation, and manage program growth
- Validity of survey tool - National Collaboration for Youth - "A Shared Vision for Youth: Common Outcomes and Indicators" been evaluated

EXTERNAL FACTORS

- Local, state, and national funding priorities