

Abstract Sentence & Outcome Statement Writing Guide

ANATOMY OF AN ABSTRACT SENTENCE

The four elements of an Abstract Sentence are:

- 1) The **activity, event, or program** – State the delivery method
Example: *program, session, process, etc.*
- 2) The **audience** – State who was engaged
Example: *farmers, citizens, county department heads, etc.*
- 3) **What you did during the activity** – State briefly what happened
Example: *"...where participants learned..." / "...where participants were provided..."*
- 4) The **outcome/difference** you made
Example: *"...to increase..." / "...to protect..." / "...to improve..."*

Please adhere to this format:

An "activity, event, or program" for "audience" where "what you did" to "outcome/difference"

Example Abstract Sentence:

"A community garden program for low-income and immigrant families where participants were provided garden plots to increase food security, fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity and community building." –Margaret Franchino, "Impact for Community Gardeners"

ANATOMY OF AN OUTCOME STATEMENT

In the body of the outcome statement, please share the outcomes of your program in brief (please keep this at around 250 words). An outcome is a positive effect from your work. Your statement should address the following:

1. Outline why you engaged in this program/effort.
2. Describe how you engaged; what you did.
3. Describe what happened or changed because of your effort.
4. Provide evidence (such as evaluation results) regarding your programming outcomes.
5. Connect your outcome to the broader societal impact of this work (the "so what")