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Q: What is a "best practice" or "model program"?

A 'best practice' refers to a process or program that is the most efficient and effective way of accomplishing a task. It is usually time and industry tested, in that it has been used by multiple institutions over an extended period of time, with most practitioners agreeing that the methodology and outcomes produced are effective. "Model programs" refers to a program that has demonstrated success, via quantifiable evidence, over time in a specific area. It should be noted that even commonly accepted 'industry standards' can be improved upon. Thus, a 'best practice' or a 'model program' invites continuous analysis, reassessment and refinement.

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