

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MODEL & TOOLS - PRIORITY SETTING

Mandates that are Relevant to Program Development

There are a few formal mandates that speak directly to Extension program development. There may be additional, county-specific, formal or informal mandates, that influence your planning process.

Diversity and Civil Rights

-  [Definitions of civil rights laws and terms relative to program development](#) (3 pages, 10 KB)

Government Performance and Results Act of 1993

- [Government Performance and Results Act of 1993](#): Required stakeholder involvement and the development of strategic plans.

Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 59:56(3)(b)

-  [Wisconsin State Law related to Cooperative Extension](#) (3 pages, 21 KB) - Requires the involvement of a county oversight committee in setting overall direction of the local county Extension office.

Mandates that Establish and Shape Extension

Federal Law related to land-grant universities and Cooperative Extension [Morrill Act](#) 1862 Established sixty land-grant universities such as University of Wisconsin-Madison.

[Hatch Act 1887](#)

Established agricultural experiment stations in connection with the state land-grant universities.

[Morrill Act 1890](#)

Established sixteen predominately black land-grant universities such as Alabama A&M University and extended land-grant status to Tuskegee Institute.

[Smith-Lever Act](#) 1914, 1953, 1955, 1962, 1972, 1980, 1985, 1988

Established the Cooperative Extension Service and required "a full and detailed reporting of its operations."

[Morrill Act 1994](#)

Established twenty-nine tribal college land-grant institutions such as the College of the Menominee Nation and the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College in Wisconsin.

Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act 1994

*Established the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) to coordinate USDA and state cooperative agricultural research, extension, and education programs.