

PROBLEM SOLVING STRATEGY
SENIOR SEMINAR
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1. Defining the Problem.

- a. What is the nature of the problem?
- b. Whose problem is it?
- c. What is the extent of the problem? Where is it located?
Who is involved?
- d. Perspectives on the problem

2. Choosing an Alternative

- a. What can be done?
- b. What are the resources available?
- c. Who is going to do what?
- d. What are the expected effects or consequences of those alternatives?
- e. Is the solution feasible?

3. Planning and Implementing a Program

- a. What specific actions should be designed to achieve the objectives?
- b. Which population groups should be targeted?
- c. What should be the priorities?
- d. What combination of activities will meet the objectives?
- e. Ethical considerations
- f. Cost/benefit pre-analysis

4. The Anthropological Difference

- a. If anthropologists had not been involved with this project, how would it have been different?
- b. How was the solution to the client's problem influenced by anthropological knowledge?
- c. Without this knowledge, would the solution have been inferior?

5. The Recommendation

- a. What are your recommendations?
- b. In what ways do they meet the needs of the clients?
- c. What problems do you see resulting from the implementation of your recommendations:
 - ethically
 - pragmatically
 - support
 - opposition