

# Network Life-Cycle Six Stages of Development



# The Caterpillar

## 1. **Visioning**

Manager identifies an opportunity to create a network based on why service(s) are needed and who will benefit from the service(s).

## 2. **Conceptional**

Manager develops network concept to include basic elements of where, what, when, and delineates public agency goals and objectives.

# The Cocoon

## 3. **Research and Development**

Manager seeks internal and external expertise, communicates with current and potential network partners, gathers information/data and reviews applicable network models.

## 4. **Implementation Planning**

Manager selects methods to integrate external networking partners, assesses budget, identifies volunteer and/or assistance agreements or contracts as appropriate and develops evaluation criteria for outcomes.

# The Butterfly

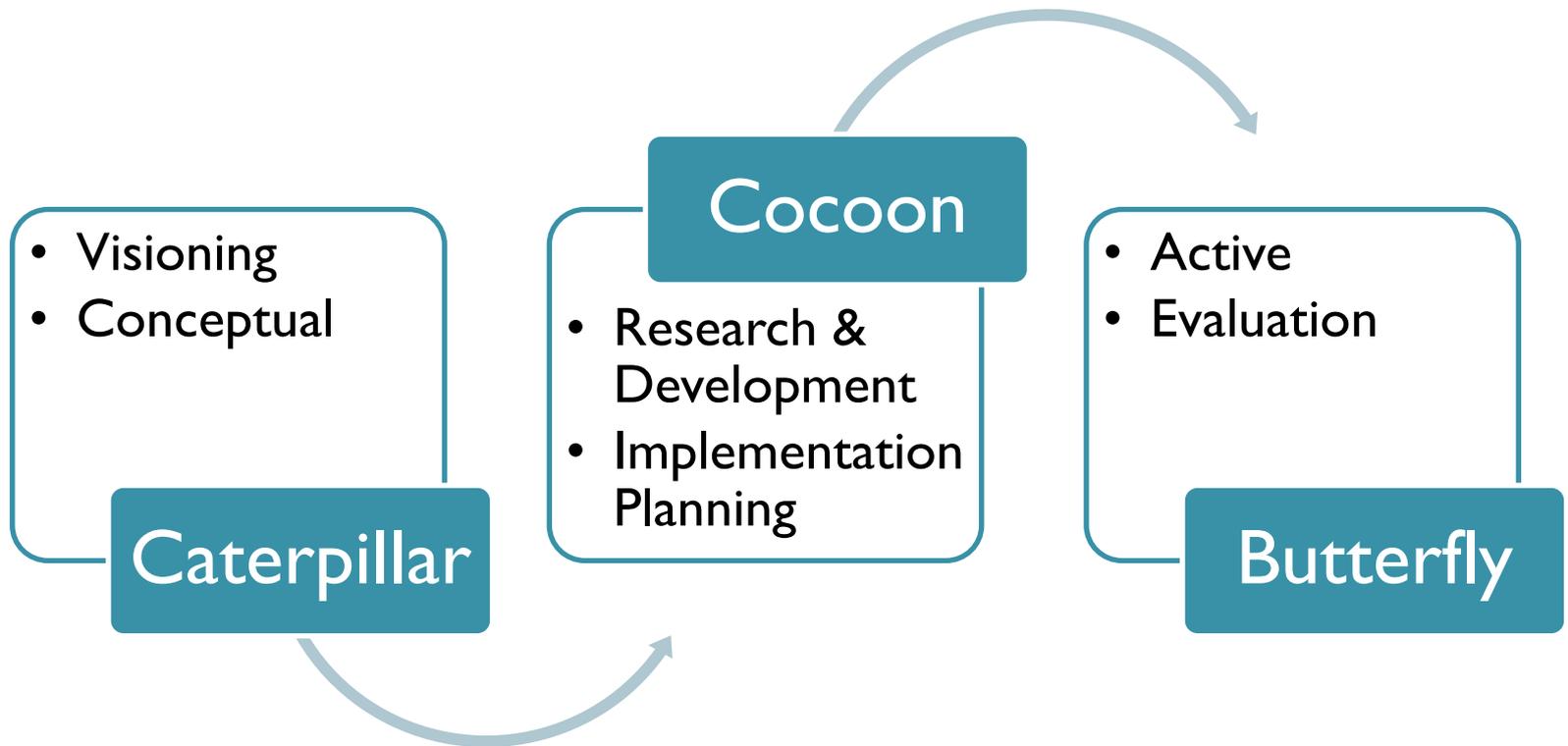
## 5. **Active**

Networking partners adopt shared goals and objectives, develop work-plan, establish channels of communication, execute agreements/contracts, build infrastructure for service delivery.

## 6. **Evaluation**

Manager evaluates the performance of the network from the perspective of agency and the network partners.

# Six Stages of Network Development



# Network Management is a Process

- What stage of development best reflects the status of your network management?
- What are two next steps you will take to move forward?