Which One Is It? Community Assessment or Self-Assessment

Read each statement and fill in the blanks with "community assessment" or "self-assessment."

1. Self-assessment uses data from ongoing monitoring to evaluate the program's progress towards meeting goals, compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards throughout the program year, and the effectiveness of the professional development and family engagement systems in promoting school readiness.

2. The community assessment should be updated each year to reflect any significant shifts in community demographics and resources.

3. The community assessment is a process used to learn more about the external community, while the self-assessment helps programs to learn about internal conditions and monitor progress.

4. It is best practice to conduct the self-assessment at the end of the program year, when a full set of operational data is available.

5. A thorough community assessment helps to ensure the right services are provided to the right population.

6. The self-assessment does not replace strategic planning. It is an important process for better understanding program operations and developing recommendations for use in planning.