The Basics of Program Evaluation

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Evaluation

Synonymous terms
• Evaluation
• Program evaluation
• Evaluation research
Definition

“the use of social research methods to systematically investigate the effectiveness of social intervention programs in ways that are adapted to the political and organizational environments and are designed to inform social action to improve social conditions”

(Rossi, Lipsey and Freeman 2004)
...use of social research methods...

Rigorous social science methodology adapted to the situation and the goals of the evaluation

- Systematic observation
- Measurement
- Sampling
- Research design
- Data analysis
…use of social research methods…

2 Arms of Evaluation

1. Gathering and analyzing data

2. Rating or ranking against some standard

(Scriven, 1991)
...effectiveness of social intervention...

Social programs → Social good

Accountability
…effectiveness of social intervention…

5 Domains

1. Need
2. Program design
3. Implementation
4. Impact or outcome
5. Efficiency
…adapted to the political and organizational environments…

Questions posed by:
- Evaluation sponsor
- Other stakeholders

Evaluation a political process because:
- Programs are proposed/developed within political arena
- Evaluation results enter the political arena
- Evaluation “takes a political stance” regarding programs worth
…inform social action to improve social conditions.

- Providing information that will be used to guide action to:
  - Fund/not fund programs
  - Implement new programs based on evaluation of pilots/demonstrations
  - Modify existing programs
  - Replicate existing programs
  - Try similar program methods for different social conditions
Evaluation Practice

• Tension between:
  – Evaluation and service delivery
  – Scientific rigor and pragmatics
  – Negotiating a “middle way”

• Less control in the social environment than the “laboratory”

• Social programs “volatile”, they change, they come and go
Campbell and Cronbach

• Donald Campbell and the *Experimenting Society*
  – Clearly in the research paradigm

• Lee Cronbach
  – Evaluation more art than science/maximize usefulness
“The US and other modern nations should be ready for an experimental approach to social reform, an approach in which we try out new programs designed to cure specific social problems, in which we learn whether or not these programs are effective, and in which we retain, imitate, modify or discard them on the basis of apparent effectiveness on the multiple imperfect criteria available”

(Campbell, 1969)
Tailoring Evaluations

• Each evaluation must “tailor” certain aspects including:
  – Questions
  – Methods
  – Nature of evaluator/stakeholder relationship
Developing an Evaluation Plan

Plan must consider:

1. Purposes the evaluation and use of the findings
2. Program structure and circumstances
3. Resources available for evaluation
Purpose of the Evaluation

- Improve management
- Gain knowledge regarding effectiveness/accountability
- Support advocacy by proponents
- Provide input regarding funding
- Requirement of funding
Purpose of the Evaluation

Program Improvement

• Formative evaluation
  – Focused on program improvement
  – Sometimes used synonymously with “process evaluation”

Effectiveness/Accountability

• Summative evaluation
  – Focused on effectiveness of program/accountability
  – Sometimes used synonymously with “impact” or “outcome” evaluation
## Program Structure and Circumstances

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(Adapted from Pancer & Westhues, 1989)
Program Structure and Circumstances

Program theory

• Plan of operation
• Logic that connects activities to outcomes
What Makes a Logic Model Effective?

• Logically links activities and effects/outcomes
• Is visually engaging yet contains the appropriate degree of detail for the purpose (not too simple or too confusing)
• Provokes thought, triggers questions
• Includes forces known to influence the desired outcomes
• Provides information for determining indicators of effect
• Suggests what evaluation questions should be posed
Traditional Service Program Model

INPUTS → ACTIVITIES → OUTPUTS

OUTPUTS
(service delivery units)

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The Program Logic Model

ASSESSMENTS → INPUTS → ACTIVITIES → OUTPUTS → OUTCOMES

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Resources/Inputs → Activities → Outputs → Outcomes → Impact

Your Planned Work → Your Intended Results
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Cholesterol Reduction Program Model

- **Project Theory**
  - Health Belief Model/SOC Model
  - ATP III Guidelines
  - USPSTF Guidelines

- **Intervention Level**
  - Business
  - Group
  - Individual
  - Provider

- **Intervention Processes**
  - Program Info
  - Health Education
  - Screening
  - Follow up/Referral
  - Education

- **Intermediate Outcomes**
  - Awareness of costs related to cholesterol
  - Awareness of need to control cholesterol
  - % of persons that have had screening
  - Awareness of HBM concepts
  - % of persons on appropriate treatment

- **Impact Outcomes**
  - Costs related to high cholesterol
  - % Reduction in blood cholesterol

- **Final Outcomes**
  - Reduce deaths due to CVD

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## Theory Based Evaluation

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**Perceived barriers** – Identify and reduce perceived barriers through reassurance, correction of misinformation, incentives, and assistance.  
**Cues to action** – Provide how-to information, promote awareness, and employ reminder systems. | **Reach** - The proportion of the intended target reached by the intervention  
**Dose delivered** – % of employees that view video, receive counseling, have screening.  
**Fidelity** – Represents the quality and integrity of the intervention as conceived by the developers. Can be measured as a questionnaire by the intervention providers in achieving goals of intermediate outcomes.  
**Implementation** – A composite score that indicates the extent to which the intervention has been implemented and received by the intended audience. |
| **Posttest** – Instrument designed to measure changes in perception of susceptibility, severity, benefits and barriers offered after the cholesterol test. | **Self-efficacy** – Enhance sense that one can execute desired behavior. | **Outcomes** - Measures changes in perception about HBM constructs and self-efficacy |

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Types of Logic Models

• Theory Model
• Service Model
• Evaluation Model

• www.wkkf.org/Pubs/Tools/Evaluation/Pub3669.pdf
• http://national.unitedway.org/about/summary.cfm
Resources for Evaluation

- Funding
- Staff time
- Evaluator time/expertise
- Staff cooperation
- Planning for evaluation and needed resources early in process
Nature of Evaluator/ Stakeholder Relationship

Who are stakeholders
- Policy/decision makers
- Program sponsors
- Evaluation sponsors
- Target participants
- Program managers/staff
- Program competitors
- Contextual stakeholders
- Evaluation and research community
Nature of Evaluator/Stakeholder Relationship

Stakeholder involvement

1. Identify stakeholders
2. Involve stakeholders early
3. Involve stakeholders continuously
4. Involve stakeholders actively
5. Establish a structure (conceptual framework/logic model)

(Reineke, 1991)
Nature of Evaluator/Stakeholder Relationship

- Independent evaluation
- Participatory/collaborative evaluation
- Empowerment evaluation
5 Types of Evaluations

1. Needs assessment
2. Assessment of Program Theory
3. Assessment of Program Process
4. Impact Assessment
5. Efficiency Assessment
Evaluation Questions

1. Needs assessment-
   - Questions about the social conditions a program addresses

2. Assessment of Program Theory
   - Questions about the program design

(Rossi, Lipsey and Freeman 2004)
Evaluation Questions

3. Assessment of Program Process
   • Questions about operations, implementation

4. Impact Assessment
   • Questions about outcomes and impact

5. Efficiency Assessment
   • Questions about cost and cost effectiveness

(Rossi, Lipsey and Freeman 2004)
Needs Assessment

• What are the nature and magnitude of the problem?
• What are the characteristics of the population?
• What are the needs of the population?
• What services are needed?
Assessment of Program Theory

• What are the best delivery systems for services?
• How should the program be designed?
• What is the underlying theoretical basis for the intervention(s)?
• Are the activities “causally linked” to outcomes in a logical fashion?
Cholesterol Reduction Program Model

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Assessment of Program Process

- Is the program serving the target population?
- Are there unserved persons?
- Are objectives being met?
- Is the program being implemented as planned (fidelity)?
Impact Assessment

• Are the desired outcomes being achieved?
• Are the services having the desired effect?
• Are there unintended effects?
• Are there segments of the target population that are being differentially affected?
Kellogg Basic Logic Model

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Efficiency Assessment

• Are resources being used as intended?
• Are resources being used effectively?
• Is the cost reasonable given outcomes?
• Are there alternative approaches that would be more efficient?
The Evaluation Hierarchy

- Assessment of Need
- Assessment of Program Design and Theory
- Assessment of Program Process and Implementation
- Assessment of Outcome/Impact
- Assessment of Cost and Effectiveness

Time/Program Maturity
Issel’s Pyramid

- Direct Health Care Services
- Enabling Services
- Population-Based Services
- Infrastructure Services
Welcome

- Use this web to learn about the CDC Evaluation Working Group and its effort to promote program evaluation in public health.
- Links to the left provide an overview of the group, highlights of a framework for program evaluation, and additional resources that may help when applying the framework.
- Some documents on this web are stored in Adobe Acrobat files. If you do not have a copy of the Acrobat Reader, it can be downloaded for free from Adobe.

For problems or questions regarding this site contact: TChapel@cdc.gov
6 Steps in CDC Framework

• Engage Stakeholders
• Describe The Program
• Focus The Evaluation
• Gather Credible Evidence
• Justify Conclusions
• Ensure Use of Evaluation Findings and Share Lessons Learned

CDC 2005
CDC Framework For Program Evaluation Graphic

CD 2005
Purposes

• The framework was developed to:
  – Summarize and organize the essential elements of program evaluation
  – Provide a common frame of reference for conducting evaluations
  – Clarify the steps in program evaluation
  – Review standards for effective program evaluation
  – Address misconceptions about the purposes and methods of program evaluation

CDC 2005
Types of Evaluation Questions

- **Implementation**: Were your program’s activities put into place as originally intended?

- **Effectiveness**: Is your program achieving the goals and objectives it was intended to accomplish?

- **Efficiency**: Are your program’s activities being produced with appropriate use of resources such as budget and staff time?

- **Cost-Effectiveness**: Does the value or benefit of achieving your program’s goals and objectives exceed the cost of producing them?

- **Attribution**: Can progress on goals and objectives be shown to be related to your program, as opposed to other things that are going on at the same time?
Scope

• CDC suggests their framework can be used across a broad scope of “programs” including:

  – Direct service interventions
  – Community mobilization efforts
  – Research initiatives
  – Surveillance systems
  – Policy development activities
  – Outbreak investigations
  – Laboratory diagnostics
  – Communication campaigns
  – Infrastructure building projects
  – Training and education services
  – Administrative systems; and
  – Others
Steps in Evaluation Practice

Engage stakeholders
Those involved, those affected, primary intended users

Describe the program
Need, expected effects, activities, resources, stage, context, logic model

Focus the evaluation design
Purpose, users, uses, questions, methods, agreements

Gather credible evidence
Indicators, sources, quality, quantity, logistics

Justify conclusions
Standards, analysis/synthesis, interpretation, judgment, recommendations

Ensure use and share lessons learned
Design, preparation, feedback, follow-up, dissemination

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Potential Stakeholders in Public Health Programs

- Program managers and staff.
- Local, state, and regional coalitions interested in the public health issue.
- Local grantees of your funds.
- Local and national advocacy partners.
- Other funding agencies, such as national and state governments.
- State or local health departments and health commissioners.
- State education agencies, schools, and other educational groups.
- Universities and educational institutions.
- Local government, state legislators, and state governors.
- Privately owned businesses and business associations.
- Health care systems and the medical community.
- Religious organizations.
- Community organizations.
- Private citizens.
- Program critics.
- Representatives of populations disproportionately affected by the problem.
- Law enforcement representatives.
### Identifying Stakeholders
Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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<th>Who are the key stakeholders we need to:</th>
<th>Increase credibility of our efforts</th>
<th>Implement the interventions that are central to this effort</th>
<th>Advocate for changes to institutionalize this effort</th>
<th>Fund/authorize continuation or expansion of this effort</th>
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What Is Important to Stakeholders?

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<td>Sufficient “yield” of EBLL children to make their screening efforts “worth their time.” Clear referral mechanisms that are easy and work.</td>
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<td>2 Community associations</td>
<td>Cleaning up housing in their neighborhood. Support for families with EBLL children.</td>
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<td>3 Housing authorities</td>
<td>No additional monetary and time burden for toxic clean-ups.</td>
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<td>4 State and local health departments</td>
<td>Efforts lead to improved health outcome for EBLL children.</td>
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<td>5 Advocacy groups</td>
<td>EBLL is seen as a housing problem and not a “failure” or example of bad child-rearing by poor families. No survey data collection with families.</td>
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<td>6 Congress and policymakers</td>
<td>Efforts lead to improved health outcomes. “Cost-effectiveness” of the effort.</td>
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Describe Program

Exhibit 2.1
Basic Program Logic Model


Note that Worksheet 2A at the end of this chapter provides a simple format for doing this categorization of activities and outcomes, no matter what method is used. Here for the CLPP, we completed the worksheet using the first method.

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### CLPP Program: Logic Model with Inputs and Outputs

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Clean up the logic model. Early versions are likely to be sloppy, and a nice, clean one that is intelligible to others often takes several tries.
Focus the Evaluation

- Implementation/Process
- Effectiveness/Outcome
- Efficiency
- Attribution

CDC 2005
Implementation/Process

Questions about:

• The locale where services or programs are provided (e.g., rural, urban)
• The number of people receiving services
• The economic status and racial/ethnic background of people receiving services
• The quality of services
• The actual events that occur while the services are delivered

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Effectiveness/Outcome

Questions about:
• Changes in people’s attitudes and beliefs
• Changes in risk or protective behaviors
• Changes in the environment, including public and private policies, formal and informal enforcement of regulations, and influence of social norms and other societal forces
• Changes in trends in morbidity and mortality.
Efficiency

Questions about:

• Are your program’s activities being produced with minimal use of resources such as budget and staff time?

• What is the volume of outputs produced by the resources devoted to your program?

• Does the value or benefit of your program’s outcomes exceed the cost of producing them?
Questions about:

• Can the outcomes that are being produced be shown to be related to your program, as opposed to other things that are going on at the same time?
Gather Evidence

Evidence gathering must include consideration of each of the following:

- Indicators
- Sources of evidence/methods of data collection
- Quality
- Quantity
- Logistics
## Gather Evidence

### Table 4.1
Provider Immunization Program:
Indicators for Program Component in Our Evaluation Focus

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<td>Providers attend trainings and rounds</td>
<td>Trainings will be well attended and reflect good mix of specialties and geographic representation</td>
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<td>Providers receive and use tool kits</td>
<td>50%+ of providers who receive tool kit will report use of it (or “call to action” cards will be received from 25% of all providers receiving tool kit)</td>
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<td>LHD nurses conduct private provider consults</td>
<td>Trained nurses in LHDs will conduct provider consults with largest provider practices in county</td>
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<td>Provider KAB increases</td>
<td>Providers show increases in knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs (KAB) on selected key immunization items</td>
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<td>Provider motivation increases</td>
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Data Sources

Secondary sources

- Current Population Survey and other U.S. Census files
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)
- Cancer registries
- State vital statistics
- Various surveillance databases
- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)
Data Sources

Primary sources and methods

• Surveys, including personal interviews, telephone, or instruments completed in person or received through the mail or e-mail
• Group discussions/focus groups
• Observation
• Document review, such as medical records, but also diaries, logs, minutes of meetings, etc.

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Provider Immunization Education Program:
Data Collection Methods and Sources for Indicators

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<td>Screening</td>
<td>High-risk children have completed initial and follow-up screening</td>
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<td>Environment assessment</td>
<td>Environments of all children over EBLL threshold have been assessed for lead poisoning</td>
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<td>Case management</td>
<td>All children over FRL threshold have a case management plan including social, medical, and environmental components</td>
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<td>Family training</td>
<td>Families of all children over EBLL threshold have received training on household behaviors to reduce EBLL</td>
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<td>“Leaded” houses referred</td>
<td>All houses of EBLL children with evidence of lead have been referred to housing authority</td>
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<td>“Leaded” houses cleaned</td>
<td>All referred houses have been cleaned up</td>
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Justify Conclusions
Interpreting Findings

Tips To Remember When Interpreting Your Findings
• Interpret evaluation results with the goals of your program in mind.
• Keep your audience in mind when preparing the report. What do they need and want to know?
• Consider the limitations of the evaluation:
  • Possible biases
  • Validity of results
  • Reliability of results
• Are there alternative explanations for your results?
• How do your results compare with those of similar programs?
• Have the different data collection methods used to measure your progress shown similar results?
• Are your results consistent with theories supported by previous research?
Ensure Use

Evaluation Report

• Executive Summary
• Background and Purpose
  o Program background
  o Evaluation rationale
  o Stakeholder identification and engagement
  o Program description
    o Key evaluation questions/focus
• Evaluation Methods
  o Design
  o Sampling procedures
  o Measures or indicators
  o Data collection procedures
  o Data processing procedures
  o Analysis
    o Limitations
• Results
• Discussion and Recommendations
Standards for "Effective" Evaluation

Utility
Serve the information needs of intended users

Feasibility
Be realistic, prudent, diplomatic, and frugal

Propriety
Behave legally, ethically, and with due regard for the welfare of those involved and those affected

Accuracy
Reveal and convey technically accurate information

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References

Thank you!

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