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Understanding Evaluation Requirements and Evidence Levels



Overview of Session:

- Evaluation Capacity Survey
- Evaluation Requirements and Timeline
- Small vs. Large Grantee Requirements
- Understanding Levels of Evidence
- Pernilla Johansson from Texas Evaluation Network



Evaluation Requirements

	Original Grant Application	1 st Recompete Application	2 nd Recompete Application	3 rd + Recompete Application
Evaluation Plan	Not Required	Required	Required (builds off last evaluation)	Required (builds off last evaluation)
Evaluation Report	Not Required	Not Required	Required	Required



Evaluation Requirements

- **Small Grantee (<\$500,000)**
 - Internal or Independent
 - Impact or Process Evaluation
- **Large Grantee (>\$500,000)**
 - Independent
 - Impact Evaluation



Levels of Evidence

- No Evidence
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Moderate
- Strong



No Evidence

- No systematic collection of qualitative or quantitative program model
- May be evidence informed



Pre-Preliminary

- Data collection on at least one component of logic model has occurred
- Data collection processes and results are fully described
- Link between logic model and data is described



Preliminary: Option 1

- Outcome study of own program
 - Pre-Post Test without Comparison Group OR
 - Post-Test Only with Comparison Group
- Includes data beyond performance measure data
- Yields promising results



Preliminary: Option 2

- Replication with Fidelity
 - Submit at least 1 RCT or QED of the intervention that will be replicated
 - Evaluation found positive results
 - Evaluation was conducted by independent entity
 - Describes how the approach is the same
 - Describes how it will be replicated with fidelity
 - May submit process evaluation demonstrating replication with fidelity



Moderate

- Conducted at least one quasi-experimental design (QED) or randomized control trial (RCT) of your own program
 - Studies evaluate same intervention as described in application
 - Demonstrate evidence of effectiveness of one or more desired outcomes in logic model
 - Studies conducted by independent entity
 - Ability to generalize findings beyond single site may be limited



Strong

- Conducted at least one quasi-experimental design (QED) or randomized control trial (RCT) of your own program
 - Studies evaluate same intervention as described in application
 - Demonstrate Evidence of Effectiveness of one or more desired outcomes in logic model
 - Studies conducted by independent entity
 - Findings can be generalized beyond single site
 - Intervention has been tested nationally, regionally or at the state-level OR has been conducted in multiple locations within a local geographic area



Resources

- CNCS Evaluation Knowledge Network:
 - <http://www.nationalservice.gov/resources/evaluation>
- OneStar Evaluation Resources:
 - <http://onestarfoundation.org/amicorpstexas/grantee-resources/#Evaluation and Evidence Building>





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