

Gallery Presentation: Evaluation Project Management Tools





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Evaluating Your SSIP: Process

- How will you monitor implementation of your SSIP?
- How will you measure progress toward achieving your SiMR?
- What kinds of data will you need to collect to monitor SSIP implementation and outcomes?
 - From whom?
 - How frequently?
- What resources are available for evaluation?
 - Personnel
 - Time
 - Budget
- How will evaluation results be used to improve the SSIP?

Evaluating Your SSIP: Roles

- Who will prepare the evaluation plan?
 - SSIP team members?
 - State Research & Evaluation Department staff?
 - Third-party evaluator?
- Who will oversee the evaluation as SSIP implementation progresses?
- What role will stakeholders play in the evaluation?
- Who will conduct the evaluation activities?
 - Data collection
 - Data entry, cleaning, & management
 - Data analysis
 - Reporting

Planning Your SSIP Evaluation

1. Conduct an Evaluation Needs Assessment
2. Create an Evaluation Scope of Work
3. Create an Evaluation Budget
4. Assemble an Evaluation Team
5. Develop a Request for Proposals (if applicable)
6. Navigate the Proposal Process (if applicable)
7. Execute a Contract (if applicable)

Assembling an Evaluation Team

- State team evaluation liaison
- Stakeholders
- Evaluation project manager
- Data collectors
- Data manager
- Data analyst
- Report writer



Benefits & Limitations of Working With Third-Party Evaluators

Benefits

Third-party evaluators can:

- Bring technical expertise in research methodology, statistics, or related topics to the project team
- Provide credibility and objectivity by acting as an external “critical friend”
- Take on responsibility for completing some or all of the (formative and summative) evaluation tasks, allowing project staff to focus on project implementation

Limitations

Third-party evaluators may:

- Add unanticipated or additional cost to the project
- Add to project monitoring and management tasks focused on the work of contractors
- Not know the project background or content area as well as project staff
- Be less available or accessible, as compared to project staff

Important Tips for Evaluating Your SSIP

- Begin thinking about evaluation as early as possible
- Conduct an evaluation needs assessment
- Devote time to the evaluation
- Communicate regularly with staff conducting the evaluation
- Monitor progress of the evaluation—receive interim reports and work products at regular intervals
- **Take advantage of the support your IDC TA Liaison can provide!**

Conducting an Evaluation Needs Assessment

Question	Check the best option...	Possible evaluation team tasks
(3) Can State SSIP team staff be sufficiently allocated to perform all evaluation tasks & responsibilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes—proceed to question 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure or No—complete the checklist at right to identify possible evaluation team tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> Create/pilot test data collection instruments <input type="checkbox"/> Collect data on <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Implementation progress<input type="checkbox"/> Service statistics (e.g., numbers served; numbers of services provided)<input type="checkbox"/> Fidelity of implementation<input type="checkbox"/> Outcomes/impact <input type="checkbox"/> Perform data entry/management <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct data analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Provide performance feedback to project team <input type="checkbox"/> Write reports <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Creating an Evaluation Budget

Evaluation element	Low cost (1 point/item)	Moderate cost (2 points/item)	High cost (3 points/item)	Score
Evaluation Design Elements				
Focus of Formative Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Participant satisfaction — Project implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Outputs (e.g., satisfaction, quality, relevance) — Implementation fidelity (key components, activities, outputs, possibly some direct outcomes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Intervention fidelity that includes mediators, intermediate outcomes 	_____
Focus of Summative Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Changes in participant satisfaction — Changes in existing data (e.g., student scores on state tests) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Short-term outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Intermediate/long-term outcomes — Comparative outcomes (e.g., treatment vs. control groups) — Causal attribution 	_____
Evaluation Study Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Non-experimental (descriptive study, basic qualitative methods) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Non-experimental (case studies, advanced qualitative methods) — Simple quasi-experiment (QED, e.g., basic comparison study) — Single-case design (SCD; reversal design) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Complex QED (e.g., with matching, multiple comparison groups) — Randomized controlled trial (RCT) — Multi-site or cluster RCT — SCD (multiple baseline, alternating treatment design) 	_____
# of Participants/Sites, Sampling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Small target population — 1-2 sites — Simple sampling plan (e.g., purposive, simple random) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Moderate-size target population — 3-5 sites — Somewhat complex sampling plan (e.g., stratified) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Large target population — >5 sites — Highly complex sampling plan (e.g., stratified, clustered, weighted) 	_____

Monitoring Evaluation Progress

Questions to Consider	Evaluation Is On Target If... (one or more of the following may apply)	Evaluation Is Experiencing a Challenge If... (one or more of the following may apply)
Timing and Deadlines		
(1) When was the evaluation team assembled?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation team was assembled prior to submission of the SSIP Evaluation Plan. <input type="checkbox"/> The evaluation team was assembled on schedule (according to the SSIP management plan). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> There is no evaluation team. <input type="checkbox"/> The evaluation team was assembled after submission of the SSIP Evaluation Plan.
(3) Is the evaluation meeting its deadlines?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The evaluation has met all deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> The evaluation has met most deadlines, with 1 or 2 delays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The evaluation has not established any deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> There have been 3 or more delays in meeting deadlines.

Completing the Evaluation

Close-out task	The State team can...	The evaluator can...
Complete all contracted items, including payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the contract and identify any outstanding contracted items <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a list of outstanding items to respond to, the order in which they can be addressed, and a timeline/deadline for addressing the items <input type="checkbox"/> Process any and all final invoices, per contracted terms (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the contract and identify any outstanding contracted items (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Submit any outstanding products or deliverables to the state team <input type="checkbox"/> Submit a final request for payment or invoice, with a deadline for payment (if applicable)
Ensure the receipt of all evaluation documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the evaluation documents received to-date, compare to the list of contracted deliverables, and create a list of documents that are outstanding <input type="checkbox"/> Remind the evaluator that final payment may be delayed until all contracted documents are received (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the evaluation documents produced to-date, compare to the list of contracted deliverables, and create a list of documents that are outstanding <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm with the state team the documents that have been delivered to-date <input type="checkbox"/> Create a zip file, CD, or “thumb drive” with all evaluation materials and products. Ensure the secure transfer of the zip file, CD, or “thumb drive” to the state team

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