



Selected Resources on Grant Evaluation

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Boulmetis, John. The ABC's of evaluation: timeless techniques for program and project managers. Jossey-Bass, c2000

Mika, Kristine L. Program Outcome Evaluation: A Step-by-Step Handbook. Families International, Inc. 1996

Quick, James Aaron. Grant winner's toolkit: project management and evaluation. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2000

Rossi, Peter Henry. Evaluation: a systematic approach. Sage Publications, c1999

The United Way of America. Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach. United Way of America, 1996

Useful Web Sites

A number of web sites offer additional guidance for outcome-oriented evaluation of community service and educational programs. You may find the following useful:

<http://www.wkkf.org/>

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to apply knowledge to solve the problems of people. Its founder W.K. Kellogg, the cereal industry pioneer, established the Foundation in 1930. Since its beginning the Foundation has continuously focused

on building the capacity of individuals, communities, and institutions to solve their own problems. Download (PDF) or request a free copy of the 2004 publication called the **W.K. Kellogg Foundation Logic Model Development Guide**. Nonprofits today are being pressed to demonstrate the effectiveness of their program activities by initiating and completing outcome-oriented evaluation of projects. This guide was developed to provide practical assistance to nonprofits engaged in this process. In the pages of this guide, we hope to give staff of nonprofits and community members alike sufficient orientation to the underlying principles of "logic modeling" to use this tool to enhance their program planning, implementation, and dissemination activities.

www.imls.gov

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Under "All about grants and awards," download or request a free paper copy of publication, **Perspectives on Outcome Based Evaluations for Libraries and Museums**. This Web site also offers an online excellent tutorial.

<http://www.michigan.gov/hal>

At the Web site for the State of Michigan's History, Arts & Libraries, search "LSTA" and download or request a free paper copy of publication, **A Focus on Evaluation: A Stakeholder Evaluation Handbook**.

<http://www.mapnp.org/library/evaluatn/evaluatn.htm>

Free Management Library provides extensive information about evaluation, including materials developed by Carter McNamara for The Management Assistance Program for Nonprofits.

<http://www.ed.gov>

The U.S. Department of Education web site offers a range and an ever-growing collection of information about the Department. Check out the special collections of information.

<http://www.projectstar.org/>

Project STAR. Select "Learn & Serve" and link to Evaluation Assistance. Offers an understanding of the steps involved in evaluation that can make your task easier and help you get the information you need for program improvement. The steps in program evaluation can be compared with a home construction project. These steps include knowing that your house meets building codes, developing specific blueprints to follow, using the correct tools and supplies, and inspecting your work to make sure your home is complete. Be sure to look at "Library & Instruments" section, as well as the "Toolkit". Useful checklists and information are available via Rich Text Format or Acrobat PDF. (Phone: 1-800-548-3656)

<http://national.unitedway.org/outcomes/>

Request or download United Way of America's **Measuring Program Outcomes: A Practical Approach**, 1996. Developed by United Way for its grantees, this manual led the movement to outcome-based evaluation by funders of not-for-profit organizations. See web site for other pertinent United Way publications, some available via Acrobat PDF or Rich Text Format or contact United Way of America, 701 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-836-7100 (\$5.00, spiral bound, to not-for-profit organizations). All the United Way of America

publications listed below are available to the public. Many can be downloaded in either PDF (portable document format) or rtf (rich text) format.

<http://www.geofunders.org/>

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations offers its members topic-specific resources and networking opportunities around evaluation and knowledge management. Visit the online evaluation and knowledge management resource pages to learn more about their activities for members. The resource pages include announcements of upcoming events and links to online resources.

<http://www.independentsector.org/pathfinder/impact/index.html>

Independent Sector offers pointers to resources and guides, like **Measuring Impact: An Annotated Bibliography**. The bibliography is designed to inform both scholarship and practice in the area of measuring the impact of the independent sector and nonprofit organizations on society, as well as the impact of society on nonprofit activities.

<http://cecommerce.uwex.edu/>

The University of Wisconsin- Extension offers outstanding publications in the areas of program development and evaluation. Most are available to be downloaded as an Adobe Acrobat PDF for a modest charge. Titles found at this page include: **Analyzing Quantitative Data; Collecting Evaluation Data: An Overview of Sources and Methods**, and **Planning a Program Evaluation: Worksheet**.

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/libraries/grants>

Washington State Library provides information on grants, and links to invaluable resources.

<http://fdncenter.org/>

The Foundation Center is a nonprofit information clearinghouse that fosters public understanding of the foundation field by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects. Their Web site contains information about Center publications, employment opportunities, funding trends and analysis, training, and seminars.

<http://www.wlma.org>

Washington Library Media Association (WLMA) focuses on K-12 school libraries, media, technology, information literacy, and includes information on conferences, workshops, and classes.

<http://www.wla.org>

Washington Library Association provides information on grants and scholarships.