

Program Development and Evaluation

Online Resources

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This non-exhaustive list provides training and development web-based resources from several land grant institutions as well as other organizations to assist you in learning more about program development and evaluation. Equally important, this resource list includes information on web-based evaluation measurement tools and instruments. In essence, this resource should prove to be useful in strengthening and enhancing your knowledge and skills in program development and evaluation.

Extension Program Development and Evaluation Resources for Training and Development

1. North Carolina State University, Extension Educational Resources:

<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agexed/index.html>

❖ The NC Cooperative Extension Service maintains a rich collection of educational resources. The information contained in the links highlighted on this page is for use by anyone who may wish to gain specific information about the processes of Extension. These include program planning, situational analysis, Extension Learning System, valuing, program delivery, and an array of evaluation and accountability resources. These resources are intended primarily for Extension agents to help them do their jobs, and they may be a useful resource for student research and scholarship

2. CYFERnet Program Development and Evaluation Training Module:

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fcs/cemp19/index.shtml>

❖ Excellent module for learning about program planning authored by faculty at North Carolina State University.

3. University of Wisconsin Extension(UW-Extension): <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/pdande/>

❖ The Program Development and Evaluation Unit at UW-Extension developed this site to provide resources on the program development process. UW-Extension program development model, which includes situational analysis, priority setting, program action - the logic model - and evaluation, is provided.

4. Pennsylvania State University Extension:
<http://www.extension.psu.edu/evaluation/Default.html>

❖ This site provides information to design and implement a useful program evaluation in order to improve a program, compare delivery methods, respond to stakeholders, advocate, and prepare for promotion.

5. Ohio State University Extension: <http://extension.osu.edu/~pde/pdeprdev.htm>

❖ -This site contains OSU Extension's Logic Model

6. University of Florida Program Development and Evaluation Center:
<http://pdec.ifas.ufl.edu/>

This site contains many resources. From program planning to new agent orientation modules, this site is a wealth of information.

7. Cornell University Cooperative Extension (Signature Programs):
<http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/plans/signature.htm>

❖ Signature programs are major, statewide efforts addressing widely recognized public concerns. This site goes on to explain the development of such programs.

8. University of Kentucky, Program Development and Evaluation Resources:
<http://www.ca.uky.edu/agpsd/soregion.htm>

❖ Links to evaluation and accountability resources

9. CYFERnet, Children Youth and Families At Risk (CYFAR), USDA-CSREES

http://cyfernet.ces.ncsu.edu/cyfres/browse_2.php?search=Evaluation

❖ CYFERnet's *Evaluation* section includes practical tools that you can use to evaluate community-based programs; information on how community programs can be sustained; and assessments of organizational support for work in the areas of children, youth, and families.

Program and Evaluation Resources for Training and Development from Other Organizations

1. United Way: <http://www.unitedway.org/outcomes/>

- ❖ The Resource Network offers information, downloadable documents, and links to resources related to the identification and measurement of program- and community-level outcomes.

2. Kellogg Foundation: <http://www.wkkf.org/Pubs/Tools/Evaluation/Pub3669.pdf>

This site gives excellent information about developing and using logic models to link outcomes with program activities

3. Center for Disease Control, Program Evaluation Resources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/evaluation/resources.htm>

- ❖ Information on program evaluation and logic models

4. Free Management Library, Basic Guide to Program Evaluation:

http://www.managementhelp.org/evaluatn/fnl_eval.htm

- ❖ Easy to understand information about program evaluation

5. Program Managers Guide to Evaluation, US Dept of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE): <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/>

- ❖ *OPRE* is responsible for advising the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programs to improve the economic and social well-being of children and families.

6. New York State Teacher Resources Center: <http://www.programevaluation.org/>

- ❖ Through tutorials, tools such as planning guides and questionnaires, case studies, and other resources, visitors can explore evaluation in both theory and action.

8. Program Evaluation – The key to a success program:

<http://www.the-aps.org/education/promote/promote.html>

- ❖ This site provides an online short course in program evaluation. The site was developed by the American Physiological Society for those persons seeking to strengthen evaluations of medical and health related programs.

Evaluation Tools and Instruments

1. Successful Assessment Methods and Measurement in Evaluation (SAMMIE):

<http://sammie.osu.edu/index.html>

❖ Whatever your level of experience evaluating programs, **SAMMIE** can be the web portal to help you expand your skills. **SAMMIE** stands for **S**uccessful **A**ssessment **M**ethods and **M**easurement **I**n **E**valuation and is a one-stop site on the web to link you to valuable resources.

2. Evaluation Tools: http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/MM_Tools/evaluation.html

❖ This site provided by Georgia Tech's Center for Education provides many different evaluation tools.

3. Promise of Place:

http://www.promiseofplace.org/resources_curriculum/evaluation_tools.shtml

❖ This site provides information and tools for the "lay" person on program evaluation.

4. The Measurement Group:

http://www.themeasurementgroup.com/evaluationtools/evaluation_tools.htm

❖ Many different tools for specific and general evaluations are discussed on this site.

5. Online Evaluation Resource Library: <http://oerl.sri.com/module/modules.html>

❖ The Online Evaluation Resource Library (*OERL*) is composed of plans, instruments, and reports that have been used to conduct evaluations of projects funded by the Directorate for Education and Human Resources (*EHR*) of the National Science Foundation (*NSF*). *OERL* also contains glossaries of evaluation terminology, criteria for best practices, and scenarios illustrating how evaluation resources can be used or adapted.