



Brief Overview of SSIP Evaluation Planning

Objectives

- Understand OSEP's overall SSIP evaluation requirements
- Consider where your state is in its planning for SSIP evaluation and what next steps are needed

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- Alignment with theory of action and other SSIP components [3(a)]
- Short-term and long-term objectives to measure implementation and impact [3(a)]
- Description of stakeholder inclusion [3(b)]
 - Creating the evaluation questions
 - Judging the acceptability of the strategies used and outcomes
 - Strategy for dissemination to stakeholders

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- Data collection/analysis methods to evaluate implementation and outcomes [3(c)]
 - Infrastructure changes
 - Implementation
 - Sampling, if used
 - Comparisons
- How state will use evaluation results to [3(d)]
 - Examine effectiveness of implementation
 - Measure progress toward improvement in SiMR
 - Make modifications to SSIP, as necessary

What Will the SSIP Evaluation Involve?

- Goal is to evaluate the **implementation** of improvement strategies. But what does implementation really mean?
- It is both the process of putting the various improvement strategies and infrastructure changes in place *and* the outcomes or impact of those strategies/changes.
- Two overarching questions...
 1. How's it going? (Process)
 2. What good did it do? (Outcomes/Impact)

Implementation as a Process and an Outcome

Process evaluation questions (How is it going?)

- Focus on the program or a program component
- Ask who, what, where, when, why, or how

Outcome evaluation questions (What good did it do?)

- Be direct and specific to program effectiveness and impact
- Examine changes, effects, or impacts
- Specify the outcome to be measured

Steps in Planning an SSIP Evaluation

1. Understand the evaluation context—Alignment of Phase II evaluation plan to Phase I
2. Build an evaluation team
3. Create a logic model, specifically for the evaluation, that shows important activities that lead to outputs and outcomes
4. Develop evaluation questions
5. Identify the evaluation design
6. Identify data collection strategies
7. Develop preliminary analysis plans
8. Plan for sharing and using results
9. Prepare a timeline

Other Considerations for SSIP Evaluation Planning

- 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

Need Assistance With Evaluation?

- Contact your [IDC State Liaison](#) or Tamara Nimkoff (TamaraNimkoff@westat.com) to connect you with an Evaluation TA Specialist

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