

Indian Health Service

Program Evaluation Policy



Introduction

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Overview of Policy

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- Authorities
- Purpose
- Scope
- Resources

Authorities

- Snyder Act
- Transfer Act
- Indian Health Care Improvement Act
- OMB Circular A-11
- OMB Circular A-123
- Government Performance and Results Acts (1993, 2010)
- Evidence-Based Policy Act (2018)

Purpose

- Performance and accountability
- Validate outcomes
- Improve program effectiveness

Scope

- Discretionary grants
- New or new cohorts
- \$1M per year
- FY 2020
- As soon as possible during the development and/or planning of a new, or new cohort of, program/grant
- Identify/clarify evaluation expectations to include in funding announcement

Resources

OPHS

- Staff
- IDIQ

Program

- Staff
- Contract

Evaluation Examples

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- Using In-house (IHS) Staff
- With HHS Departmental Resources
- Contracting

Community Health Representative (CHR): DPER & CHR Program Staff

Evaluation of Web-based vs. In-person Training models

- Change in mode of delivery of CHR training from in-person to web-based.
- CHR program decided to evaluate the effectiveness of web-based training.
- Data obtained from participants who completed the CHR basic online training.
- Purpose of Evaluation was to inform decision making aimed at improving training content.

Costs and Benefits of Expanding Hepatitis C Screening in IHS: ASPE

Study conducted by a contractor hired by ASPE in collaboration with Hepatitis C program and DPER staff.

- Purpose was to assist IHS in determining conditions under which expanding screening and treatment of Hepatitis C could be cost beneficial.
- Study also describes how recommendations for screening expansion might change for different IHS subpopulations.

CHR National Evaluation: IDIQ Contract

Another mechanism available for evaluations is the use of IDIQ contract.

- Current IDIQ contract
 - CHR National Evaluation
 - Urban Evaluations
 - 4 in 1 Program: National evaluation & data collection template
 - OUIHP: Site visit manual development & data collection template

Next Steps

- Evaluation Work team
- Additional evaluation resources
 - Second IDIQ Contract
- Program Evaluation Guidelines to be developed
- Office/program visits

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