



Helpful Resources in Data Collection and Evaluation

American Evaluation Association (AEA) Home Page: www.eval.org/

Guiding Principles for Evaluators www.eval.org/EvaluationDocuments/aeaprin6.html

The AEA consists of professional evaluators who seek to improve, increase, and support evaluation. This report compiled by a task force identifies the role and attributes of good evaluators, helping them know their principles and responsibilities.

Links of Interest to Evaluators www.eval.org/ListsLinks/EvaluationLinks/links.htm

This page has many electronic links of interest to evaluators. Scroll down to “General Evaluation Sites” for those that may be most useful in program evaluation.

American Statistical Association (ASA) Home page: www.stat.ncsu.edu/info/srms/srms.html

What Is a Survey? <http://www.stat.ncsu.edu/info/srms/survwhat.html>

This Web page explains simply what a survey is, what surveys involve, how surveys may be done, and who may conduct them.

What Are Focus Groups? www.stat.ncsu.edu/info/srms/surveyfocus.pdf

This PDF file examines focus groups. It provides anyone—from beginner to expert—with a good understanding of focus groups.

National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST)

Home Page www.cresst96.cse.ucla.edu/

This Web page has a library of reports, rubrics, products, and other resources; services such as “Ask the Expert”; a page just for parents; and other contacts and related links.

Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation, and Educational Policy (CSTEETP)

Evaluation Primer www.csteetp.bc.edu/CSTEETP/CSTEETPpdf/TestEval.pdf

This PDF report provides an overview of key evaluation issues. It discusses three main approaches to educational program evaluation, offering both theoretical foundation and practical how-to advice.

Harvard Family Research Project (HFRP) Home page: gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp

Indicators: Definition and Use in a Results-Based Accountability System

gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp/releases/rba/tips/indicator.html

This short article outlines a process for selecting and using indicators in evaluation. It includes a resource list.

The Evaluation Exchange: Emerging Strategies in Evaluating Child and Family Services

gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp/eval

This site has links to the current and past issues of this publication—available online, in Web page or PDF format—with articles, interviews, strategies, and news from the field of evaluation.

Learning From Logic Model: An Example of a Family/School Partnership Program

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/~hfrp/pubs/onlinepubs/logic.pdf>

This eight-page brief—in PDF format—offers step-by-step guidance in laying out a logic model. A sample model and a resource list are included.

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) Home page: www.nwrel.org/

Program Planning & Evaluation <http://www.nwrel.org/eval/evaluation/>

This excellent, well-organized Web interface begins with a general overview of program evaluation—the Who, What, When, Where, How, and Why. Then it outlines NWREL’s many additional evaluation Web pages, which cover specific areas of all steps in the evaluation process.

Search Institute Home page: www.search-institute.org/

Forty Developmental Assets www.search-institute.org/assets/

This site offers 40 building blocks for healthy adolescent development that may help a program construct goals and benchmarks.

U.S. Department of Education (ED) Home page: www.ed.gov/

A Compact for Learning: An Action Handbook for Family-School-Community Partnerships

www.ed.gov/pubs/Compact/ch4.html

This fourth chapter on evaluation, entitled “Evaluate the Results of the Compact,” offers tips and tools on collecting and using data. See the associated activity sheets at ch4a.html and ch4b.html.

21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC): Evaluation www.ed.gov/21stcclc/eval.html

This site offers access to the Word and PDF versions of the Final Annual Performance Report Form and Cover Page that all centers must complete.

A Guide to Continuous Improvement Management (CIM)

www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/eval/21cent/cim226.pdf

This PDF file—linked from the Evaluation page cited above—was prepared specifically for learning centers. The text addresses many questions and offers much information. This is an excellent resource.

Continuous Improvement Management Guide for 21st Century Schools

www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/eval/21cent/improve/index.html

This is the first, organizational page for a 1998 ED presentation that you can view online, slide-by-slide, PowerPoint style. It is a good, motivational introduction to the longer guide mentioned above.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Home page: www.wkkf.org/

Evaluation Handbook www.wkkf.org/documents/wkkf/evaluationhandbook/intro.asp

This comprehensive handbook, presented in both Web page and PDF formats, includes—beginning in Part Two—a blueprint for conducting project-level evaluation.