

New York State Policy: Local Evaluation in Even Start

ROLE OF EVALUATOR	MANIFESTED IN EVALUATION REPORTS
<p>Build an understanding of the Even Start program as implemented</p>	<p>Description of program in context</p>
<p>Support required data collection about program and participant indicators</p> <p>Supplement indicators with additional participant outcomes and/or other measures of outcomes</p> <p>Interpret information about program and participant indicators</p>	<p>Presentation and discussion of the results of indicators and other outcomes, including various comparisons</p>
<p>Conduct locally-specific systematic inquiry for program improvement (after first year of program implementation)</p>	<p>Description of research question, methods of data collection, summary of data and discussion of the results</p>
<p>Be a partner in data-oriented discussion about ways to improve the performance of the local program</p>	<p>Recommendations for program improvement</p>

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM IN CONTEXT

Consider reporting:

- * Community context
- * Profile of population
- * Program curriculum and service delivery methods
- * Unique features or major changes since previous years
- * Results of previous recommendations
- * Any other information that is needed to understand why the systematic inquiry focus was chosen or explanations for results of indicators or reasons for recommendations

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS OF INDICATORS AND OTHER OUTCOMES

Consider reporting:

- * Accuracy and representativeness of data
- * Additional outcomes
- * Additional measures
- * Analysis of patterns by subgroup, contact hours, time in program, etc.
- * Observations about comparisons over time, with other programs
- * Observations about reasons for achievement/lack of achievement related to program implementation
- * Observations about how results for different indicators are related

SYSTEMATIC INQUIRY: RESEARCH QUESTION, METHODS, SUMMARY OF DATA AND DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Consider inquiries that:

- * Explore reasons for results
- * Look at individual cases to understand implementation and results
- * Find out more about subgroups
- * Supplement outcomes
- * Gather longitudinal information
- * Track the results of pilot activities

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

Be sure that recommendations are:

- * Grounded in data
- * Practical and action-able
- * Flexible in providing options
- * Supported by suggestions of resources or next steps