



# NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER

## PROGRAM EVALUATION RESOURCE LIST

This resource list was compiled by the Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC), a program of the National Rural Health Resource Center and the July and August 2014 Program Evaluation Workshop speakers and participants.

### **Advancing Health Equity in Minnesota: Report to the Legislature**

[http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/healthequity/ahe\\_leg\\_report\\_020414.pdf](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/healthequity/ahe_leg_report_020414.pdf)

From the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), inequities in social and economic factors are the key contributors to health disparities and ultimately are what need to change if health equity is to be advanced.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Program Performance and Evaluation Office (PPEO) Program Evaluation Resources**

<http://www.cdc.gov/eval/framework/index.htm>

From the CDC, the Framework for Program Evaluation in Public Health provides a set of steps and standards for practical evaluation by programs and partners. While the focus is public health programs, the approach can be generalized to any evaluation effort.

### **Creating Program Logic Models: A Toolkit for State Flex Programs**

<http://www.flexmonitoring.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/PLMToolkit.pdf>

From the Flex Monitoring Team (FMT), this toolkit presents the basics of logic models as well as information and resources for developing a logic model for state Flex Programs.

### **Critical Access Hospital Finance 101 Manual**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/resources/critical-access-hospital-finance-101-manual>

From the National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center), this manual provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding critical access hospital (CAH) financial performance.

### **Data Sources & Tools Relevant to Rural Health**

<http://www.raonline.org/topics/statistics-and-data/data-sources-and-tools>

From the Rural Assistance Center (RAC), this guide provides a list of major rural-relevant statistical sources, including those focused on healthcare services, health status, demographics and social determinants of health.

### **Easy Test Maker**

<https://www.easytestmaker.com/>

From Easy Test Maker, create, print and publish your tests online.

### **Flex Program Evaluation Toolkit**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/resources/flex-program-evaluation-toolkit>

From The Center, this toolkit provides information, tools and resources to collect data and assess the activities performed for the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program.

### **Flex Program Evaluation: 2013 Pre-Conference Workshop Materials**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/2013-national-conference-flex-programs>

From The Center, this page contains handouts and presentations from the 2013 National Conference of State Flex Programs Pre-Conference Workshop on Program Evaluation.

### **Improving Population Health: A Guide for Critical Access Hospitals**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/tasc/resources/improving-population-health-guide-critical-access-hospitals>

From The Center, this guide is a tool for rural hospital leaders in support of incorporating population health principles and programs into strategic planning and operations with a systems-based framework and integrating population health as culture change.

### **Process Evaluation**

[http://www.oxha.org/cih\\_manual/index.php/process-evaluation](http://www.oxha.org/cih_manual/index.php/process-evaluation)

From Oxford Health Alliance Programme, Community Interventions for Health, this manual provides information on how to design a process evaluation that will inform and improve program implementation.

### **Program Evaluation Frequently Asked Questions**

[http://www.washington.edu/oea/services/research/program\\_eval/faq.html](http://www.washington.edu/oea/services/research/program_eval/faq.html)

From the University of Washington, Office of Educational Assessment, this page offers answers to common questions about program evaluation.

### **Promising Practices: Arizona SORH Pushing to Make Logic Model Use More Widespread: May 2013**

<http://nosorh.org/promising-practices-arizona-sorh-pushing-to-make-logic-model-use-more-widespread-may-2013/>

From the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH), this page shares a logic model best practice from the State Office of Rural Health in Arizona.

### **Queensland Community Engagement Guide**

<http://www.qld.gov.au/web/community-engagement/guides-factsheets/evaluating/evaluation-framework-4.html>

From Queensland Government, this guide provides advice on identifying data sources and methods that are likely to yield the necessary information for evaluation.

### **Recommendation Adoption Progress (RAP)**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/rhpi/content/recommendation-adoption-progress>

From the Rural Hospital Performance Improvement (RHPI) Project, a program of The Center, this document explains that the purpose of the Recommendation Adoption Progress (RAP) is to gather information on the adoption of consultant recommendations and ultimately project outcomes, by interviewing hospital Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) approximately one year after completion of an RHPI on-site consultation to document successes and lessons learned from RHPI projects.

### **Return on Community Investment (ROCI) analysis**

[http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars\\_a094](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a094)

From the White House Office of Management and Budget, this circular provides general guidance for conducting benefit-cost and cost-effectiveness analyses. It also provides specific guidance on the discount rates to be used in evaluating Federal programs whose benefits and costs are distributed over time.

### **State Flex Program Logic Model**

<http://www.ruralcenter.org/sites/default/files/WI-ORH%20Flex%20Logic%20Model.pdf>

From the Wisconsin State Office of Rural Health, this page lays out the basic process for developing and integrating logic model into the state Flex Program.

### **The State of US Health: Innovations, Insights, and Recommendations from the Global Burden of Disease Study**

<http://www.healthdata.org/policy-report/state-us-health-innovations-insights-and-recommendations-global-burden-disease-study>

From the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, the study found that health equates to wealth; people who live in wealthy areas like San Francisco, Colorado, or the suburbs of Washington, D.C. are likely to be as healthy as their counterparts in Switzerland or Japan, but those who live in Appalachia or the rural South are likely to be as unhealthy as people in Algeria or Bangladesh.

### **TruServe**

<http://www.truserve.org>

From the Center for Rural Health at The University of North Dakota, this web-based tracking system allows organizations to capture the activities of staff, information later used to provide detailed and accurate reports for the organization and stakeholders.

### **Using Logic Models for State Flex Programs**

<http://www.flexmonitoring.org/fmt-presentations/using-logic-models-for-state-flex-programs/>

From FMT, this page offers three webinar recordings by John Gale on the topic of logic models, the most recent of which is from a TASC webinar in March 2012.