

Evaluation Basics





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How comfortable are you with evaluation?

- 1. I am starting from the beginning but am excited to learn.
- 2. I know some of the basics but am looking to learn more.
- 3. I have a pretty good grasp on evaluation and am just looking for a refresher.
- 4. I am extremely comfortable with a variety of evaluation methods.



Learning Objectives

Participants will understand:

- » the value of evaluation
- » key evaluation terms and definitions
- » general evaluation methods
- » basic data interpretation



How much do you know?



- 1. T/F Evaluation is anecdotal
- 2. T/F Process evaluation helps to determine if a program is being implemented as it should be.
- 3. Which is not an example of quantitative data?
 - a. 10 participants
 - b. 30% increase
 - c. "I get alcohol from my older friends"
 - d. 250 students

How much do you know?



- 4. T/F Qualitative data is best explained in numbers
- 5. You can collect the following types of data through a survey.
 - a. Qualitative b. Quantitative c. Both

6. T/F – Losing participants from your program can impact your evaluation results.



What is evaluation?

- Collection of information
- Analysis of information
- Is your programming effective?
- How your programs can improve?



Evaluation is:

Systematic

Methodical



Quiz Question #1



1. T/F – Evaluation is anecdotal

The correct answer is - FALSE







Why do you evaluate?

- » Reflect on progress
- » Build capacity and engage the community
- » Influence policy makers & funders
- » Share what does/does not work
- » Required
- » Tells us where we are and where we should go
- » Ensures funding sustainability
- » Strengthen accountability

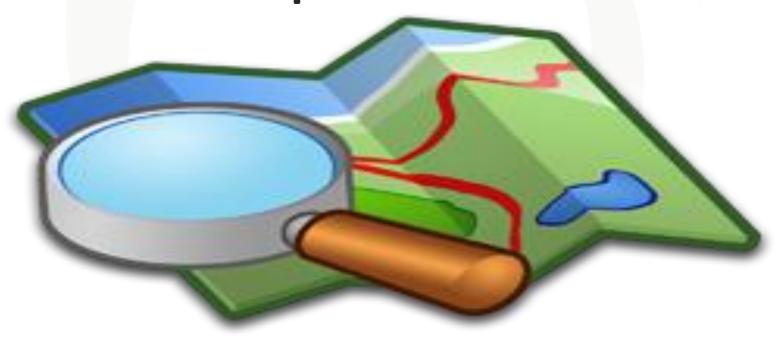




Outcomes, Activities & Objectives



Road Map





Build capacity & engage the community





Influence
policy makers
& funders





It is required





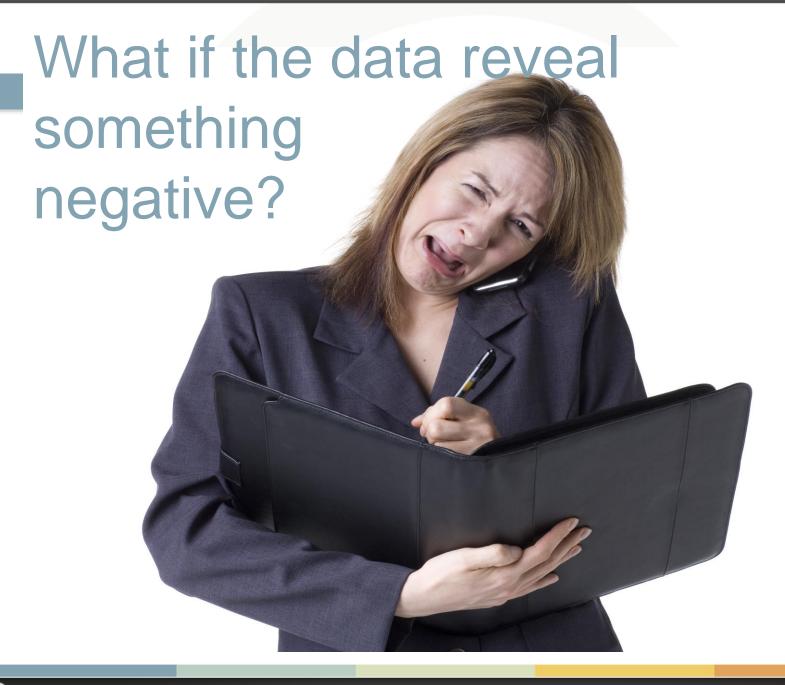
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What are some concerns that you have about evaluation?

- 1. Evaluation unnecessarily diverts resources and services from my programs.
- 2: Evaluation automatically determines whether or not my program will be eliminated.
- 3: Evaluation (process/results) is too complicated.
- 4: What if the data reveal something negative?
- 5: I don't have concerns about evaluation.

What other concerns do you have?



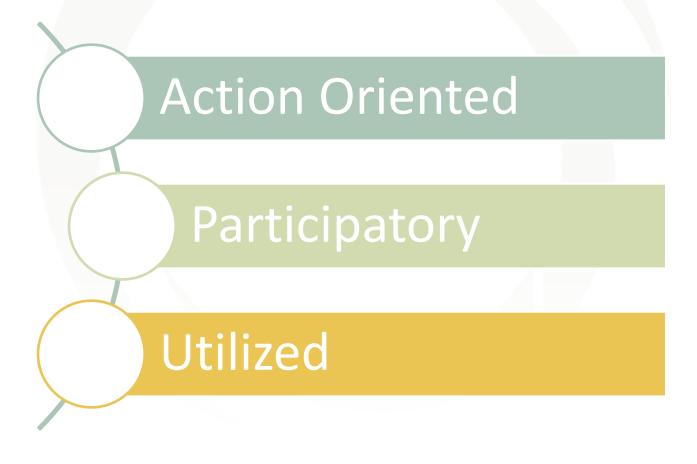


What if the data reveal something negative?

- »Celebrate the positives
- »Be realistic
- »Make improvements
- »Provide adequate context



Evaluation is valuable when it is:





Valuable Evaluation is ACTION ORIENTED









Valuable Evaluation is

UTILIZED





Types of Evaluation



Types of Evaluation

PROCESS evaluation

OUTCOME evaluation



Process Evaluation



Is the program being implemented as expected?



Quiz Question #2



2. T/F- Process evaluation helps to determine if a program is being implemented as it should be.

The correct answer is - TRUE



Outcome Evaluation



What was the impact of the program?

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Process vs. Outcome Evaluation

Evaluation Question	Process	Outcome
1. How many individuals/groups did the intervention serve?		
2. How many participant youth used alcohol one year after the end of the intervention?		
3. What cultural adaptations were made to the intervention?		
4. After the intervention, did people exposed to it have more positive normative beliefs compared to those not exposed?		



Types of Data



Types of Data

Process vs. Outcome

Quantitative vs. Qualitative

Primary vs. Secondary



Types of Data: Process Data

- » 25 staff completed the training on program implementation.
- » Media messages were posted in 50 key locations in the county.
- » 35 participants were enrolled in the program this quarter.
- » Brochures were handed out to 20 medical offices.



Types of Data: Outcome Data



Change in 30 day
Substance Use from Preto Post-Test:

56% of youth reported a decrease in marijuana use from pre- to post-test.



Types of Data: Outcome Data

Change in Perceived Risk of Harm Associated with Substance Use:

40% of youth demonstrated a decreased perception of risk associated with substance use.



Types of Data: Quantitative

- » 145 parents reported...
- » 30% of youth reported...
- » Mean survey scores increased from 3.5 to 4.2 from pre- to posttest



Types of Data: Qualitative

"Alcohol is easy to get from my older friends."

"Our community has lots of events which provide easy access to alcohol."



Quiz Question #3



- 3. Which is not an example of quantitative data?
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 - d. 250 students

The correct answer is - C



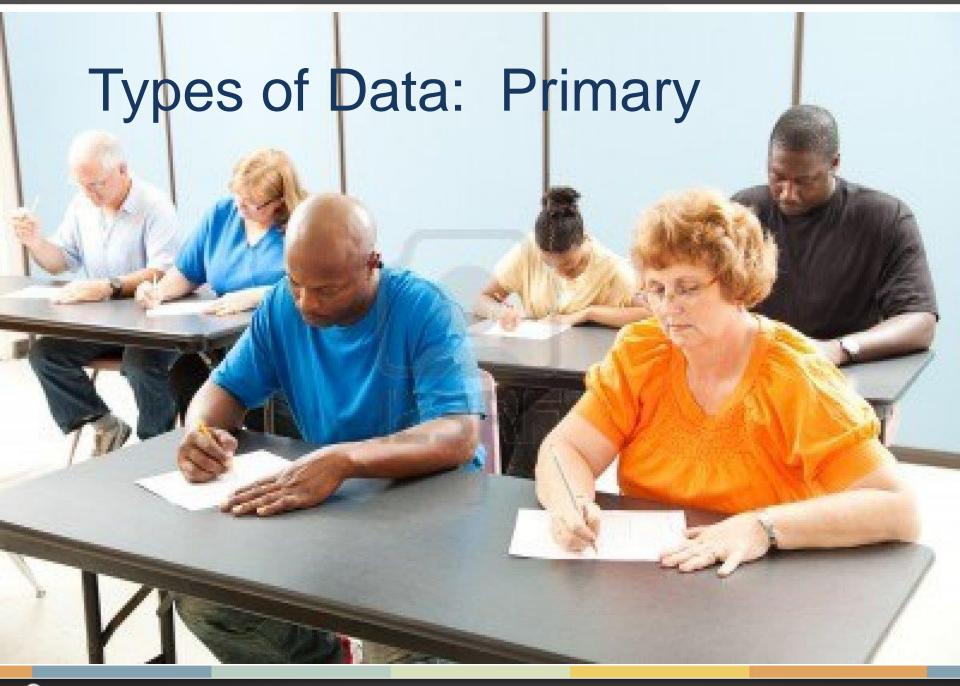
Quiz Question #4



4. T/F- Qualitative data is best explained in numbers.

The correct answer is - FALSE





Types of Data: Secondary

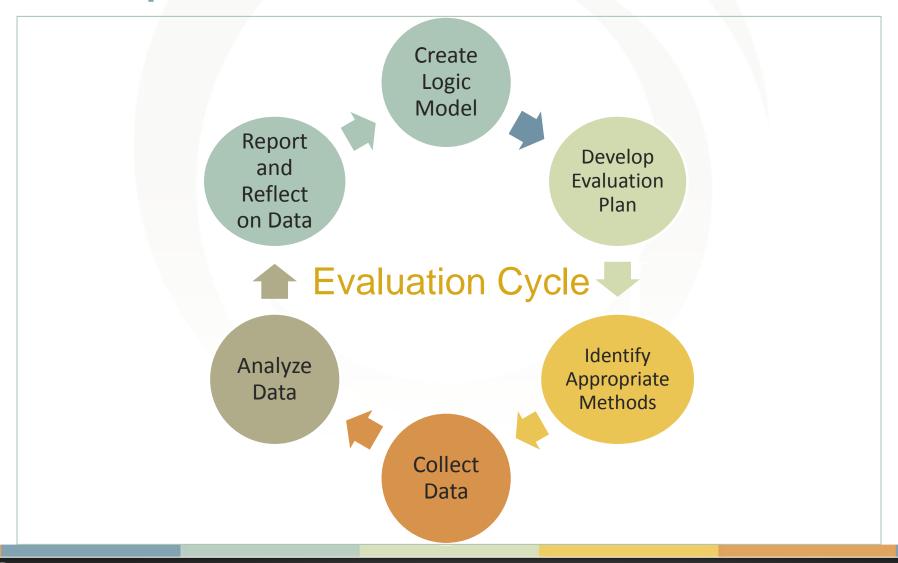




Steps of Evaluation

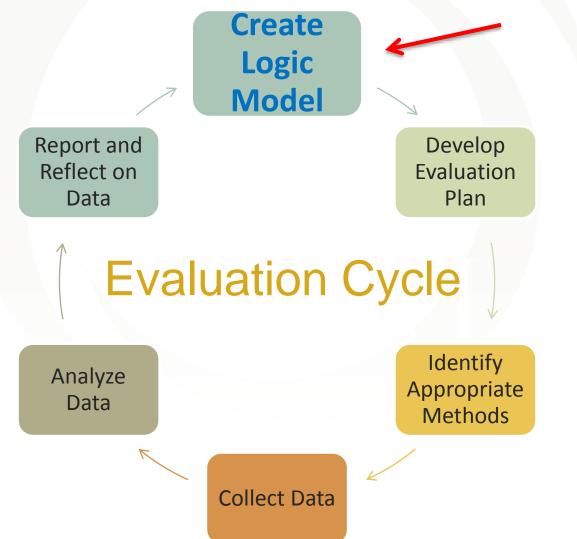


Steps of Evaluation





Steps of Evaluation: Step 1





Step 1 of Evaluation: Logic Model

Problem/
Contributing
Factors &
Intervening
Variables

Strategies/ Activities Short Term & Intermediate Outcomes

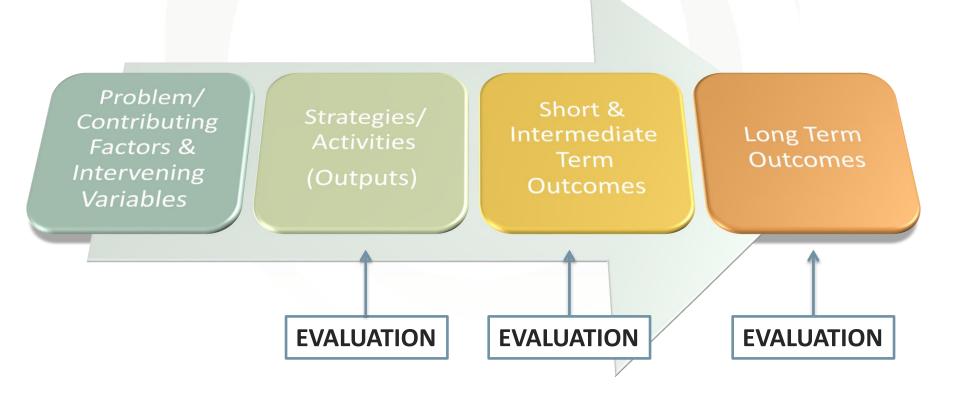
Long Term Outcomes

Step 1 of Evaluation: Logic Model

Problem Statement (SPF Steps 1-2)		Outputs (SPF Step 3-4)		Outcomes (SPF Step 5)		
PROBLEM	INTERVENING VARIABLES and CONTRIBUTING FACTORS But Why? But why here?	STRATEGIES What are we doing to address contributing factors? (Step 3)	ACTIVITIES What are we doing to implement strategies? (Step 4)	SHORT-TERM How are we implementing the strategies?	INTERMEDIATE What behaviors will we change?	LONG-TERM Are we meeting our long-term goals?
Brief description of the behaviors or issues that currently exist and need to change (documented by local data)	Research based factors that are strongly related to and influence the identified problem, such as: • Enforcement • Retail/social access • Norms • Perceptions of risk and harm. Community specific influence that directly affect the problem	Program, practice, or policy that address the problem, intervening variable and contributing factor	Concrete and specific actions for implementing the identified strategy.	The most immediate impact of your efforts. Typically include changes in participant knowledge, and skills as a result of activities	Points that track progress toward more long-term outcomes, Change in behaviors, decision- making, and/or actions	More distant targets of your organization's work and include changes in norms, policies, behaviors, and consequences

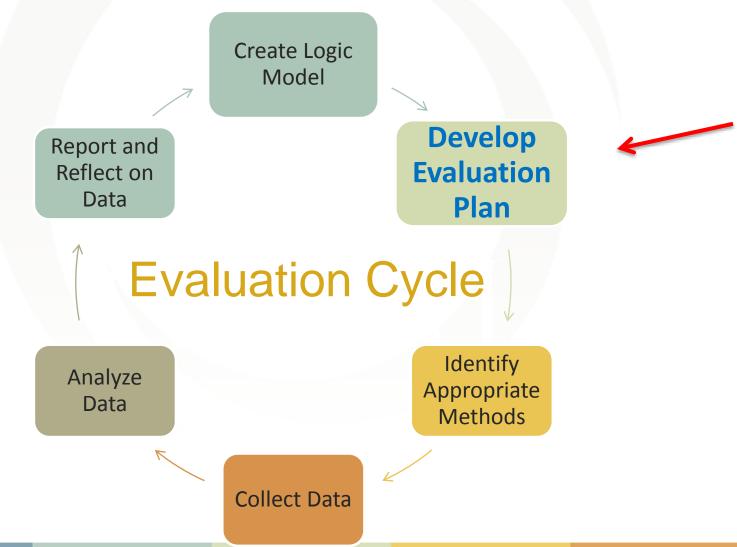


Step 1 of Evaluation: Logic Model





Steps of Evaluation: Step 2





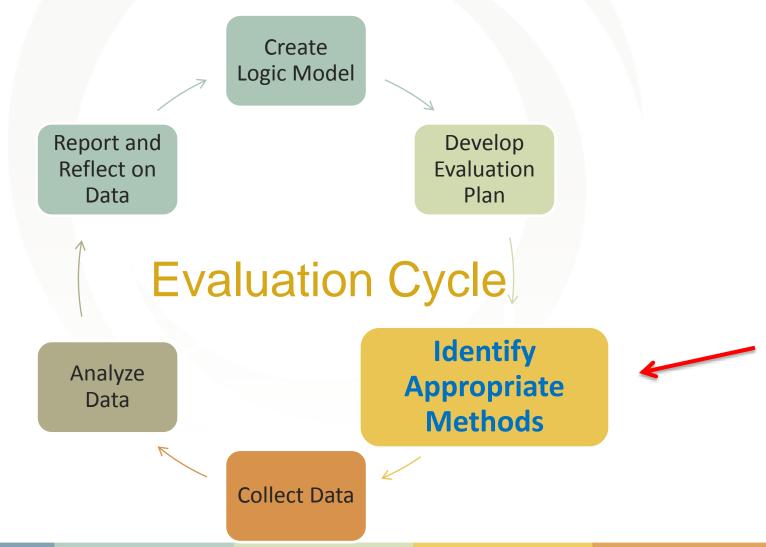
Step 2 of Evaluation: Developing a plan

- »Goals & objectives
- »Outputs & outcomes
- »Tools

»Data collection intervals



Steps of Evaluation: Step 3









Quiz Question #5



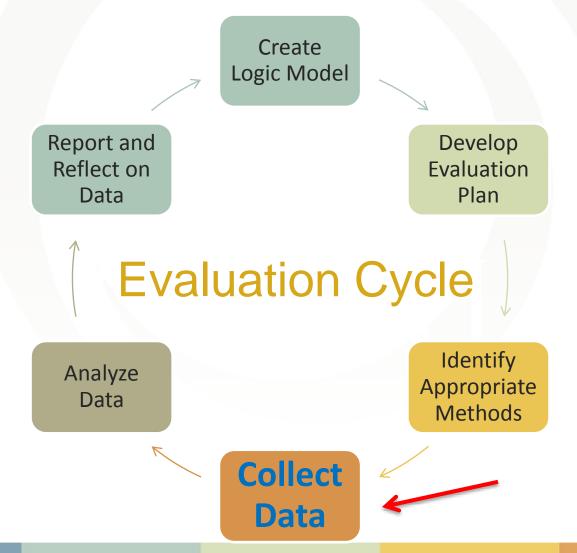
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The correct answer is - C



Steps of Evaluation: Step 4



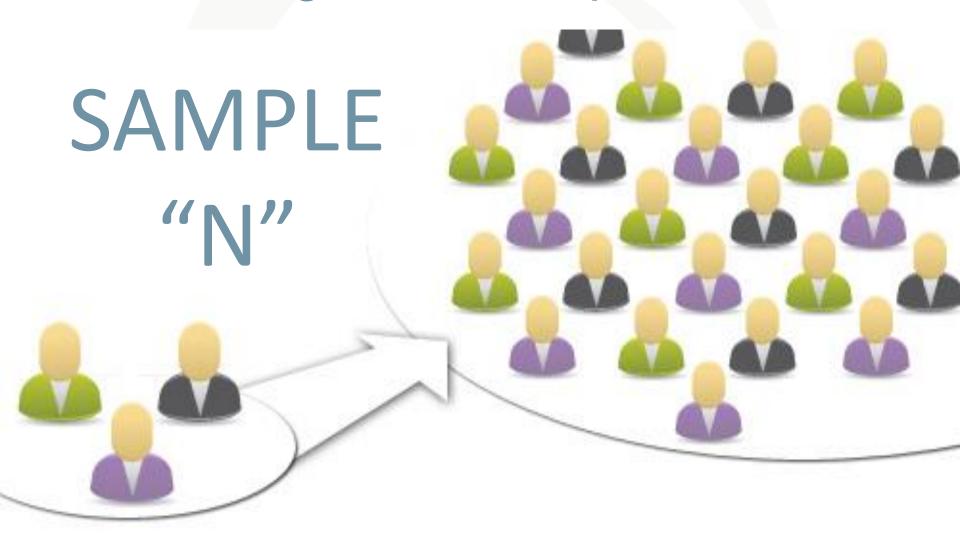


Step 4 of Evaluation: Collecting Data





Collecting Data: Sample Selection





Collecting Data: Matched Sample

Pre-test Post-test





















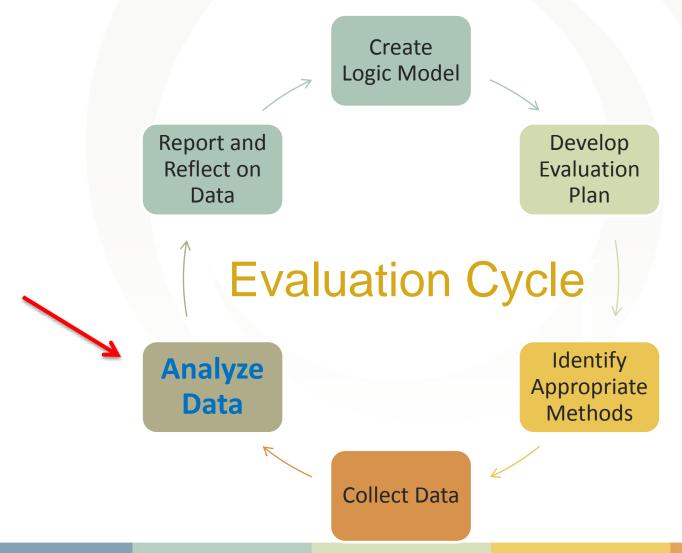








Steps of Evaluation: Step 5





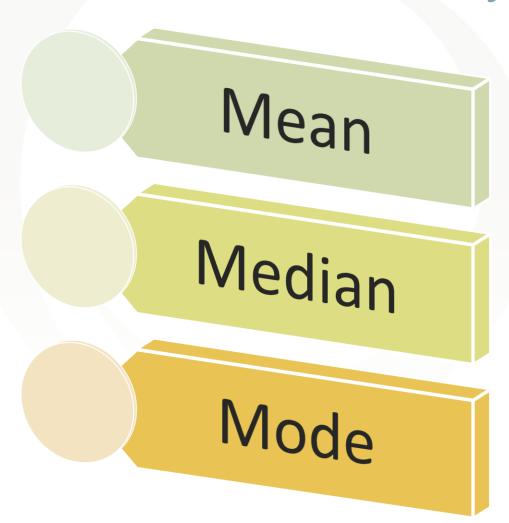
Analyzing Data







Basic Quantitative Analyses:





Basic Quantitative Analyses: MEAN

The sum of a set of numbers/values/scores divided by the number of values



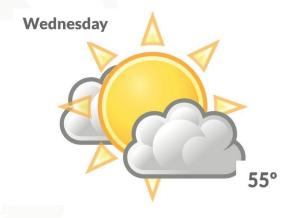
Mean/Average Temperature

















Basic Quantitative Analyses: MEDIAN

The middle number/value/score



Median Temperature



















Basic Quantitative Analyses MODE

The most frequently occurring number/value/score



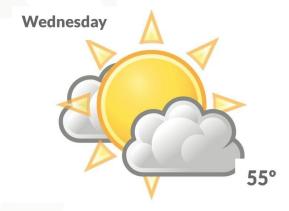
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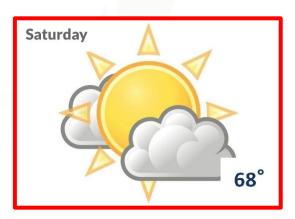




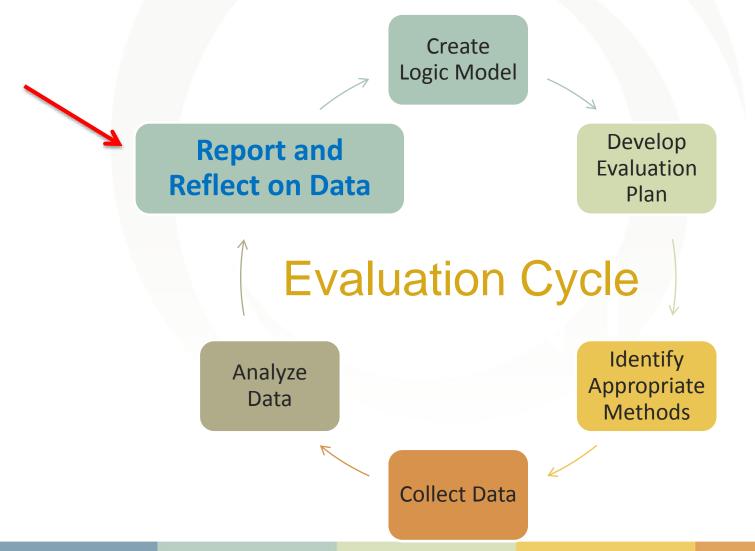








Steps of Evaluation: Step 6





Reflecting on Your Data

What do the data tell you about your program?

What do the data tell you about your participants?



Factors That May Impact Results

Evaluation Activities

- » Pre test vs. post test
- » Attrition
- » Data loss or Data entry error
- » Honest responses?



Factors That May Impact Results

Program/Population

- »Program fidelity
- »Service combination
- »Focus population
- »Cultural competence



Quiz Question #6

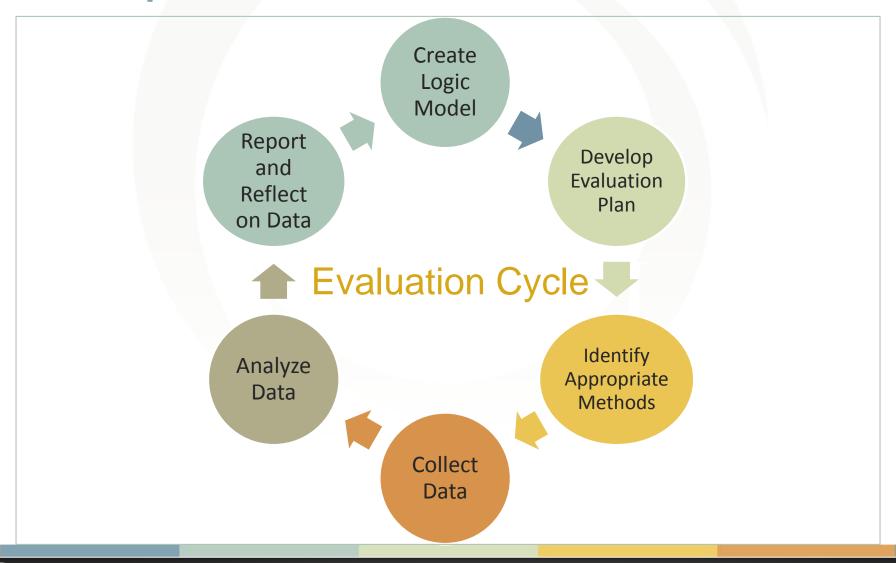


6. T/F – Losing participants from your program can impact your evaluation results.

The correct answer is - True



Steps of Evaluation Review





QUESTIONS?



Thank you

Thank you for your participation in this webinar!

If you have any additional questions or comments do not hesitate to contact your OMNI TA Consultant for additional assistance.

