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- 1. Purpose of the study
- 2. Design
- 3. Methods
- 4. Results



To identify strengths and weaknesses of ATE evaluations in order to prioritize resource center activities



Metaevaluation is the evaluation of evaluation



Need

Something that is necessary for satisfactory functioning



Needs Assessment

Systematic determination of the extent to which needs are being met



	Study 1	Study 2	Study 3	
# of evaluations	3	3	10	
# of metaevaluators	1	1	30	
Methods	interviews with PIs and evaluatorsdocument review	 interviews with PIs and evaluators document review site visits 	interviews with PIsdocument reviewsite visits	
Criteria	Program Evaluat Utility, Feasibility	ation Standards: y, Propriety, Accuracy		



Study 1	Study 2	Study 3
Narrative by standard	Ratings + narrative by standard	Ratings + narrative by standard domain
	Rating scale: - Poor - Fair - Good - Very Good - Excellent	Rating scale: - Not addressed - Minimally addressed - Partially addressed - Mostly addressed - Fully addressed



Decision Rules for Distilling Strong, Adequate, and Weak areas

	Study 1	Study 2	Study 3
Weak	Weakness described in the narrative	at least 2 evaluations rated as Fair or Poor	mean rating <3
Adequate	no strengths or weaknesses noted	at least 2 evaluations rated as Good	mean rating = 3-3.99
Strong	Strength described	Strength = 2 or 3 of 3 cases rated as Very Good or Excellent	mean rating ≥ 4



Improving Evaluation UTILITY

Resources & Training to develop...

Values Identification

ATTITUDE: Thinking beyond goals

SKILL: How to establish criteria and standards for evaluating grant activities.

Stakeholder Identification

ATTITUDE: Why stakeholders matter

KNOWLEDGE: Who are the pertinent stakeholders in ATE evaluations

Information Scope & Selection



Utilty Standards



Improving Evaluation PROPRIETY

Resources & Training to develop...

Complete & Fair Assessment

KNOWLEDGE: Understanding formative and summative evaluation

Formal Agreements

KNOWLEDGE: What are the important elements of an evaluation contract/workplan

Conflict of Interest

ATTITUDE: Valuing independence SKILL: Identifying and managing

conflicts of interest, especially in internal evaluation



Priority Areas for Accuracy

Program Documentation

Defensible Information Sources

Systematic Information

Analysis of Quantitative Information

Reliable Information

Expland reporting checklist to include infomration that should be included to demonstrate accuracy of evaluation findings, with links to supporting materials related to





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Utilty Standards

Report Clarity		
Evaluator Credibility		
Report Timeliness & Dissemination		
Evaluation Impact		
Stakeholder Identification		
Information Scope & Selection		
Values Identification		

Legend	Strong	Adequate	Weak
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Feasibility Standards

Cost Effectiveness		
Practical Procedures		
Political Viability		

Legend Strong Adequate Weak



Propriety Standards

Human Interactions		
Disclosure of Findings		
Rights of Human Subjects		
Fiscal Responsibility		
Service Orientation		
Complete & Fair Assessment		
Formal Agreements		
Conflict of Interest		

Legend Strong Adequate Weak



Accuracy Standards

Analysis of Qualitative Information	
Justified Conclusions	
Impartial Reporting	
Described Purposes & Procedures	
Context Analysis	
Valid Information	
Program Documentation	
Defensible Information Sources	
Systematic Information	
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Reliable Information	

Adequate Weak



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Legend

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Acceptable

Weak

Strong

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