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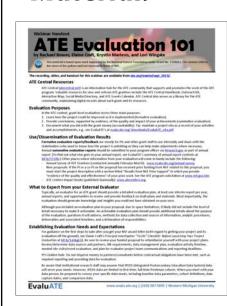


- Handout

- Slides
- Recording

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or the **Recent Additions** section of our homepage (through November 2013)



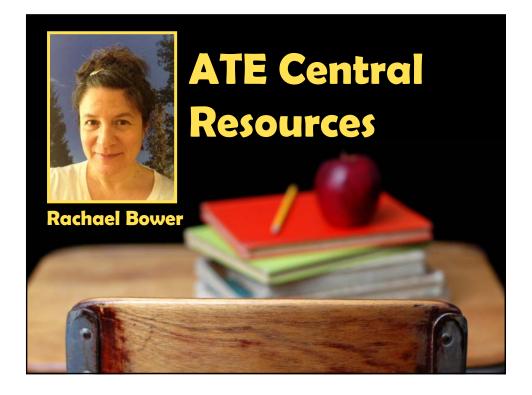
Objectives



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By the end of the webinar, you will

- Know where and who to go to for help as you launch your ATE project
- Understand the role of evaluation in your ATE grant and what to do with evaluation results
- Know the key issues to discuss with partners and evaluators to establish clear expectations and cooperative working relationships



What is ATE Central?



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an information hub for the ATE community that supports and promotes the work of the ATE program through services, publications, and tools designed for ATE grantees and the audiences they reach

Information Portal



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ATE Central collects, organizes, and disseminates information about:

- ATE projects and centers
- Resources used and created by ATE projects and centers
- Events sponsored, hosted, or attended by the ATE community

What can we do for you?



ATE Central has a variety of materials that can help as you get underway with your new project or center:

- ATE Handbook
- Portal & Resource Collection
- Outreach Kit
- ATE Central Connection
- Events Calendar & Widget
- Activity Reports
- Archiving Information



ATE Central Handbook



Support and best practices for ATE projects and centers:

- ATE 101
- Finding Partners and Collaborators
- -Outreach Planning
- Managing and Sharing **Deliverables**
- -Other Key ATE Players
- Data Management



ATE Central acts as a library for the ATE community

Creates digital records about

- each project or center and
- any affiliated resources



ATE Outreach Kit



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Outreach support specifically for ATE projects and centers:

- Outreach Planning
- Social Media
- Communication
- Outreach Resources
- Identifying Audience

WHAT IS OUTREACH?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) requires grantees to demonstrate <u>Insolder insolds</u> in an effort to ensure the NSF's mission:
"To grantee the progress of science; to advance the national habith, prosperts, and verfare; to score the national definers; and for other purposes." This means that an outerable and desirentiation pairs a scribed tool furtilities the requirements adorgasis of your Advanced Technological Education (ATE) greet. Fortunately, outreach and dissemination is not only a requirement, but also labely to support your projects soccess and sustainability.

ATE Outreach Kit Overview Planning Social M

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On this site, we provide an "Outreach KRI" that includes paths for dissemination. You'll find ideas for outreach and dissemination is the Planning. Social Media, and Communications Guides, as well as the section for additional Resources at the end.

Your organization's mission and available resources will guide your individual outreach plan, but all ATE projects and centers shart three basic goals:

- Promote the project or center's research findings and work to peer groups, educators, students, and the public at large.
- Share and grow the excitement of science and technology with the project or center's institution's body of administrators, faculty, and students, as well as industries and other key stakeholders.
- Stimulate discussions and interest in important educational and technological issues addressed or introduced by the projector center.

Now that you're ready to show broader impacts, where do you begin? Get started with the ATE Outreach Kit, including guides, tips

Getting Started

The ATE Central Outreach Kit is organized into four parts:

The Planning Guide helps your project or center define, plan, and execute outreach goals. The guide includes project



Identifying your Audience



- Rachael
- Who are your potential collaborators on campus?
- Which news outlets might be interested in this work?
- What professional associations might be interested in the outcomes of this project?
- Which specific groups could use and benefit from the deliverables of your project or center?
- Have you identified other ATE centers or projects engaged in similar work?

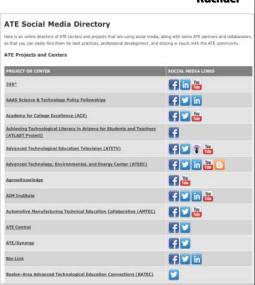


ATE Social Media Directory



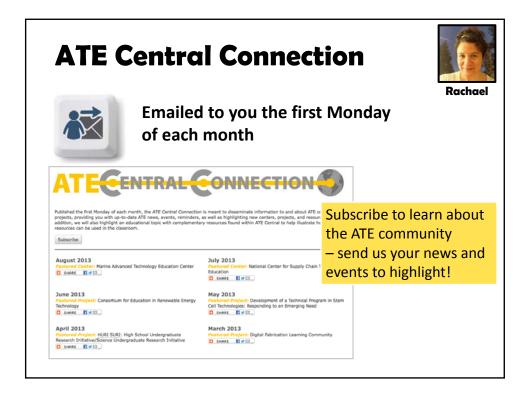
Tracks social media channels for:

- ATE projects and centers
- NSF projects, directorates, and offices
- ATE-related organizations (AACC, AAAS, WGBH, etc.)



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ATE Events Calendar & Widget



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The ATE Central Calendar lists events hosted by or of interest to the ATE Community ... an events template makes submission easy!

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ATE Central Activity Reports



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Emailed to you quarterly

Project/Center Information

authorized contact, website, project/center description, and associated social media

Project/Center Activity

project/center resources and events collected by ATE Central

Subject Area Activity

current and new resources and events collected by ATE Central in your project/center's primary ATE subject area

ATE-Wide Activity

resources and events within the entire ATE community

Never Too Early — What Will You Sustain and Archive?



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What are you sustaining?

- What's appropriate for your project or center?
- Look at deliverables what should "live on"?
- Involve partners industry, your institution, funders
- Look at real costs
- Think about:
 - Technologies
 - Activities
 - Materials
 - Data
 - Staff

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ATE@20

Advancing Technological Education for Two Decades

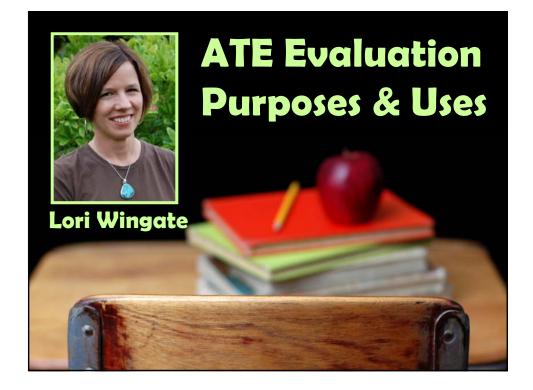


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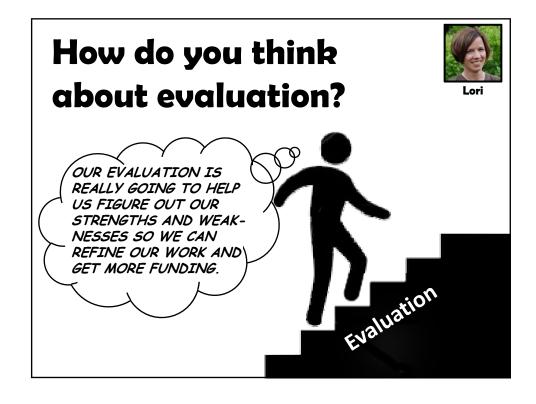
Book+Blog project that highlights the 20th anniversary of the ATE program with history, stories, data and pictures!

Blog – on ATE Central website

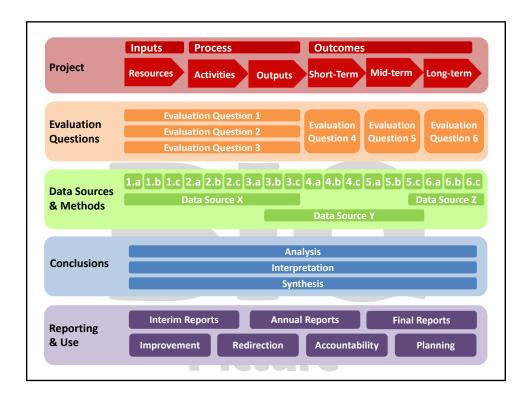
Book – distributed at the 2013 PI meeting

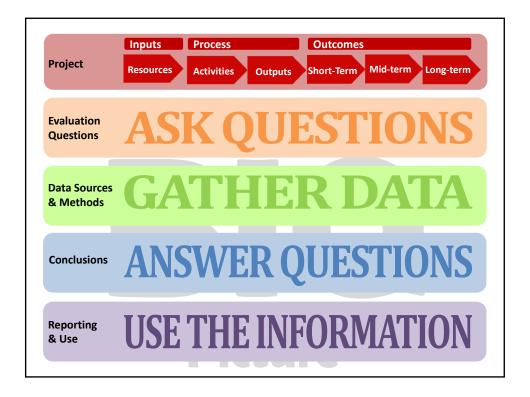












Evaluation Purposes



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Learn how the project could be improved as it is implemented (Formative evaluation)

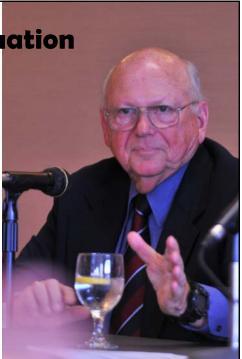
Provide conclusions about the quality and impact of a project's achievements (Summative evaluation)

Document what you did with the grant money (Accountability)

Formative Evaluation

The most important purpose of evaluation is not to prove, but to improve.

-Daniel Stufflebeam



Formative Evaluation

Project staff...

- make time for evaluation
- are open to hearing negative findings
- use feedback to inform decision making
- build evaluation and reflection on results into regular project operations



Formative Evaluation

Evaluator...

- takes time to learn about the project, its context, and stakeholders
- provides timely feedback
- guides project staff in understanding and using results



Summative Evaluation



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What is the project's quality? What are the project's impacts?

- changes in knowledge, skills, abilities, attitudes, performance, practices, or policies
- show up at the individual, program, institution, organization, regional, or national level
- occur in the short term, long term, or in between

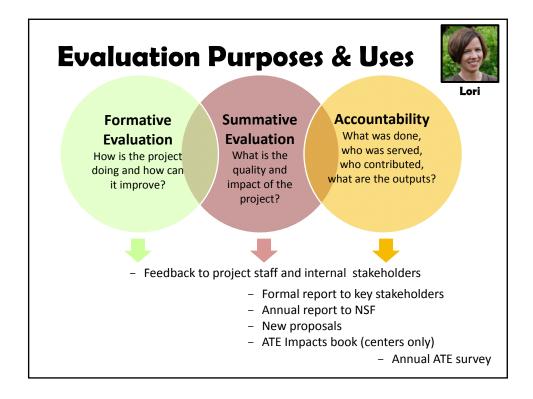
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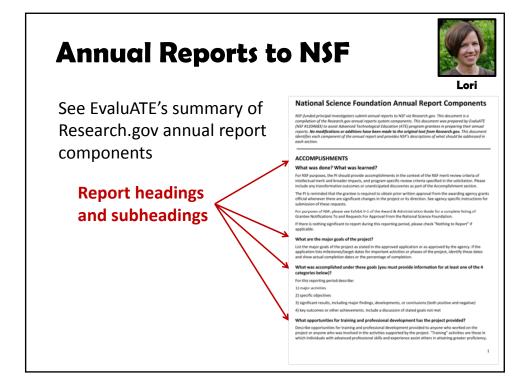
- What you did
- Who you reached
- Who you worked with
- What you produced (outputs)

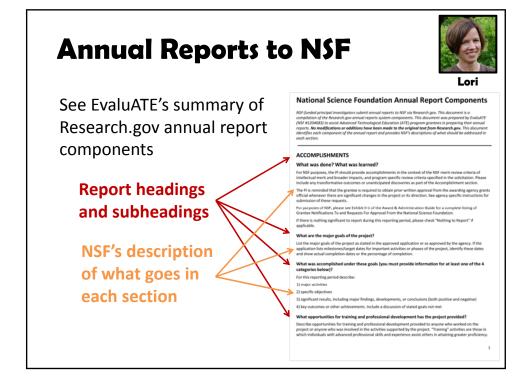


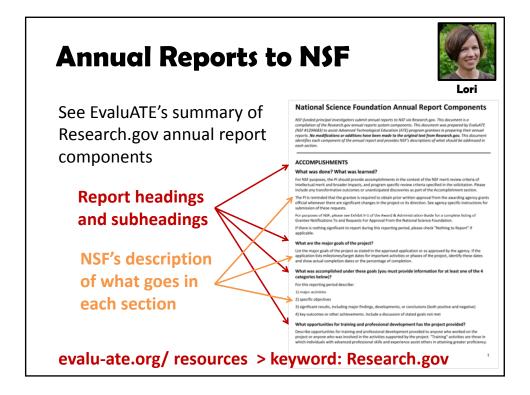
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Proposals



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Results from Prior NSF Support

66...specific outcomes and results including metrics to demonstrate the impact of the activities undertaken including evidence of the quality and effectiveness of the project's deliverables.

—ATE Program Solicitation

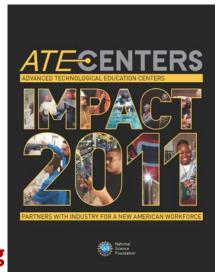
= evaluation results!

ATE Centers Book & Website

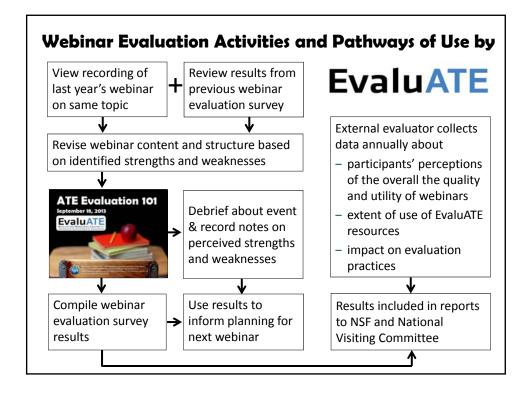


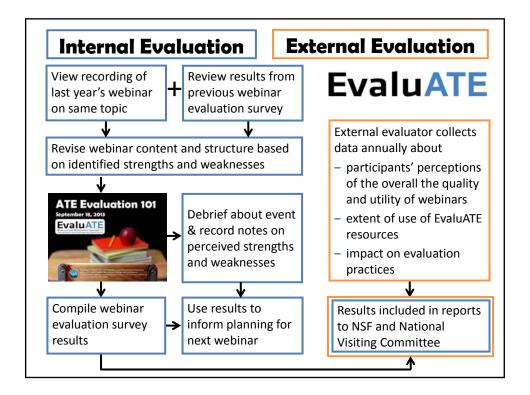
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Student impact data
Workforce impact
data



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What should we expect to receive from our evaluator?

- Detailed evaluation plan
- Opportunities to review and provide feedback on draft plans and materials
- Interim reports
- Annual reports
- Knowledge and insights you could not have obtained on your own



Elements of an Actionable Evaluation Plan

Purpose of the evaluation

Questions it will address

Methods

Data sources

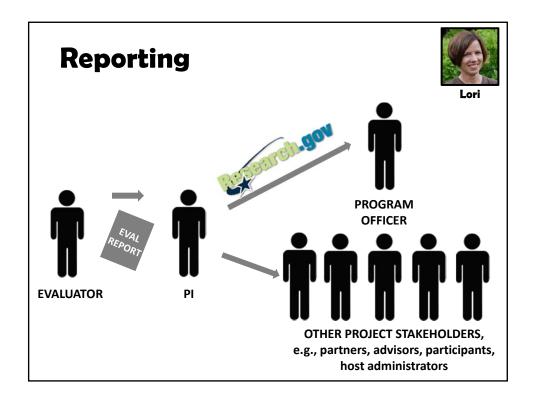
Analysis

Deliverables (instruments, reports)

Timeline

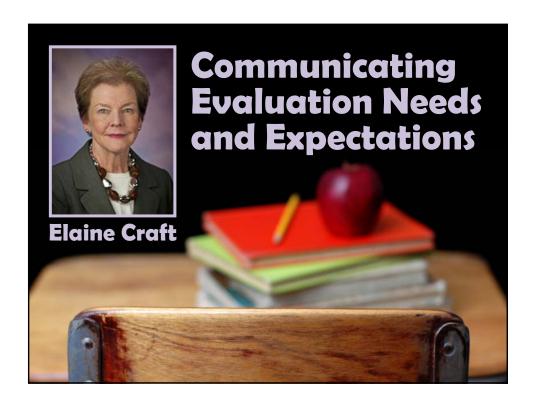
Delineation of responsibilities





Time invested in planning clarifying evaluation needs and expectations upfront will pay off later





Award Letter Arrives – Now What?



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Alert the right people

Make a big

announcement — mention NSF!

Process contracts with evaluation in mind (partners, evaluator, etc.)

Establishing Expectations

Review proposal Determine...

- Data sources, partners
- IRB considerations
- Data Management Plan (from proposal)
- Evaluation activity timeline
- Site visits/event evaluation
- Communications with project team

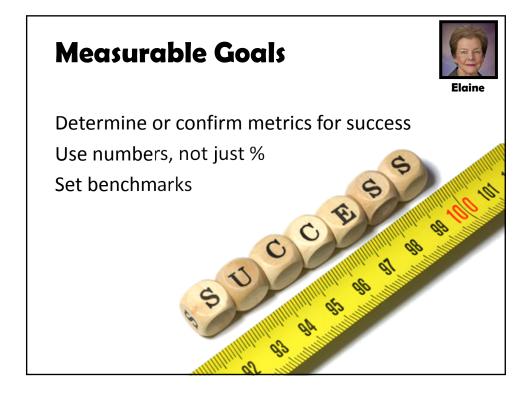


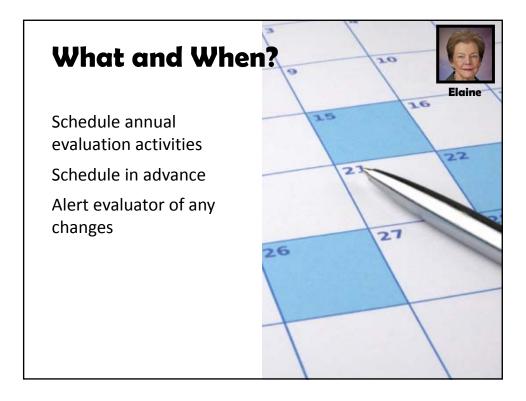
Evaluator Help with Reporting

ATE Annual Survey
Advisory Board(s)
NSF Annual Report
Your institution
Partners/collaborators
Newsletters/website











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Golden Rule



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The one who has the gold rules!

- PI is responsible
- Be clear; be firm
- Future success depends on it
- Demonstrated outcomes and impact



Getting the Data You Need



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Student Database

- Captured data: optional versus required

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)

Limitations of first-time, full-time (FTFT) freshmen cohorts



Planning & Mining

Baseline data
Your cohort
Common definitions
Snapshot dates



Example

Project Goal

To increase the number of women and minorities who obtain an engineering technology credential.



Example

Decisions to Make

- If woman and minority?
- What credentials?
- Target increase # or %?
- From when to when?



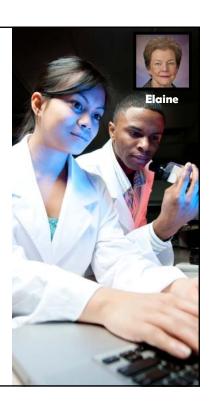
Example

Project Objective

+ 30 women and/or minority graduates in 3 years
No adverse impact on other related programs

Data decisions:

- Reporting year
- Racial/ethnic definition
- Gender diversity vs. minority



Example

Baseline data

- 3-5 years of graduates

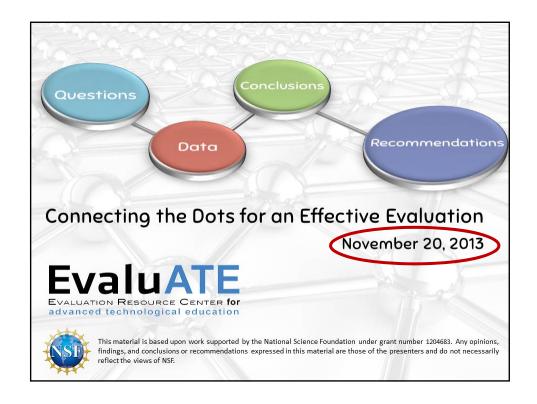
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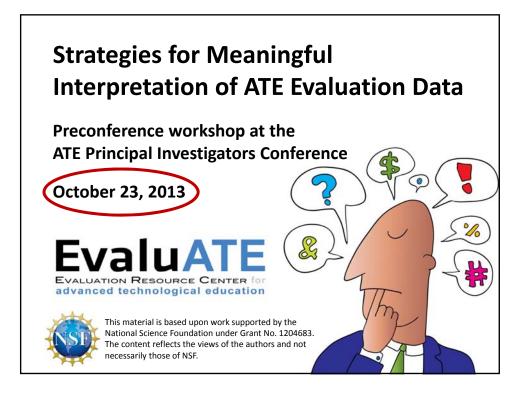
- student ID
- demographics
- program of study
- retention
- graduates

Snapshot dates

Comparisons







See You at the **ATE PI Conference!** Krystin Lori



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