TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

CAREER

Level 4

Level 3

Level 2

Level 1

EVALUATION CRITERIA

IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATION



Provides evidence on the value of our programs

Allows one to modify a program based on information received

 Provides opportunity to create new programs or stop doing programs that are no longer needed



LEVELS OF EVALUATION

Evaluation of Program Plans

Evaluation of Program Implementation

Evaluation of Program Results

Evaluation of Program Impacts

LEVELS OF EVIDENCE

Evaluation of Programs Implementation (Outputs)
 Evaluation of Program Results (Outcomes)

Evaluation of Program Impact



What does a good evaluation look like?

- Includes multiple levels of data, including demographics
 Based on the issue, target audience, and the intended results
- Provides evidence to tell a "story" of what happened



How Do You Report Data?

- Clear presentation of data is important
- •Keep the story simple and to the point
- Tell the story to the stakeholder or stakeholders
- Try to list most significant changes first



How Do You Report Data?

List total number of respondents and percentages

- 14 of 26 participants (58%) reported increased energy levels.
- •30 participants said they increased their daily intake in fruits and vegetables from 2.65 to 3.96 per day
- •18 of 33 participants (56%) said they went from exercising an average of 3 days a week to 5 days a week for at least 20 minutes



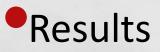
How Do You Report Data?

 Use the Accountability Framework – the structure for "telling our story" to clientele & stakeholders

Relevance

Response

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Relevance

Provides reason for the educational program

You will need justification on why this is an issue in your county.

- Texas Community Futures Forum
- County Committees

Establishes "grass roots" effort that ties the community to issue



Relevance

Example: In 2006, the citizens of Randall County identified "Youth Character Education" and "Parenting Support" as a major issue facing their community.



Response

Response is included to show how the agent "responded" to the identified issue.

• Example: Therefore, the Randall County Extension Office developed six monthly weekend retreats aimed to improve the total family unit by developing positive parenting skills and teaching positive character traits. A total of 183 family members participated in the program (95% Hispanic and 5% White).



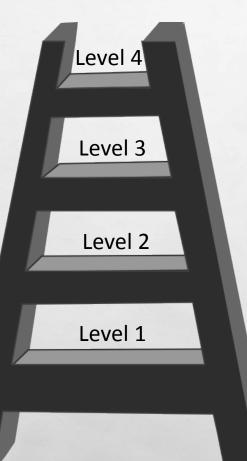
Results

 The results section is included to reveal the evaluation strategy, participation totals, and impact data.

• Example: As a result of this program, respondents noted improvements in the following subjects: open communication between family members improved by 52%, listening skills improved by 38%, and overall family being closer together as a result of this program improved by 72%. One husband said, "In all our married years we had never discussed so many things. We learned a lot about communicating in our sessions".



Expectations for Career Levels



Level III to Level IV

Demonstrate long term impacts as a result of educational programs. This includes impact statements that justify the issue, outcomes focused on change, and economic value to program participants.

Level II to Level III

Properly evaluating programs; documentation in dossier; using evaluation results to shape future; programming efforts.

Level I to Level II

Demonstrate growth in evaluating outcome programs and activities using clientele feedback to improve programs.



Follow the program development process:

- Develop Program Area Committee(s) and Task Forces as appropriate.
- Utilize committees to identify issues and program needs.
- Engage committees/members in the program development process.
- Develop programs, including human and material resources needed.
- Marketing/Promotion
- Conduct Educational program(s)
- Evaluation (Pre-Post, Retrospective Post surveys, Observations). Capture change economic impact, behavior, knowledge
- Interpretation

