
Overview of the HHS Approach to Title I of the Evidence Act

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Coordination Across the Officer/Officials

- Cross Council Participation
 - HHS Data Council
 - HHS Data Governance Board
 - HHS Evidence and Evaluation Council
 - Interagency Council for Statistical Policy
- Monthly Evaluation Officer/Chief Data Officer meetings
- Joint initiatives
 - Data Awards
 - Data Strategy
 - Trainings



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Cross Agency Integration

- Monthly meetings with Performance, Strategic Planning, and Enterprise Risk Management staff
- Training materials are available in the Strategic Planning Resource Center
- Coordination of Agency budget justification instructions
- More Cross Council participation
 - Performance Officer Council
 - Enterprise Risk Management Core Team
 - Artificial Intelligence Community of Practice
 - Federal Health IT Coordinating Council Meeting



Overview of HHS Process

- Coordinate with Division Liaisons to the Evidence and Evaluation Council
- Stand up a working group
- Drop in Hours
- Improvements over time:
 - In 2021 asked for responses separately for each deliverable
 - In 2022 created Division specific requests that were bundled and used information from the OMB Budget justification to develop the Evidence Submission
 - In 2023 tie the process more closely with the Budget Justification process

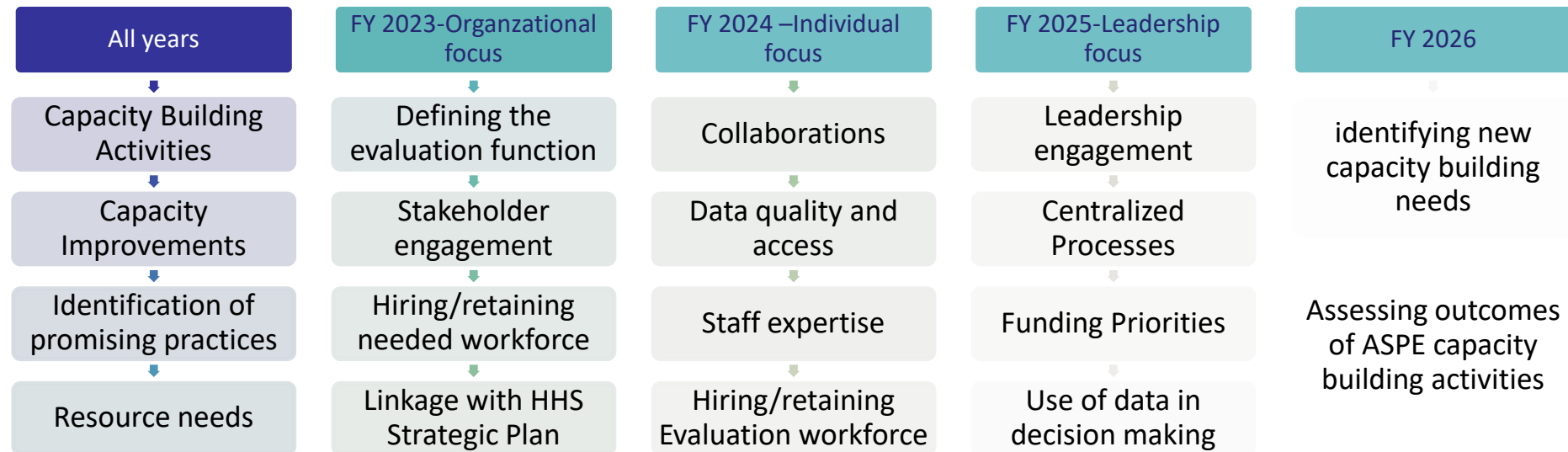


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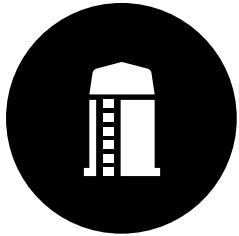
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Capacity Assessment

Measurement Focus by Year



Qualitative Findings



STRUCTURE



FUNDING



CULTURE



STAFFING



TRAINING



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FY2022 Capacity Building Trainings

1. Using Evaluation to Develop Evidence (Part 1): How and Why
2. Using Evaluation to Develop Evidence (Part 2): Getting the Information You Need
3. Using Evaluation to Develop Evidence (Part 3): Making the Most of Evaluation Findings
4. How to Apply the Realist Approach to Gain Insights in a Rapidly Changing Environment
5. Adapting and Framing Evaluation Results to Encourage Action



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		Audiences				
Track	Training Domains & Topics	Early Evaluators	Experienced Evaluators	Leadership	Program Staff	Research Adjacent Staff
A.	Overview Topics					
B.	Planning Evaluations and Other Evidence Building Activities					
1:	Is it Time for an Evaluation: Assessing Programmatic Features and Evaluability					
C.	Evaluation Design					
2:	What is data science, who are data scientists, and how can they support evidence-building?					
3:	Different types of evaluation and when to use them					
6:	Using evaluation to shape performance measures and vice versa					
D.	Building Evidence with Diverse, Impacted Communities					
E.	Evidence to Action					
1:	Policy Evaluation: Measuring how our policies affect the people we serve					
F.	Building Agency Evidence Capacity and Culture					
1:	Evaluation Planning to Dissemination: Aligning with the Federal Budget Cycle					
G.	Emerging Topics					
1:	Using Inclusive Language to Improve Equity					
2:	Evidence Based Grant Making					

Lessons

- Build relationships
- Take your time
- Be relentless
- Ask to be included

