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evaluation is the process of distinguishing the worthwhile from the worthless the precious from the useless evaluation implies looking backward in order to be able to steer forward better written from a political science perspective public policy and program evaluation provides an overview of the possibilities and limits of public sector evaluation

this engaging text takes an evenhanded approach to major theoretical paradigms in evaluation and builds a bridge from them to evaluation practice featuring helpful checklists procedural steps provocative questions that invite readers to explore their own theoretical assumptions and practical exercises the book provides concrete guidance for conducting large and small scale evaluations numerous sample studies many with reflective commentary from the evaluators reveal the process through which an evaluator incorporates a paradigm into an actual research project the book shows how theory informs methodological choices the specifics of planning implementing and using evaluations it offers balanced coverage of quantitative qualitative and mixed methods approaches useful pedagogical features include examples of large and small scale evaluations from multiple disciplines beginning of chapter reflection questions that set the stage for the material covered extending your thinking questions and practical activities that help readers apply particular theoretical paradigms in their own evaluation projects relevant links including pathways to more details about sampling data collection and analysis boxes offering a closer look at key evaluation concepts and additional studies checklists for readers to determine if they have followed recommended practice a companion website with resources for further learning

an updated guide to the core concepts of program evaluation this updated edition of program evaluation in practice covers the core

concepts of program evaluation and uses case studies to touch on real world issues that arise when conducting an evaluation project this important resource is filled with illustrative examples written in accessible terms and provides a wide variety of evaluation projects that can be used for discussion analysis and reflection the book addresses foundations and theories of evaluation tools and methods for collecting data writing of reports and the sharing of findings the discussion questions and class activities at the end of each chapter are designed to help process the information in that chapter and to integrate the information from the other chapters thus facilitating the learning process as useful for students as it is for evaluators in training program evaluation in practice is a must have text for those aspiring to be effective evaluators includes expanded discussion of basic theories and approaches to program evaluation features a new chapter on objective based evaluation and a new section on ethics in program evaluation provides more detailed information and in depth description for each case including evaluation approaches fresh references new readings and the new joint committee standards for evaluation

program evaluation 3rd edition has the hallmarks of thoroughness insight and fluency of other editions but brings us up to date with a map of the evaluation territory new travelers will find invaluable professor murray saunders uk and european evaluation societies john owen s program evaluation helps practitioners clarify distinctions between what we evaluate the various motivations for conducting evaluation and the approaches attendant to each timely evaluation examples liberally sprinkled throughout this book make it exceptionally useful and helpful to practitioners i highly recommend program evaluation professor marvin alkin ucla graduate school of education information studies everyone involved with policy and program development and delivery is being asked to plan more carefully reflect more critically and justify their decisions the key to this is evaluation program evaluation offers a conceptual yet straightforward and practical overview of the evaluation process for both beginners and experienced practitioners it shows evaluators how to identify appropriate forms approaches and methods using an original framework john owen examines the contributions of evaluation to program provision and offers proven techniques for involving stakeholders in the planning process and for disseminating

the evaluation findings this third edition has been thoroughly revised to incorporate recent research on evaluation and new examples of good practice it includes sections of management of evaluation negotiating evaluation plans program logic and ex ante evaluation evidence based practice performance management and accountability with international examples from a range of health education welfare community and other settings program evaluation is an essential reference for anyone involved in evaluation in both the public and private sectors

first published in 1994 this text is designed to be used by graduate level social work students in courses on evaluation and program design over the course of 20 years and 6 editions the goals of the book have remained the same to prepare students to participate in evaluative activities within their organizations to prepare students to become critical producers and consumers of professional evaluative literature and to prepare students for more advanced evaluation courses and texts grinnell gabor and unrau aim to meet these objectives by presenting a unique approach that is realistic practical applied and user friendly while a majority of textbooks focus on program level evaluation some recent books present case level evaluation methods but rely on inferentially powerful but difficult to implement experimental baseline designs this text assumes that neither of these approaches adequately reflects the realities of the field or the needs of students and beginning practitioners instead program evaluation for social workers offers a blend of the two that demonstrates how they can complement one another the integration of case level and program level approaches provides an accessible adaptable and realistic framework for students to more easily grasp and implement in the real world

covering both the theory and practice of evaluation in one engaging volume this leading text is now in a revised third edition it features additional evaluation approaches such as the indigenous paradigm new examples ranging from small to large and multi site evaluations and more instructors praise the diverse evaluations many with reflective commentary from evaluators and rich pedagogical features the text describes the major theoretical paradigms in evaluation and the ways they inform methodological choices readers

learn effective strategies for clarifying their own theoretical assumptions working with stakeholders developing questions using quantitative qualitative and mixed methods designs choosing data collection and sampling strategies analyzing data and communicating and utilizing findings the book includes guidance for planning an evaluation of a specific project or program extensive recommended online resources and tools are provided at the companion website new to this edition restructured section on philosophical frameworks with a new chapter on the indigenous paradigm and expanded coverage of disability feminist and lgbtq theories additional sample studies including multi site and systems and complexity informed evaluations expanded coverage of logic models cost benefit evaluations and mixed methods designs new and updated coverage of data collection technologies qualitative coding methods sustainable development goals and uses and pitfalls of artificial intelligence pedagogical features reflection questions that prepare students to read each chapter extending your thinking questions and learning activities new within chapter maps to aid in navigating chapter sections boxes offering sample evaluations and closer looks at key concepts helpful checklists and tables bolded key terms and an end of book glossary companion website with links to recommended online resources and tools

a practical introduction to participatory program evaluation evaluating public and community health programs provides a comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of evaluation with a participatory model that brings stakeholders together for the good of the program linking community assessment program implementation and program evaluation this book emphasizes practical ongoing evaluation strategies that connect theory with application this updated second edition includes new discussion on planning policy change programs using logic models and theory of change plus expanded coverage of processes outcomes data collection and more each chapter includes classroom activities and group discussion prompts and the companion website provides worksheets lecture slides and a test bank for instructors mini cases help illustrate the real world applications of the methods described and expanded case studies allow students to dig deeper into practice and apply what they ve learned accurate and effective evaluation is the key to a successful program this book provides a thorough introduction to all aspects of this critical function with a wealth of

opportunities to apply new concepts learn evaluation strategies that involve all program stakeholders link theory to practice with new mini cases and examples understand the uses processes and approaches to evaluation discover how ongoing evaluation increases program effectiveness public and community health programs are a vital part of our social infrastructure and the more effective they are the more people they can serve proper planning is important but continued evaluation is what keeps a program on track for the long term evaluating public and community health programs provides clear instruction and insightful discussion on the many facets of evaluation with a central focus on real world service

the program evaluation standards is a must have book for anyone responsible for reviewing evaluation proposals planning and conducting evaluations managing evaluation projects or judging the merit and worth of evaluations once completed for experienced practitioners it provides a set of values and principles by which to guide successful practice that is a set of criteria that determines whether educational evaluations are trustworthy and fair the standards sets expectations of the design and implementation of educational evaluation for all practitioners in all types of educational arenas even those involved in social programming endeavors for newcomers and those less experienced who may be responsible for commissioning and using evaluations the standards supplies a useful framework of generating a list of questions to raise about any evaluation plan or final report in an effort to assess its pros and cons the book is an invaluable how to resource for graduate students venturing out into the field and it instills a sense of what it means to be a responsible evaluator for clients or consumers the book offers advice on what they should expect of an evaluation publisher description

the second edition of handbook of practical program evaluation offers managers analysts consultants and educators in government nonprofit and private institutions a valuable resource that outlines efficient and economical methods for assessing program results and identifying ways to improve program performance the handbook has been thoroughly revised many new chapters have been prepared

for this edition including chapters on logic modeling and on evaluation applications for small nonprofit organizations the handbook of practical program evaluation is a comprehensive resource on evaluation covering both in depth program evaluations and performance monitoring it presents evaluation methods that will be useful at all levels of government and in nonprofit organizations

with oversight from the joint committee on standards for educational evaluation yarbrough schulha hopson and caruthers have revised and illustrated this new edition of the program evaluation standards these thirty standards support the core attributes of evaluation quality utility feasibility propriety accuracy and accountability and provide guidance to anyone interested in planning implementing or using program evaluations the book is an invaluable resource for practicing evaluators students evaluation users and clients

the authors describe evaluation as a way of understanding and developing language programs the thematic and background section sets out the decision making quality management and learning functions of evaluation case studies illustrate the diversity of evaluation contexts functions and approaches documenting the ways in which evaluation processes and outcomes inform and facilitate program development and contribute to explaining how language and teacher education programs constitute opportunities for learning the ways in which evaluation practice can be researched and developed to maximize policy institutional and program effectiveness is included and a comprehensive set of resources for those commissioning undertaking or researching language program evaluations concludes the text

practical approaches to applied research and program evaluation for helping professionals is a comprehensive textbook that presents master s level counseling students with the skills and knowledge they need to successfully evaluate the effectiveness of mental health services and programs each chapter aligned with 2016 council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs cacrep standards guides counseling students through study design and evaluation fundamentals that will help them understand existing research and develop studies to best assess their own applied research questions readers will learn the basics of research concepts

as applied to evaluative tasks the art of matching evaluative methods to questions specific considerations for practice based evaluative tasks and practical statistical options matched to practice based tasks readers can also turn to the book s companion website to access worksheets for practitioner and student planning exercises spreadsheets with formulas for basic data analysis a sample database powerpoint outlines and discussion questions and activities aligned to each chapter

this book appears at an opportune time in the history of evaluation its detailed and up to date account of the organization and use of evaluation in eight western democratic countries canada germany united kingdom united states denmark holland norway and switzerland shows how evaluation functions at different levels of development focusing on the national or federal level of government this volume presents a systematic and comparative view of eight nations at different stages of the development institutionalization and utilization of evaluations all of these original contributions have been written by academics and government officials involved in the production and use of evaluation findings each shows how their respective country has moved to institutionalize evaluation at the federal level and each explores the reasons for that institutionalization among them are managerial accountability the increased complexity of the decisions facing policymakers federally sponsored social change that needs to be tracked and assessed and the increasing recognition that political power comes to those who possess such information program evaluation and the management of government is tightly integrated the contributions share coherence a common analytic framework and use of key terms resulting from the authors three year dialogue as members of the working group on policy and program evaluation sponsored by the international institute for administrative sciences located in belgium their shared commitment to working together has given us the first systematic effort to assess evaluation across such a large number of countries it will be of interest to applied social scientists and policymakers especially those interested in comparative research

the objective of this book is to acquaint the reader with the ways in which evaluation results can be made more credible through careful

choice of a design prescribing when and from whom the data will be gathered the book helps the reader choose a design put it into operation and analyze and report the data that has been gathered

concentrates on the steps vital to program evaluation including systematically identifying stakeholder needs selecting evaluation options best suited to particular needs and turning decisions into action

the golden standard evaluation reference text now in its second edition evaluation theory models and applications is the vital text on evaluation models perfect for classroom use as a textbook and as a professional evaluation reference the book begins with an overview of the evaluation field and program evaluation standards and proceeds to cover the most widely used evaluation approaches with new evaluation designs and the inclusion of the latest literature from the field this second edition is an essential update for professionals and students who want to stay current understanding and choosing evaluation approaches is critical to many professions and evaluation theory models and applications second edition is the benchmark evaluation guide authors daniel l stufflebeam and chris l s coryn widely considered experts in the evaluation field introduce and describe 23 program evaluation approaches including new to this edition transformative evaluation participatory evaluation consumer feedback and meta analysis evaluation theory models and applications second edition facilitates the process of planning conducting and assessing program evaluations the highlighted evaluation approaches include experimental and quasi experimental design evaluations daniel l stufflebeam s cipp model michael scriven s consumer oriented evaluation michael patton s utilization focused evaluation robert stake s responsive stakeholder centered evaluation case study evaluation key readings listed at the end of each chapter direct readers to the most important references for each topic learning objectives review questions student exercises and instructor support materials complete the collection of tools choosing from evaluation approaches can be an overwhelming process but evaluation theory models and applications second edition updates the core evaluation concepts with the latest research making this complex field accessible in just one book

for students studying program evaluation project planning or tests and measurements for professionals new to the field a highly esteemed and comprehensive overview of program evaluation that covers common approaches models and methods as schools and other organizations increase their demand for information on program effectiveness and outcomes it has become even more important for students to understand the prevalent approaches and models for evaluation including approaches based on objectives and logic models participative and decision making approaches the new tenth edition of program evaluation not only covers these vital approaches but also teaches readers how to best mix and match elements of different approaches to conduct optimal evaluation studies for individual programs helping both students as well as professionals who are new to the field this text provides practical guidelines for conducting evaluations from identifying the questions that the evaluation should address to determining how to collect and analyze evaluative information to ascertaining how to provide evaluative information to others making extensive use of checklists examples and other study aides program evaluation teaches students how to effectively determine the central purpose of their evaluation thus making their evaluation more valid more useful and more efficient the revised edition of the text includes new approaches to program evaluation an expanded discussion of logic models added information on mixed models and as always updated coverage of the most current trends and controversial issues in evaluation

well known in the field royse and thyer present and simplify all the essentials needed for a critical appreciation of evaluation issues and methodology from this text students will learn how to gather evidence and demonstrate that their interventions and programs are effective in improving clients lives this text is known for its student friendly writing style and clear presentation of concepts as well as its hands on and applied focus

practical program evaluation offers a step by step analysis of successful program evaluation although the case illustrations and examples are gathered from child abuse prevention programs the basic methods described can be applied to any program evaluation

the chronicle of philanthropy quite useful as a how to manual for those unfamiliar with the topic it does an excellent job of demystifying evaluation by providing the information in an easy to read manner for those accustomed to evaluation it is useful to have a book with information specifically for child abuse and neglect prevention programs the book s greatest asset is the rich resource information it provides the book is an excellent resource guide for all programs wanting to conduct their own evaluations the appendices and resource lists are a must for anyone conducting evaluations of child abuse and neglect prevention programs the advisor american professional society on the abuse of children written for students and professionals whether evaluators familiar with research design and methods or child abuse prevention staff who need a guide to programme evaluation research a valuable overview and resource journal of the institute of health education how can one design a successful program evaluation what research designs should be considered what types of data collection instruments are available and what steps are involved in analyzing the data collected from the start of a program evaluation to analyzing the final data practical program evaluation offers a convenient step by step manual for evaluating any program beginning with an overview and discussion on three distinct models of evaluation input process and group or client level outcomes the authors continue by presenting basic yet concise instructions on how to perform specialized evaluation procedures topics related to choosing samples selecting research designs constructing data collection instruments scheduling data collection training data collectors and analyzing findings are all thoroughly covered and while examples and case illustrations are taken from child abuse prevention programs the techniques described here can be easily applied to any program evaluation for the evaluator familiar with research design and method but not an expert in child welfare this impressive manual provides strategies and resources specific to program evaluation for students of child abuse prevention and program staffers this informative guide offers an easy to follow roadmap to the often complex process of program evaluation research

comprehensive yet accessible this text provides a practical introduction to the skills attitudes and methods required to assess the worth and value of human services offered in public and private organizations in a wide range of fields students are introduced to the need

for such activities the methods for carrying out evaluations and the essential steps in organizing findings into reports the text focuses on the work of people who are closely associated with the service to be evaluated and is designed to help program planners developers and evaluators to work with program staff members who might be threatened by program evaluation

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