



Introduction to the COSSUP Data and Evaluation Training and Technical Assistance Center

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Meeting Purpose



- Discuss the Data and Evaluation Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) available and how it complements other COSSUP TTA you already receive.
- Discuss the role of data and evaluation in your COSSUP grant.
- Learn about your organization's experience with data and evaluation and your TTA needs.



Who is Abt Global?

For 40 years, Abt has worked to improve outcomes for people and communities impacted by the criminal justice system.



Today's Presenters

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Introductions

In the chat, please share your:

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization
- Role (program vs evaluation staff)
- Fiscal Year of your COSSUP Award
- Any questions you would like answered today

Learning Objectives

By the end of today's presentation, we hope you will:

- ✓ Name why data and evaluation are important.
- ✓ Identify two ways data and evaluation TTA can support your work.
- ✓ Name one “best practice” when presenting data.
- ✓ Name two benefits of working with an evaluation partner.
- ✓ Name one way data and evaluation can build program sustainability.

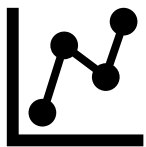
Why is Data Important?



Data tells you what is happening in your program.

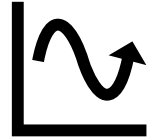


Without a standard way to collect data, you will not have the complete picture.



Data should drive programmatic decisions.

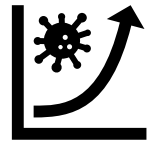
Why is Evaluation Important?



Track program implementation.



Demonstrate program outcomes.



Identify areas for improvement.



Gather evidence for future funding.

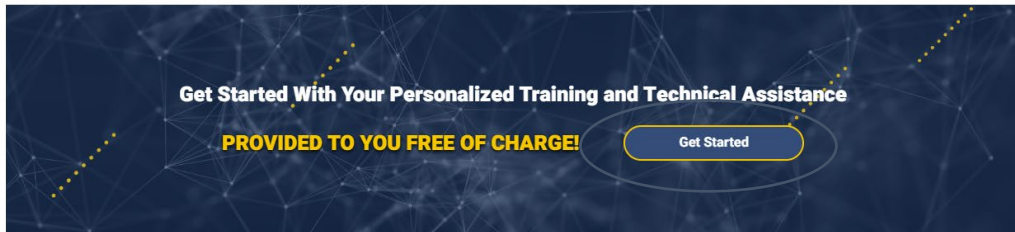
Role of Data and Evaluation TTA

- Data and Evaluation TTA compliments your work with your primary TTA coach.
- No wrong door.

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Who is your primary TTA provider?

How to Request TTA



Training & Technical Assistance Request

The fields marked with the * are required.

Name*

Agency*

Title*

City*

State/Territory*

Email*

Phone Number*

Current Grant Funding Source

TTA Type*

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How can you request Data and Evaluation TTA?

How Data and Evaluation TTA Can Support Your Program: Early Stage of Implementation



Develop logic models for your COSSUP program



Establish or improve data collection and tracking systems



Find and select an evaluator



Support the development of evaluation plans



Connect you with peers and subject matter experts

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What kind of TTA would be of interest to you?

Develop Logic Models for Your COSSUP Program



Inputs



Activities



Outputs



Outcomes

Develop Logic Models for Your COSSUP Program

Inputs

Funding and Staff

- Funding sources
- Staff

Support

- TTA
- Grant manager

Partners

- law enforcement, courts, etc.
- Community

Other

- Data sources
- Tools

Activities

- Train peer recovery specialists
- Expand peer recovery workforce throughout the county
- Expand release planning and peer recovery specialist capacity at county jail
- Increase availability of housing support services

Outputs

- # of trained peer recovery specialists
- # of employed peer recovery specialists
- # of release plans made
- # of available spaces in housing supports

Outcomes

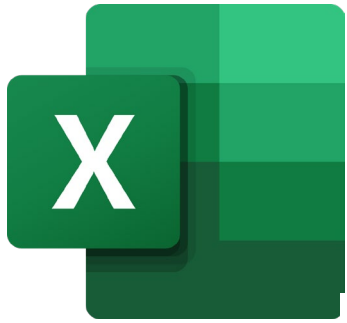
Short Term

- Increase capacity of county jail to provide pre-release planning
- Increase # of referrals to support services pre-release

Medium/Long term

- Reduce homelessness among formerly incarcerated people by 10% by 2027
- 4% Decrease in non-fatal overdoses by 2030
- 2% Decrease in overdose deaths by 2030

Establish or Improve Data Collection and Tracking Systems

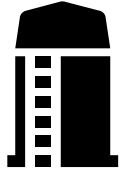


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How an Evaluation Partner Can Enhance Your Team

- Help with needs assessments
- Think through data infrastructure and management needs
- Identify and apply for funding opportunities
- Enhance your capacity to collect or analyze data
- Help you think through the story that you want to tell
- Share findings effectively with different audiences

Find and Select an Evaluator



Determine if you are going to do an internal or external search for an evaluator

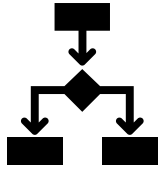


Figure out what your procurement rules are



Talk to colleagues and get their recommendations



Discuss your project with local universities



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Develop an Evaluation Design



Identify parties interested in results of a potential evaluation study



Conduct a data inventory



Develop a list of questions you would like answered about your initiative



Think about what kinds of deliverables you want from your evaluation



Develop a budget

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Current engagement with evaluator/researcher?

Connect You with Peers and Subject Matter Experts

- Draw from deep network of COSSUP grantees and others in the field
- In person or virtual training from subject matter experts
- Office hours
- Learning Collaboratives

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Interested in participating in a Learning Community?

How Data and Evaluation TTA Can Support Your Program: Later Stage of Implementation



Support use of data to inform program improvements and successes



Strategies to share program outcomes through data visualization, reporting, and presentations



Identify components of an evaluation report





Strategies to use evaluation findings to support sustainability

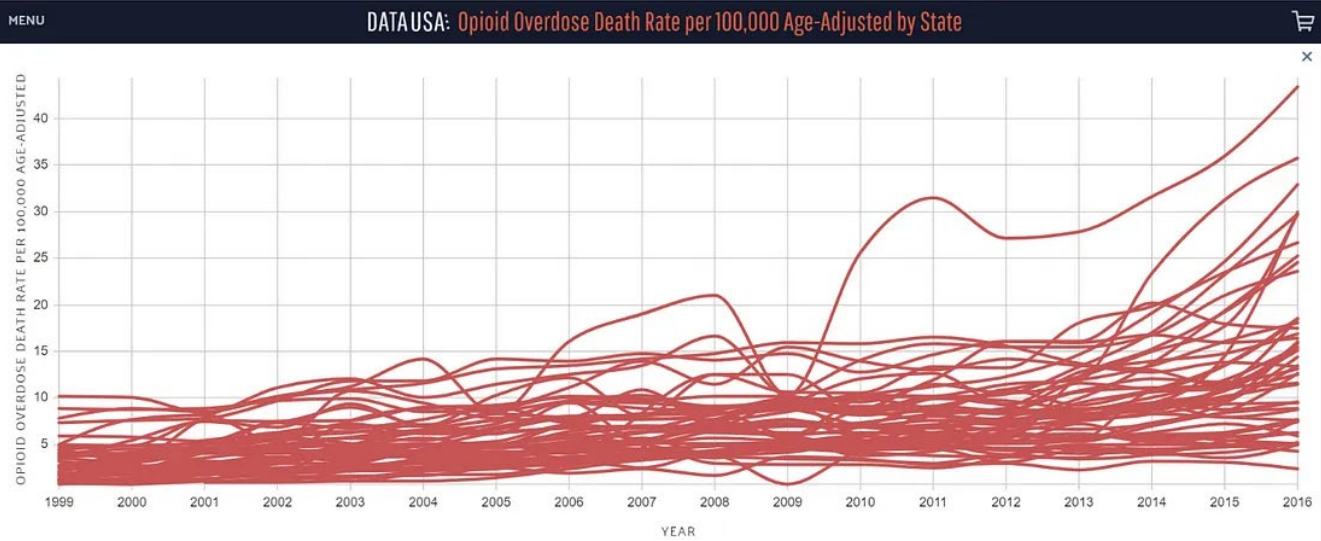
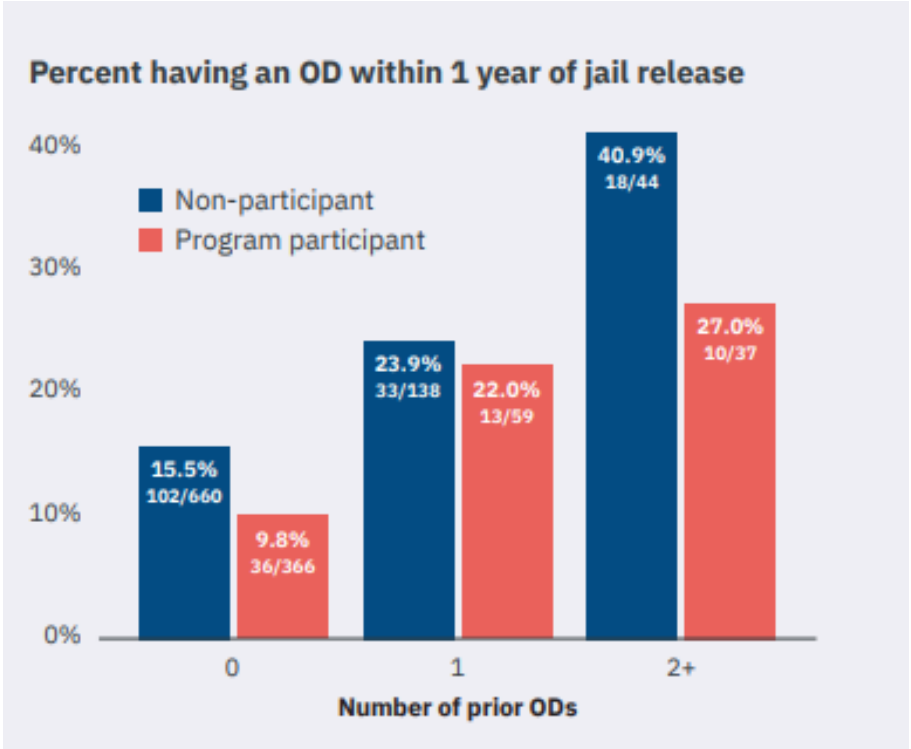
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Use Data to Inform Program Improvements and Successes

Data Sources	Examples	Questions answered
<p>Participant enrollment information (data tracking system)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age, ethnicity, gender • SUD • Charge, status, risk factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is enrolling? Is it the intended population? • What are barriers to participation?
<p>Program observations, staff and client feedback</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fidelity logs • Observation notes • Interviews with staff and clients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are services delivered as planned? What services aren't being delivered as planned and why? • Is the program running as intended? What is working well and what isn't?

Share Findings Through Data Visualizations, Reporting, and Presentations



Outline Components of an Evaluation Report

Tips

- Tailor to your audience
- Get feedback
- Use data visualizations

- Executive summary
- Background/purpose
- Evaluation methods
- Key findings
- Lessons learned
- Conclusions
- Recommendations



Strategies to Use Evaluation Findings to Support Sustainability



Begin thinking about sustainability early.



Grow your program with new funding sources.




Learn strengths and weaknesses to make your program more resilient.

Discussion and Questions



Comments, reflections,
questions?

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Next Steps



- Let us know if you want additional support in any of the areas discussed today
- Look out for invitations for our upcoming Learning Collaboratives or monthly office hours
- Join our upcoming webinars and podcasts!



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Thank you!

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