



Program Evaluation *for* Managers

Set, Monitor and Evaluate Program Goals with a
Performance Management Mindset

May 14–15, 2012 | Washington, DC

LINK Program Evaluation to Performance Goals

Understand the relationship of
performance measurement and
program evaluation under GPRA
and OMB initiatives

APPLY the Logic Model to Enhance Program Evaluation Readiness and Capacity

Recognize the key program outputs
and outcomes that will help align and
prepare your programs for evaluation

INSPIRE Your Agency to Track Performance and Increase Evaluation Capacity

Use proven processes to increase
your organization's ability to produce
relevant data

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A Message from the Program Director

Dear Colleague,

“Why should program evaluation matter to government leaders?” This may be the question you are asking yourself as you consider the challenges of declining resources and multiplying priorities. The answer is simple; program evaluation is the most underused and misunderstood companion to performance management and those public sector managers that often overlook this capacity will not achieve the same successes as those that fully embrace and utilize it. Program evaluation provides managers, from the project level to the agency level with the key processes and tools to highlight successes, pinpoint deficiencies, and shape decisions for essential programs and functions through critical and essential feedback.

This course has been designed for you, the “consumer” of the evaluation, in mind. Together, we will tackle the benefits and challenges of program evaluation and performance management as they contribute to organizational success. In doing so, we will examine the four phases of evaluation from design and data collection to analysis and evaluation/reporting as they relate to you and your role as a steward of the public’s funds and trust. Various hands-on exercises will help you to define researchable questions, develop a program logic model, better manage evaluation projects and generate support for or overcome resistance to evaluation in your organization. You will undoubtedly walk away with the concrete and essential knowledge and skills to build a better evaluation capacity and readiness for your programs after this course.

Join us this May for a highly interactive and informative workshop as we work together in understanding and working with program evaluation to bolster performance management and measurement in the public sector.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Ted Kniker
Executive Director, The Performance Institute

• This course most benefits those who are looking to improve their knowledge, skills and confidence to develop evaluations and increase their organization’s evaluation capacity.

You Will Learn To:

- 1. INTEGRATE** and utilize program evaluation as a key companion to advancing performance management in your agency
- 2. ALIGN** and assess evaluation goals between evaluators and managers by defining the key researchable questions that drive evaluation and performance management
- 3. IMPROVE** and review performance with insight into program theory, controllable factors, external influence, and feedback on program results
- 4. ANTICIPATE** and prepare for the challenges you may face in integrating and utilizing evaluation findings
- 5. ENGAGE** and take part in hands-on activities that will help you build an evaluation mindset and capacity in your agency for improved program performance

Who Should Attend:

- ✓ Program Managers
- ✓ Project Managers
- ✓ Division Managers
- ✓ Program Planners
- ✓ Strategic Planning Managers and Planners
- ✓ Program Analysts
- ✓ Performance Improvement Office Staff
- ✓ CFO/budget office staff involved in meeting OMB/congressional results reporting requirements

8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 MODULE 1: Overview and Logic Model Utilization

Review the Mandates that Affect Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement

- Understand the foundations and functions of program evaluation
- Examine the relationship between program evaluation and performance management
- Understand the function of GPRA and OMB initiatives as they pertain to programs and performance measurement
- Evaluate recent performance measurement and program evaluation under the current President's initiatives

Defining the Researchable Question

- Align research expectations and goals between managers and evaluators
- Understand the criteria behind a researchable question
- Attain the knowledge of the higher level questions that evaluators are trying to answer

Interactive Exercise: Developing the Logic Model for Program Evaluation

As a conceptual framework of a program's expected lifecycle, the logic model represents one of the best tools in managing and measuring program performance by mapping the critical junctures in the program as it progresses to its ultimate end outcomes. By this standard, the logic model also becomes a critical tool for program managers in both preparing and understanding program evaluation by recognizing what key program aspects will be evaluated. During this hands-on session, course attendees will:

- Learn about the logic model framework and its benefits
- Explore examples of federal program logic models and create a conceptual model of your program

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 MODULE 2: Evaluation Design and Data Collection

Interactive Session: Understanding and Utilizing an Evaluation Design Matrix

One of the most critical aspects during program evaluation is conceptualizing and designing the evaluation itself. Oftentimes, a deficient evaluation design may result in the mis-alignment of expectations between program managers and evaluators and increase the possibility of inadequate findings. Course attendees will be given specific tools that include a workable design matrix to help them better understand this process. This interactive session will focus on:

- Understanding and utilizing a design matrix as it pertains to program managers preparing for evaluations
- Discussing and selecting the appropriate methods of evaluation as they fit into selected programs
- Communicating and aligning evaluation expectations between program managers and evaluators

Data Gathering and Validation

- Understand the evaluator's role and methods of data gathering and validation
- Assess your role during the data gathering phase
- Facilitate open communication with program evaluators with necessary data collected from program operations

4:00 Day One Adjourns

8:30 Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00 **MODULE 3: Analysis, Reporting and Communication**

Evaluation Analysis

- Review data analysis methods that may be used by the evaluating bodies
- Assess qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis
- Understand your role in the analysis process
- Analyze and provide input for the final report

Evaluation Reporting

- Identify the stakeholders and audience to present evaluation findings
- Engage in active discussions with the evaluation team on their findings
- Pinpoint program deficiencies and areas of improvement as identified by the evaluation team with the conceptualized logic model
- Formulate effective strategies to address evaluation findings
- Utilize tools that will help prioritize improvement methods to address program findings

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 **MODULE 4: Strategies and Wrap-Up**

Post-Evaluation Processes and Practices

- Understand the GAO perspective and goals behind evaluations
- Review ways to utilize evaluation findings to improve programs

Overcoming Barriers to Improvement

- Anticipate and prepare for challenges in implementing evaluation findings
- Create the need for an evaluation function within your program or agency to augment your performance management goals

Course Wrap-up

4:00 Training Adjourns

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Meet the Trainer



TED KNIKER,

Executive Director, Performance Institute

With nearly 25 years of experience in government, Ted is a recognized expert in developing internal evaluation and monitoring capabilities and creating performance metrics and program evaluation strategies for hard to measure programs. He is a frequent and popular presenter on GPRA, PART, performance measurement and evaluation. Several senior executives have noted Ted's ability to explain planning and results measurement processes and methods in an easy-to-understand, non-threatening way. Ted was recognized by President Bush for his contributions in budget and performance integration.

From 2006 to 2011, Ted was an executive consultant with the Federal Consulting Group (FCG), a fee-for-service franchise operation of the U.S. Department of the Interior that works with all government agencies to improve their performance. Ted worked with over 30 agencies to develop strategic plans, improve business processes, develop and deploy performance management frameworks, and evaluate impact. His systems approach, with a strong emphasis on leadership effectiveness and workforce engagement, led FCG to attain its highest consulting revenues in its 22 year existence.

Prior to joining FCG, Ted was the Chief of Evaluation and Performance Measurement for the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs from 1998 to 2006. Under his leadership, the evaluation office was recognized as a best practice and achieved the highest international affairs scores on the OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). Ted also conceptualized and developed an integrative online performance measurement system that OMB recommended be used for all government exchange programs. In 2004, he was asked to serve as the Department's first Director of Evaluation and Measurement for Public Diplomacy, directly serving the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. From 2002 through 2006, he formed the foundational approaches to evaluation that are being pursued today. Prior to this, Ted has also served as the Senior Program Manager for European Academic Exchanges whose programs served as models for the State Department's development for exchanges for the Middle East. Ted began his distinguished public service career through the former United States Information Agency as a Presidential Management fellow.

Ted received his Master's degree in International Relations from George Washington University and his B.A. in political science from Grinnell College. He has also served on the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and is also certified as a Green Belt in Six Sigma.

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VENUE & HOTEL

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