

Evaluation Resources

Below are several resources to assist with program evaluation, including websites dedicated to program evaluation, articles and data sources. This list and corresponding links, along with additional links to other program evaluation resources can be found on the BSCC website at: http://www.bscc.ca.gov/s_evaluationresources/

Program Evaluation Websites

Bureau of Justice Assistance, Center for Research Partnerships and Program Evaluation

This site covers a wide range of evaluation topics including logic models, performance measures, program goals and objectives. Also included are links to additional evaluation resources available on other websites.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Program Performance and Evaluation Office

This site includes evaluation documents, workbooks, and tools. Topics include developing evaluation tools, logic models, indicators and performance measures, and evaluation reporting.

Program Evaluation Articles

Hiring and Working with an Evaluator

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center

A document providing guidance on working with an evaluator, including the advantages and disadvantages, selection, developing an evaluation plan, specifying evaluation products, and maximizing collaboration.

Strategies for Evaluating Small Juvenile Justice Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center

While the focus of this article is on juvenile justice programs, it can be applied to small, adult programs as well. Topics include identifying goals in a small program, what program planning activities are necessary, and effective strategies for collecting, analyzing, and reporting data efficiently.

Is this a Good Quality Outcome Evaluation Report? A guide for Practitioners

Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Center for Program Evaluation and Performance Measurement

Document describing how to develop a quality evaluation report. It includes information on different evaluation designs and the quality of the evaluation (e.g., sample size, outcome measures, statistical analysis, etc.).

The Logic Model for Program Planning and Evaluation

University of Idaho Extension

This document describes the steps in developing an effective logic model, as well as a description of the components of a logic model.

Links to Data

American Community Survey (ACS)

U.S. Census Bureau

Annual survey which collects demographic, social, economic, and housing data. Data at the national, state, county, and city level are available. The California State Data Center in the Department of Finance creates tables and summary files for 1- and 5-year estimates from the ACS data that are specific to California. These data may eliminate the need to search the ACS data file and is recommended as the first source for ACS-based information for the state of California.

Bureau of Justice Statistics

U.S. Department of Justice

Extensive repository of federal level data reports and related documentation, tables, and searchable databases. A vast range of topics are addressed including corrections, courts, crime type, law enforcement, and victims. Much of this data is reported at the national level, but may be broken down my relevant categories such as regional characteristics (e.g., city size) or demographics.

California Demographics

California Department of Finance

Downloadable data files including population estimates and projections at the state, county, and city level. Estimates and projections by age, sex, and race/ethnicity are available. Other data available include education projections, components of change (birth, death, migration), and household characteristics

Jail Profile Survey

Board of State and Community Corrections

Online query system which provide data related to prison populations as reported by local agencies. Data include average daily population of sentenced and unsentenced inmates, medical (including mental and dental) occurrences, and contract housing.

Juvenile Detention Profile Survey

Board of State and Community Corrections

Online query system which provide data related to juvenile detention populations are reported by local agencies. Data include average daily population, detention locations, mental health occurrences, and bookings.

OpenJustice

California Department of Justice

Extensive repository of data collected by the California Department of Justice at the state and county level. This includes summary statistics and downloadable data files. Available data include to crime, law enforcement personnel, arrests, and probation.

Statistical Briefing Book

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Searchable database which includes national, state, and county data on characteristics of youth residential placement facilities, juvenile populations, and juvenile court statistics. State and county level comparisons can be made.