

Bringing Rigor & Intentionality to Mixed Methods Evaluations of Social Programs

Potential & Predicted Progress for the Next Decade

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Foster learning of & understanding about

- Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods
- Deductive and inductive modes of inquiry

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Foster transparency

- Theories of Change, Logic Models, Driver Diagrams
- Analysis Plans
- Data collection
- Analysis
- Interpreting/Sharing/Reporting/Communicating/Translating

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Foster humility about what evaluators, stakeholders, practitioners...

- Bring to the (table/pool/flight deck...)
- Can do during the evaluation time period
- Learn during and from the evaluation process
- Take away / carry on to the next endeavor(s)

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- Foster transparency
- Foster humility