

Where Can We Go to Dig Deeper on Learning and Evaluation?

This document contains resources and websites that can assist grantmakers as we continue to assess and improve our learning and evaluation practices. It also provides a glossary of terms and basic background information to help ground us in common evaluation terminology and concepts.

Resource Lists

Databases and Resource Hubs

- [The Foundation Center's Tools and Resources for Assessing Social Impact \(Trasi\) database](#)
- [Center for Evaluation Innovation's Searchable Database](#)
- [Innovation Network's Point K Learning Center](#)
- [OMG Center for Collaborative Learning Knowledge Center](#)
- [Tools and Resources from PerformWell Website](#)
- [The American Evaluation Association \(AEA\) Website](#)

Publications

- [Mistakes to Success Road Map](#)
By Marilyn Darling, Bob Giloth and Colin Austin, 2011
- [Grantees Report Back: Helpful Reporting and Evaluation Processes](#)
Center for Effective Philanthropy, 2011
- [Evaluation for Strategic Learning: Assessing Readiness and Results](#)
Center for Evaluation Innovation, 2014
- [Evaluation in Foundations 2012 Benchmarking Data](#)
Center for Evaluation Innovation, 2013
- [Evaluation to Support Strategic Learning: Principles and Practices](#)
Center for Evaluation Innovation, 2011

- [Building a Strategic Learning and Evaluation System for Your Organization](#)
FSG, 2013
- [The Evaluation Exchange](#)
Harvard Family Research Project, a quarterly periodical
- [Evaluation Capacity Building: Examples and Lessons from the Field](#)
Innovation Network, 2013
- [State of Evaluation 2012: Evaluation Practice and Capacity in the Nonprofit Sector](#)
Innovation Network, 2013
- [Priorities for a New Decade: Making \(More\) Social Programs Work \(Better\)](#)
Public/Private Ventures, 2011
- [Advancing Evaluation Practices in Philanthropy](#)
Stanford Social Innovation Review Supplement, Summer 2012
- [What Makes an Effective Coalition?](#)
TCC Group, 2011
- [Success by Design: How R&D — Not Scientific Rigor — Activates Program Innovation and Improvement in the Nonprofit Sector](#)
TCC Group, 2011
- [Leap of Reason: Managing to Outcomes in an Era of Scarcity](#)
By Mario Morino, Venture Philanthropy Partners, 2011
- [Working Hard — and Working Well: A Practical Guide to Performance Management](#)
By David E.K. Hunter, Venture Philanthropy Partners, 2013

Resources from GEO Members

These resources come from funders and funder groups who share comprehensive information on their learning and evaluation processes for the broader field.

- [The Evaluation Roundtable](#) – a network of foundation evaluation leaders that seeks to improve how foundations learn and evaluate their work.
- [The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Evaluation Series: Guidance for Evaluators](#)
- [W.K. Kellogg Foundation Evaluation Handbook](#)
- Bruner Foundation [Evaluative Thinking](#) Resources

- United Way of America, [Outcome Measurement Resource Network](#)

GEO Publications

- [Working Better Together: Building Nonprofit Collaborative Capacity](#), 2013
- [Building Community Capacity For Participation In Evaluation: Why It Matters And What Works](#), 2013
- [Four Essentials For Evaluation](#), 2012
- [Learn and Let Learn](#), 2012
- [Evaluation in Philanthropy: Perspectives from the Field](#), 2009
- [How Do We Approach Impact and Evaluation in the Context of Scale?](#), 2011

GEO Conference Resources

- [Session Resources from GEO's 2013 Learning Conference](#)
- [Session Resources from GEO's 2011 Learning Conference](#)
- [Session Resources from Evaluation and Learning Track of GEO's 2014 National Conference](#)

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