

ARE YOU READY TO EVALUATE YOUR COALITION?

Evaluability assessment is a systematic process for deciding whether evaluation is justified, feasible and likely to provide useful information. The following questions can help you to decide whether your coalition is ready to evaluate itself and its work!

		Yes	No
1.	Is coalition fully active?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Are partners committed to collaboratively evaluate coalition & its work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Are coalition's goals realistic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Are interventions consistent with coalition's goals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Are desired results specific & clear enough to be assessed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Are interventions well-grounded in theory and/or prior evidence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Do you know what kinds of data will be needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are these data available and/or do you know where to access data?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Are there any factors that limit or constrain access to these resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Can evaluation be achieved in time frame that permits findings to be used to make program/policy decisions by organizational and political officials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	Are evaluation findings likely to be generalizable & useful in assessing whether strategies should be expanded to new populations/settings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Do adequate resources for evaluation exist that can be shared or obtained (e.g., money, time, expertise & partner support)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	Will evaluation address key coalition questions & be translated into "lessons learned"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	Are partners willing to pay attention to evaluation results, even if they cause coalition to change or be viewed differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	Is evaluator/evaluation team willing to listen to input from coalition in designing evaluation, interpreting results, and how results are reported?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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