Evaluation for Community-Focused Organizations

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Where do you work?

Denver
Today’s Agenda

• CIVHC Overview
• Evaluation Primer
• Evaluation for community-focused organizations
  • Example Projects
  • Services Offered
  • Additional Support
CIVHC Overview

Our Mission

We strive to empower individuals, communities, and organizations through collaborative support services and health care information to advance the Triple Aim: **Better Health, Better Care, Lower Cost**

We are:

- Non-profit
- Independent
- Objective
Who We Serve

Change Agents

Individuals, communities, or organizations working to lower costs, improve care, and make Colorado healthier.
Focus Areas

Public CO APCD Data
Identify opportunities for improvement in your community through interactive reports and publications

Non-Public CO APCD Data
License data from the most comprehensive claims database in CO to address your specific project needs

Education/Events
Participate in educational events to discuss innovative ideas and programs aimed at transforming health care

Programs and Convening
Get involved with data, education, work groups, and convening around serious and advanced illness
CIVHC Programs

• Palliative Care
  • Convening
  • State of Palliative Care Reports (2008, 2015, 2019)
  • Definition in CO Statute in 2014

• Advance Care Planning
  • Convening
  • MOST Program
  • ACP Registry efforts

• Program Evaluation *NEW*
  • Measure impact of your services
  • Qualitative (survey info) and Quantitative (numeric data) synthesis
What’s in the CO APCD?

- **870+ Million Claims** (2013-2021)
- **36** Commercial Payers, + Medicaid & Medicare*
- **5+ Million Lives***
- **Nearly 70%** of Covered Lives (medical only)*
- **2013-Present**

*Reflects 2021 calendar year only
What’s **NOT** in the CO APCD?

- **Federal Programs** – VA, Tricare, Indian Health Services
- Majority of **ERISA-based self-insured employers**
- Uninsured and **self-pay claims**
- **Supplemental Info** (incomplete)
What is Program Evaluation?

• A type of research used to study a program, innovation, practice, or intervention (systematic, evidence-informed)
• Informs decision-making about where to invest time, money, effort, and other resources to achieve your goals
• Used to:
  • Assess needs and inform program design/implementation
  • Monitor progress toward goals
  • Advise stakeholders early & often
Why should I Evaluate?

• Design impactful programs
• Identify recommendations for improvement
• Highlight program successes
• Demonstrate intended or unintended outcomes and impacts
What Kinds of Evaluation are There?

Measure activities & outputs

How is our process working?

Track specified project measures

What are the outcomes of our work?

Compare outcomes

What is the broader impact of our work?

Start your evaluation plan here!

Formative Evaluation

Process Evaluation

Outcomes Evaluation

Impact Evaluation
Poll: How do you improve health?
How do we allocate housing resources to improve health?

**What do we know?**

- Housing conditions can impact health
- Research and stakeholder interviews
  - Housing conditions linked to poor health outcomes
  - Most common local poor housing conditions
- Health issues of greatest concern locally
  - Morbidity & mortality rates
  - Equity

https://healthyhomes.uconn.edu
What did we do?

• Data source: City inspections
• Created a health & housing index
  • Adapted national indices
  • Stakeholder review
• Map code violations & health outcomes
• Recommend priority areas to City

Example: Healthy Housing Needs Assessment

Example: Clicking for Care (Young Invincibles)

Did our targeted social media ad campaign work?

Example: Clicking for Care (Young Invincibles)

• Conducted focus groups with youth
• Used CO APCD data to compare medical claims in the target zip codes to two control zip codes with similar demographics
• Worked closely with CIVHC to:
  • Identify relevant clinical codes
  • Pull data from CO APCD
  • Analyze and interpret findings in the context of their focus group results (e.g., sample size, time since intervention)
Example: Project Angel Heart

How can demonstrate the value of medically-tailored meals?

• Quantify feedback
• Sustain funding
• Expand service

“Your meals saved my life.”

https://www.projectangelheart.org/food-is-medicine/research-policy/small-intervention-big-impact/
Compared outcomes of those who received medically-tailored meals to a matched cohort of patients with similar conditions who did not

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Other Ideas

• Does a Crisis Stabilization Unit decrease criminal justice involvement and increase health access?
• Where do mobile vaccination units have the biggest impact on disease transmission?
• Does diabetes blood screening at health fairs have a return on investment over downstream health care costs?
How CIVHC Can Help: What We Do

• CIVHC offers full-scale evaluation services to support your organization’s efforts at any stage of your program

• Evaluation Planning

• Implementation (data collection, measure tracking, dashboards)

• Qualitative and Quantitative data analysis

• Interpretation and Reporting

• Capacity Building (toolkits, training)
How CIVHC Can Help: Specialized Services

• Large-volume, high-quality data source (CO APCD)
• Conduct sensitive analyses without compromising member privacy
• Ability to compare costs and outcomes, and between populations
How CIVHC Can Help: Additional Supports

• Scholarship funding
• Support for writing evaluation services into grant applications
• Flexible pricing for organizations that primarily support low-income, BIPOC, and other underserved populations
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Let’s chat about your projects!