

# Evaluation for Community-Focused Organizations

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## 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?









**Nearly 70%** of Covered Lives (medical only)\*



#### 2013-Present

\*Reflects 2021 calendar year only

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## What's **NOT** in the CO APCD?



Majority of ERISA-based self-insured employers



Uninsured and self-pay claims





## 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?



## Poll: How do you improve health?



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#### **Example: Healthy Housing Needs Assessment**

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



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#### Example: Healthy Housing Needs Assessment

#### 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



https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/MediaLibraries/URMCMedia/environmental-health-sciencescenter/COEC/documents/Healthy-Homes-Needs-Assessment-Pilot-Report-101415.pdf

### Example: Clicking for Care (Young Invincibles)

Did our targeted social media ad campaign work?





https://younginvincibles.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/CO\_HIL\_report.pdf

### 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



https://www.projectangelheart.org/food-is-medicine/research-policy/small-intervention-big-impact/

#### **Example: Project Angel Heart**

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



#### **Questions and Contact info**



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