



OHIO PROGRAM EVALUATORS' GROUP
Spring Exchange: May 14, 2010

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

What is the OPEG Spring Exchange?

The OPEG Spring Exchange, to be hosted on May 14, 2010 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus, OH, is a forum that provides Ohio evaluators, and others interested in evaluation, with the opportunity to share strategies, findings and lessons learned that have been gleaned from conducting evaluation projects. The Spring Exchange also provides professional development and networking opportunities for Ohio evaluators, and includes presentations by local, state, and national experts related to the conference theme and other aspects of conducting evaluation projects.

Conference Theme: Mixed Methods in Evaluation

Mixed methods evaluation engages multiple philosophical paradigms, theoretical assumptions, methodologies, and data gathering and analysis techniques to better understand the program being studied. This year, we are encouraging proposals that focus upon the use of mixed methods in conducting evaluations for consideration for the Spring Exchange.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Donna M. Mertens of Gallaudet University, who will help to frame the conference theme and address several aspects of using a mixed methods approach to conducting evaluations. Dr. Mertens brings extensive knowledge and experience as the co-editor of the Journal of Mixed Methods. She is also the author of several publications related to mixed methods usage in educational evaluations with oppressed or marginalized groups and individuals with disabilities. She is also a long-time member of OPEG's national affiliate, AEA (American Evaluation Association).

Proposal Topics

There are two tracks for breakout sessions at the 2010 OPEG Spring Exchange. **Track 1** is directly related to the conference theme (Mixed Methods in Evaluation), and **Track 2** is for evaluators who want to share aspects of their work with each other.

Track 1: Mixed Methods in Evaluation

Participants will share and discuss strategies for conducting mixed method evaluations across a range of service areas, including mental health, education, health, or community development, among others.

Track 2: Evaluation Practice

Participants will learn about, share, and discuss critical aspects of evaluation practice, including, but not limited to, designing evaluations, collecting and analyzing data (qualitative and quantitative), communicating and reporting results, and content-specific findings or challenges.

Selection criteria

Papers will be selected based upon: 1) how well they match the presentation track you select; and 2) their likely applicability to OPEG members. Please make sure you fill out all applicable pages of the online form in their entirety. **Only completed forms will be considered for review.** The method of submission is electronic, via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YQCT2RK>

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Time limit: 45 minutes (35 minutes of content and 10 minutes or more should be reserved at the end of your presentation for questions.) If you would prefer a 1.5-hour time slot (75 minutes of content with 15 minutes for questions), please let us know.

The submission deadline is March 22, 2010, 5 pm.

For questions, please contact L. Shon Bunkley, OPEG Board Vice President, sbunkley@communityresearchpartners.org.



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Please have the following information completed prior to electronic submission. The information below can be copied and pasted into the electronic form (see link above).

* Required items				
1. Presenter Contact Information				
Name*	First	Middle	Last	Degree (BA, MS, PhD, etc.)
Title*				
Organization*				
Address 1*				
Address 2				
City/State*				Zip Code*
Phone*			Fax*	
Email*				
Bio (<100 words)*				
2. Co-Presenter Contact Information				
Name	First	Middle	Last	Degree (BA, MS, PhD, etc.)
Title				
Organization				
Address 1				
Address 2				
City				Zip Code
Phone			Fax	
Email				
Bio (<100 words)				

3. Session Details

Proposal Track* (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 1: Mixed Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Track 2: Evaluation Practice			
Proposal Title* (<10 words)					
Session Abstract* (<250 words)					
Learning Objective(s) *	1.				
	2.				
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Session Type*	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Sharing: Provides intellectual awareness and understanding of an evaluation concept or tool	<input type="checkbox"/> Skill-Building: Teaches specific skills related to evaluation			
Session Foci* (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluability Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Qualitative Methods	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Collection
	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting and Communicating	<input type="checkbox"/> Use of Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Analysis of Outcomes	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost-Benefit Analysis
	<input type="checkbox"/> Instrument Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Logic Models	<input type="checkbox"/> Program Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Session Topical Area* (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology
	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Populations	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> My presentation will apply to any topical area	
Target Audience* (Select all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> New evaluators (Less than 2 years of experience)	<input type="checkbox"/> Experienced evaluators (2-5 years of experience)	<input type="checkbox"/> Expert evaluators (More than 5 years of experience)		
Audio/Visual needed (Select all that apply)	Please indicate your need for:				
	<input type="checkbox"/> LCD Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
*Note: Limited resources prevent OPEG from providing flipchart paper, index cards, markers, and other presentation supplies for presenters.					

I / We agree that, in the event this proposal is chosen for presentation at the OPEG 2010 Spring Exchange, each presenter will adhere to the presenter guidelines. I/We also understand that payment of registration and membership fees is still required of session presenters. * Yes No

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