Progress of Evaluation Implementation from 2023 CDC Harvard Practicum Participants (6-Month Survey)

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Welcome! This data collection is meant for state, tribal, local, or territorial health (STLT) department staff and aims to gather some information from you because you participated in the 2023 CDC Harvard Practicum and are affiliated with a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program within an STLT public health or delegate organization.

Your feedback is important to us and will help us understand if and how the training and materials received at the Practicum have contributed to building evaluation capacity for you and your program 6 months after the Practicum. Additionally, your responses will help us further understand what progress has been made in implementing the evaluation plan and gather details on any facilitators or barriers to implementation.

Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and takes approximately 20 minutes. No identifying information will be collected. However, the type of organization or role within that organization may be noted without identifying state/jurisdiction. There are no known risks or direct benefits to you from participating or choosing not to participate, but your answers will help CDC improve future trainings offered through the Practicum and determine what additional supports may be provided to MCH programs that participate in the Practicum to help build evaluation capacity and implement the evaluation plans from the Practicum.

If you have any questions as you complete this survey, please contact Patricia Spencer, CDC Evaluation Fellow at rup9@cdc.gov.

Thank you in advance for your help!

[Section 1: About You]

1 What type of organization do you represent?

- ◯ State public health agency
- ◯ Tribal public health agency
- ◯ Local public health agency
- ◯ Territorial public health agency
- ◯ Other

If, Other, please explain.

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2   Which of the following best describes your role in the evaluation of your MCH program?   (Select all that apply)

☐ Program Manager
☐ Program staff
☐ Evaluator
☐ Epidemiologist
☐ Data Analyst
☐ Senior leader in agency
☐ Other

If, Other, please explain

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3   In what state is your MCH program located?

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[Section 2: Implementation of Evaluation Plan]

4 Since the Practicum occurred in January 2023, has your
   program been able to implement the evaluation plan
   that was developed by the Harvard students?

   ○ Yes
   ○ No
   ○ I don't know

5 Were modifications made to the final evaluation plan
   submitted to your program?

   ○ Yes
   ○ No
   ○ I do not know

6 If modifications were made to the evaluation plan,
   please describe the changes:

   _____

7 If the evaluation plan has not been implemented or if
   you don't know if the evaluation plan was or will be
   implemented, please explain:

   _____

8 At this point, how would you describe the progress of
   the evaluation of your MCH program?

   ○ Very Good
   ○ Good
   ○ Acceptable
   ○ Poor
   ○ Very Poor
   ○ The program evaluation has not started
   ○ Don't know

9 In your opinion, which parts of the evaluation plan
   are or may be the most feasible to implement? (e.g.,
   disseminating a survey to program recipients, tracking
   the distribution of health education materials,
   conducting data analysis). Please explain:

   _____

10 In your opinion, which parts of the evaluation plan
   are or may be the most challenging to implement?
   (e.g., disseminating a survey to program recipients,
   tracking the distribution of health education
   materials, conducting data analysis). Please explain:

   _____

11 Which of the following are or have been facilitators
   to evaluating your MCH program? (Mark all that apply)

   ☐ Buy-in from agency leadership
   ☐ Buy-in from program manager or supervisor
   ☐ Buy-in from program staff
   ☐ Allocation of time
   ☐ Allocation of funds
   ☐ Allocation of support staff to help with evaluation
   ☐ Staff with evaluation expertise
   ☐ Training opportunities to further develop
     evaluation capacity
   ☐ Access to relevant data
   ☐ The evaluation plan has not been implemented
   ☐ None
   ☐ Other

   If, Other, please explain:

   _____

| 12 | Which of the following are or have been barriers to evaluating your MCH program? (Mark all that apply) | ☐ Lack of buy-in from agency leadership
☐ Lack of buy-in from program manager or supervisor
☐ Lack of buy-in from program staff
☐ Lack of time
☐ Lack of funding
☐ Inadequate staffing to perform evaluation
☐ Lack of expertise in program evaluation
☐ Lack of opportunities for further development in building evaluation capacity
☐ Difficulties accessing data
☐ Poor data quality
☐ The evaluation plan has not been implemented
☐ None
☐ Other |

If, Other, please explain:

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[Section 3: Building Evaluation Capacity]

13 Since the Practicum, in what specific ways, if any,
has the Practicum content been useful to your work?

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14 Since the Practicum, have you been able to help build
the evaluation capacity in your program (e.g., by
training others in program evaluation using resources
from the Practicum)?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

15 Please provide some examples of how you have built
evaluation capacity in your program:

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16 Since the Practicum occurred in January 2023, how many
opportunities have you personally had to build your
own evaluation capacity (e.g., through training,
webinars, readings)?

- ◯ Many opportunities
- ◯ Some opportunities
- ◯ Few opportunities
- ◯ No opportunities

[Section 4: Information for Future Planning]

17   Please share any additional comments about the
progress of the evaluation of your MCH program:

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18   What additional resources, if available, would be
helpful to evaluate your program?

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