



Discussion
guide for
evaluating in
partnership

How to use this guide

This guide covers topics from Modules 1, 2 and 3 of the Partnership Evaluation Program. It's intended to help you reflect on your own expectations and assumptions about evaluation, so that you're ready to have good conversations about evaluation within your own organisation and with your partnering organisation.

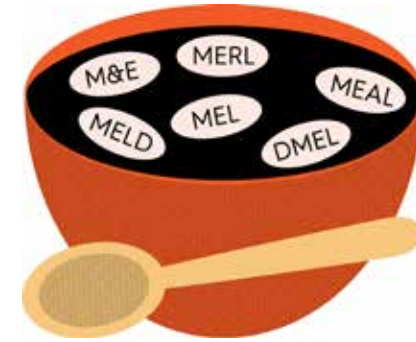
You can complete this resource in whatever way works best for you, such as:

- As a partnership together: use the prompts to support a discussion
- Each partner individually with a follow-up partnership discussion: reflect on the prompts separately and bring your ideas to the meeting
- One partner individually: reflect on the prompts, and consider what your answers suggest about what you need to communicate with your partnering organisation when it comes to planning and managing your evaluation activities.

Discussing how to build partnership into your evaluation...

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| What are some of the shared values that have led you and your partnering organisation to work together? | |
| What are some of the shared goals that have led you and your partnering organisation to work together? | |
| What is important to you both about how you work together? | |
| What is most important to you both about how you work with your clients? | |

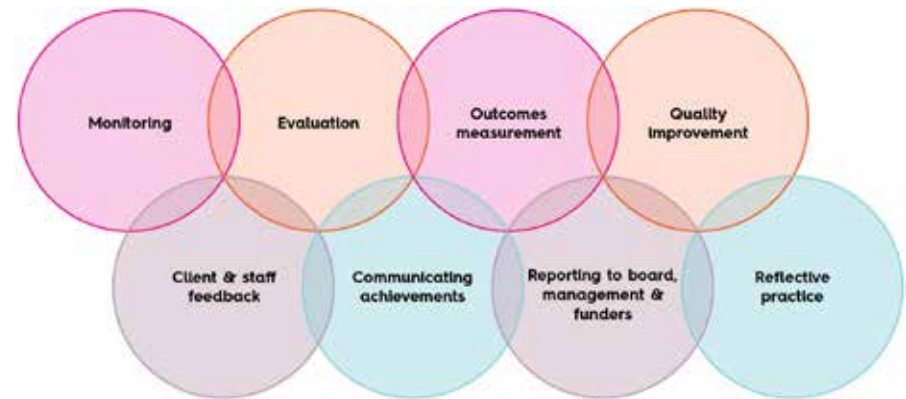
Reflecting on the alphabet soup of evaluation



What are your expectations about who will do what in your HJP when it comes to:

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| <p>Monitoring – regularly collecting and reviewing data to inform service delivery, making sure the HJP is on track to achieve its goals</p> | |
| <p>Evaluation – bringing data together to answer questions about the extent to which the HJP has been effective or efficient or has achieved its intended outcomes</p> | |
| <p>Learning – ensuring data is used to support the HJP’s improvement and staff capability building</p> | |
| <p>Reporting – completing reports back to funders</p> | |
| <p>Accountability – sharing data with other stakeholders, like managers or community groups</p> | |

Reflecting on the kinds of evaluative work that you do in your own organisation



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| <p>What is the culture like in your organisation when it comes to data and evaluation?</p> | |
| <p>Do you think your organisation has a learning culture?</p> | |
| <p>What are the expectations that you're working with when it comes to data and evaluation for this HJP?</p> | |
| <p>What are the constraints you're working with when it comes to data and evaluation for this HJP?</p> | |

Reflecting on your expectations for evaluation



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| <p>Imagine you're reading an evaluation report for a HJP. You think 'this is really good!'. What does that mean to you? What does good look like?</p> | |
| <p>How about the process of being involved in an evaluation – what would good look like? For you? For your clients?</p> | |
| <p>If you're thinking about working with an external evaluator – what do you think their role should be?</p> | |

Reflecting on the why...

Why evaluate

To prove

To be accountable to:

- Ourselves
- Our clients
- Our communities
- Future funders
- Current funders

To improve

- To have the information we need to better serve our clients
- To have the information we need for strategic advocacy

Reflect on the many different reasons why you might evaluate your HJP.

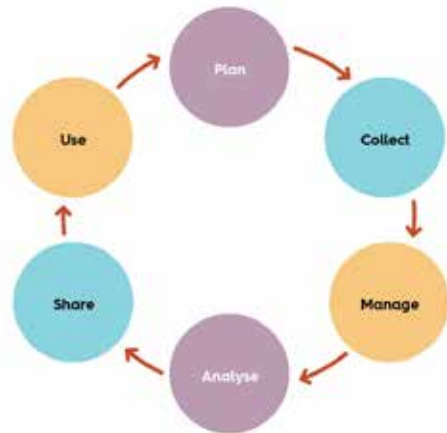
Which of these is the most important to your organisation?

Which of these is the most important for your HJP?

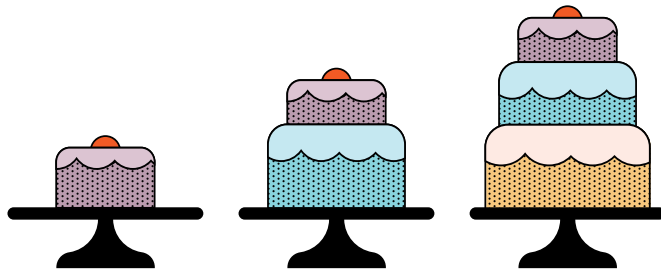
Who wants to know about our HJP?

| Who? | What's important? Decisions? | What type of data? | Priority ranking |
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Reflecting on resources...



- Time
- Skills
- Funding
- Relationships
- Technology

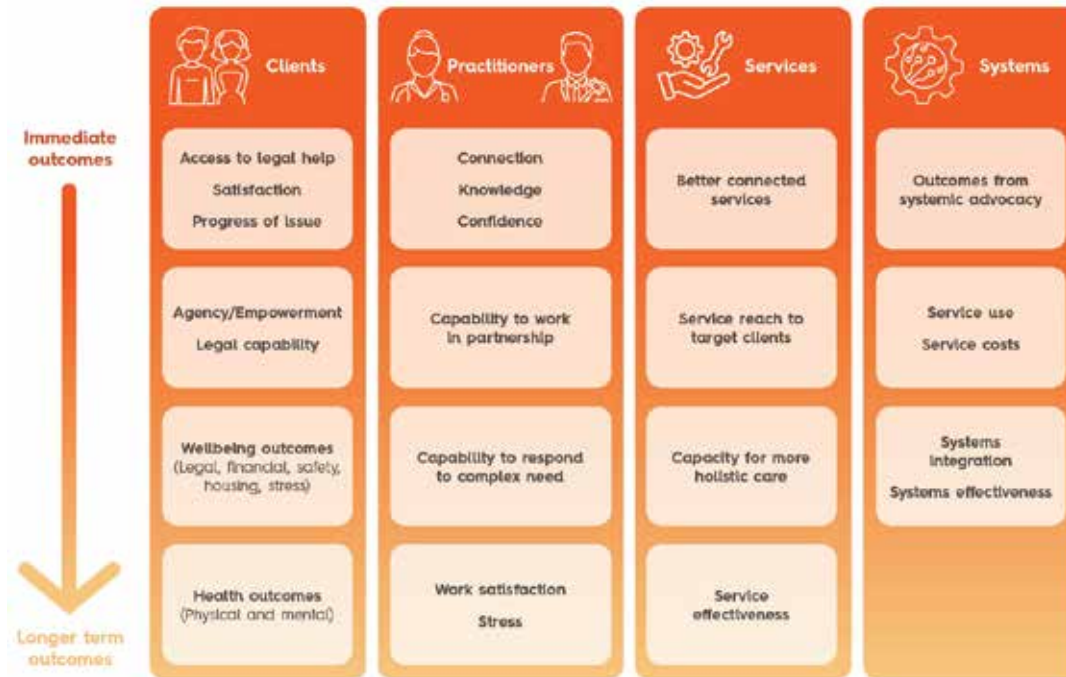


Reflect on the data cycle. Is there a place in it where your organisation tends to get 'stuck'?

What resources might your organisation be willing to contribute to your partnership's evaluation activities?

What sized cake do you think best reflects your expectations for evaluating the HJP?

Reflecting on the why...



Reflect on the different outcomes of HJP.

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| Which of these is the most important to you? |
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| Which do you think is most important for your partnering organisation? |
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| Which do you think is most important for your HJP to have evidence for? |
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What are we doing already?

| Existing data collection points | Existing data | Existing frameworks and tools |
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