OHSU Evaluation Core: Recent Projects

**MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST EVALUATION CAPACITY BUILDING**

Community-based organizations (CBOs) are often required by funders to prove program effectiveness through program evaluation, but lack capacity. This lack of capacity also makes them less able to apply for funding, as they lack preliminary data on effectiveness. The Evaluation Core applied for, and received, funding from, Meyer Memorial Trust to use an Empowerment Evaluation approach to build evaluation capacity within two small CBOs. We provided methodological expertise by conducting trainings, providing ongoing technical assistance, and co-developing tools for the CBOs to use after direct Evaluation Core support ended. Evaluation Core partners for this project were Oregon Safe Schools and Communities Coalition and Youth ERA.

**BUILD EXITO UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BIOMEDICAL MAJORS**

BUILD EXITO is a $24M, five-year, NIH funded undergraduate research training program that supports students, including those from diverse backgrounds, on their pathway to become scientific researchers. Centered at Portland State University, EXITO partners include community college and universities across Oregon, the Pacific Islands, and Alaska. OHSU serves as the research intensive partner. The OHSU Evaluation Core handles all aspects of evaluation for this study, including evaluation design, survey design and administration, qualitative and quantitative data analysis, and reporting to a variety of stakeholders.

**LATINO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RAICES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Located in Deschutes County, the Latino Community Association (LCA) developed the RAICES Youth Literacy and Empowerment Program, an after-school program that blends Spanish literacy instruction with relevant cultural history and enrichment activities. The Evaluation Core is co-developing an evaluation with LCA to measure RAICES participant resilience, cultural identity, Spanish and English Literacy, and socio-emotional learning through surveys, assessments, and report card data. Evaluation Core is partnering on the LCA evaluation with the OHSU Community Research Hub.

**KNIGHT CANCER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The Knight Cancer Institute Community Partnership Program (CPP), launched in 2015, provides small grants of $10K to $50K to community-based organizations in Oregon who propose projects anywhere along the cancer continuum from prevention and early detection to survivorship. With the intent of promoting equity in the application process, the OHSU Evaluation Core provides evaluation technical assistance to all applicants (over 200 consults to date) and ongoing evaluation support for active grantees. In addition, the Evaluation Core is providing longitudinal evaluation of this statewide effort.

**DESCHUTES COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION EVALUATION**

In early 2018, Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) received a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant from the Bureau of Justice Administration to expand mental health crisis response services within Deschutes County. Along with the OHSU Community Research Hub, the Evaluation Core is working with DCHS to complete a planning and implementation guide for the new services and provide ongoing evaluation planning and technical assistance.

**OHSU RESEARCH METRICS**

The OHSU Evaluation Core team includes a data scientist who is responsible for aggregating OHSU data to inform clinical research metrics. These metrics include research workforce demographics, efficiency metrics such as turnaround times, accrual to clinical trials metrics, and levels of participation by OHSU patients in clinical research. For an example of this published work, please see our recent paper: From bedside to benchmarks: A physician-scientist workforce dashboard for biomedical research institutions.