

Ohio Commission on Minority Health

REEP: Research and Evaluation Enhancement Program

What is the Research and Evaluation Enhancement Program?

The Research and Evaluation Enhancement Program (REEP) is a uniform, culturally competent, and scientifically sound evaluation system for the minority health projects funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH). Established in 2005, REEP brings together evaluation experts throughout Ohio who have experience evaluating health research projects. Its purpose is to promote health disparity research; facilitate community-academic partnerships; improve the evaluation of minority health promotion projects; and build capacity of community organizations that provide health services to diverse populations. The “REEP Evaluation Guidance for Health Grant Proposals” is the evaluation model utilized by each of the Commission’s grant programs. OCMH grantees are mandated to establish a relationship with a REEP-approved evaluator before implementing one of the Commission-funded grants, such as Demonstration and Local Offices of Minority Health Grants. A REEP-approved evaluator is responsible for attending grantee site visits and conducting necessary data analysis and project evaluation to ensure successful completion of all grant outcomes. REEP evaluators are assigned to various grant projects and contracted to engage, support and assist grantees. REEP is led by a panelist of seasoned evaluators to guide the technical assistance aspect of the program and provide support to REEP-approved evaluators. A list of REEP-approved evaluators is provided to all OCMH grantees to assist them with identifying and contracting with an evaluator.

Who are REEP Evaluators?

Evaluators are selected based on their credentials, education, and minority health project evaluation experience. Approved-REEP evaluators must regularly engage with OCMH grantees to ensure projects are thoroughly evaluated and all evaluation results are clearly communicated in quarterly reports to OCMH, as well as the REEP Panel. Qualified evaluators will demonstrate the following attributes:

- **Communication Skills:** REEP evaluators must work closely with grantees to monitor project evaluation; provide feedback on quarterly reports; assist grantees with the submission of quarterly reports; and discuss project evaluation plan during grantee site visits with OCMH.;
- **Flexibility:** The time commitment of an approved-evaluator depends on the evaluation needs of grantee. The quarterly report due dates, as well as site visit dates, are provided in advance. Be aware that project details may need to be modified during the grant cycle.;
- **Cultural Competency:** Experience evaluating projects focused on racial and ethnic populations, along with demonstrated exposure to cultural competency concepts, are mandatory.;
- **Being Proactive:** To ensure project success and the timely submission of grant reports, evaluators may need to reach out to assigned grantees, instead of waiting to be contacted by the grantee.

Are You Interested in Being a REEP-Approved Evaluators?

The Commission desires a diverse cadre of evaluators. OCMH seeks evaluators from various backgrounds, including academia, government, nonprofit and community settings. If you are interested in this opportunity, please **submit your CV/resume, two work samples and the online Info Form (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEPEval>)** to REEP Panel Chair Dr. Joann Mawasha using the contact information below. You will be contacted by Dr. Mawasha regarding the vetting, approval and grantee assignment process. For more information about the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, visit the OCMH Website at www.mih.ohio.gov or email minhealth@ocmh.state.oh.us.

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