



Evaluation and Research Group

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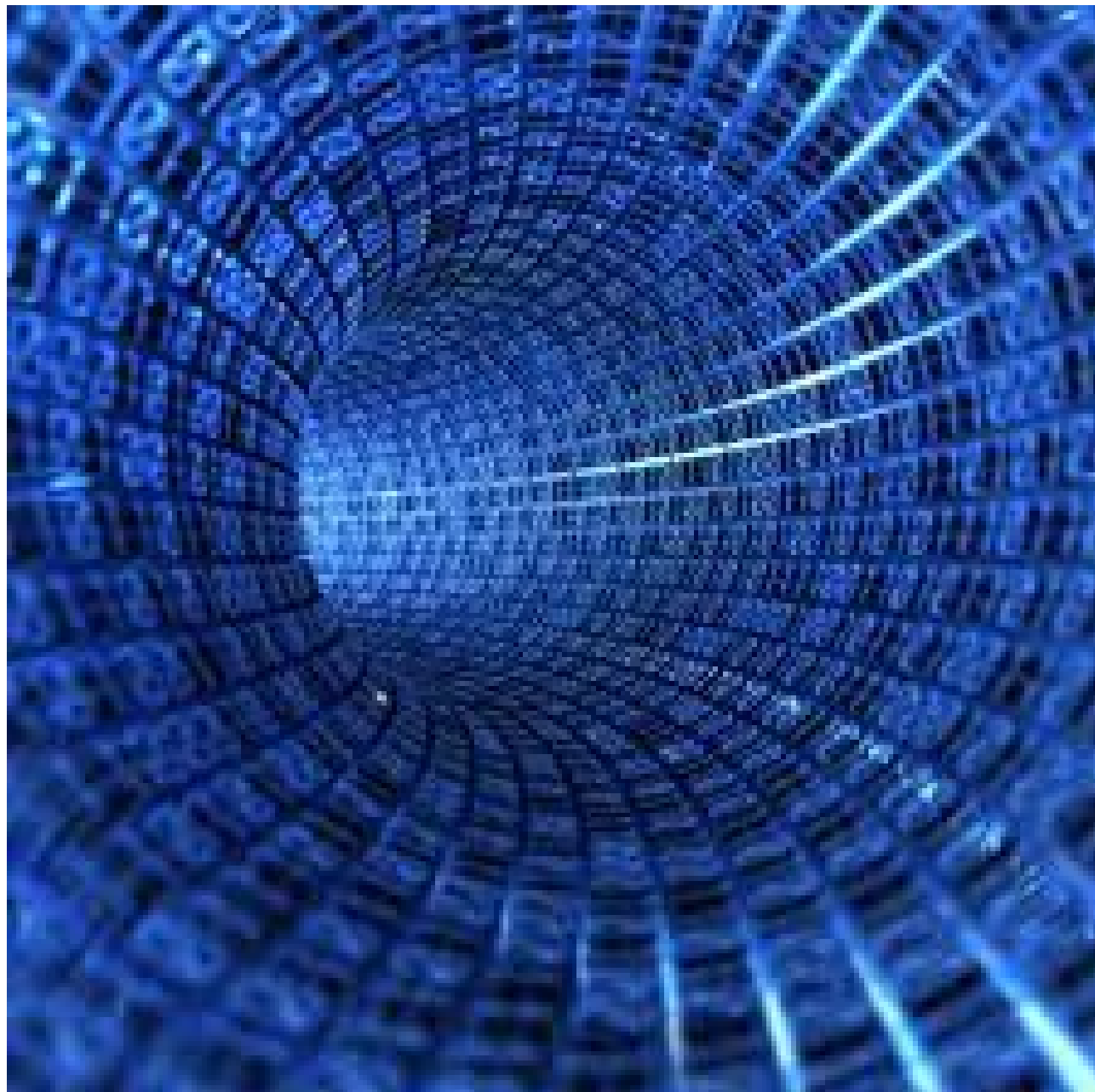
*Social Science
Research Center*

Who we are

- **Social scientists**
- **Combined 40 years of evaluation experience**
- **Expertise in a wide range of research methods**



Why We
Exist





Why Evaluate

Measure
Outcomes

Examine
processes

Continuous quality
improvement



Consider...

- ✓ Needs of the project
- ✓ Engage the evaluator as early as possible
- ✓ Consider this a collaborative process

(National Science Foundation)



Selecting an Evaluator

- ✓ Sufficient time
- ✓ Evaluator's geographic location
- ✓ Good match of communication and collaboration styles between the PI and the evaluator

(Source: National Science Foundation)



When you talk
to your
Evaluator

- ✓ Expertise in planning, designing and conducting an evaluation
- ✓ Knowledge to manage, maintain and analyze data
- ✓ Content knowledge

(Source: American Evaluation Association)



What We
Do





What We Do Evaluation Support



Evaluation design and implementation



Program assessment



Data collection and analysis



Capacity building



Content Areas

- **Juvenile/Criminal Justice**
- **Drug Courts**
- **Public Health**
- **Behavioral Health**
- **Non-profits and Foundations**
- **Program Implementation**

References

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