

AN EVALUATION FROM TWO COMMUNITIES

Study Protocol: EVALUATION OF TWO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS FOR AFRO-COLOMBIANS VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.

Understanding and improving the work of community health and development. In this way, proposed solutions will be collected by the LPCW. Communities identify and mobilize existing resources to bring about changes, and members also help document them. For example, they might provide training on grant writing or leadership development. Diffusion of innovations. Fawcett, Ph. All of this should help to promote the institutionalization of the initiative. Often, they do this in two ways. The goal is to promote healthy behaviors by making them easier to do and more likely to meet with positive reinforcement. Evaluating community efforts to prevent cardiovascular diseases. Francisco, Ph. Richter, M. The Dysfunction measure was a gender-specific questionnaire with items for females and items for males. As a result, interventions have been implemented nationally with the explicit goal of reducing health inequalities. This evaluation perspective joins the traditional research purpose of determining worth with ideas of empowerment. Then, we'll discuss some principles, assumptions, and values that guide community evaluation and outline a "logic model" for our KU Center for Community Health and Development's system of evaluation. High rates of change over time and across different areas of local concern provide an indication of "community capacity. Evaluation might be very different for a child welfare initiative, however, which might find it too expensive to watch parents and children interact, or not be able to afford a behavioral survey. The findings showed that two important influences on the successful implementation of the interventions were the existence and capacity of local organisations and their relationships with government agencies. Policymakers and practitioners should use traditional methods such as the newspaper and storytelling, and modern methods such as the Internet, to get the word out about successful interventions, promising practices, and lessons they have learned. Recommendations for practitioners and policymakers Research and experience in the field provide us with recommendations for community evaluation. Practitioners should provide feedback on how and where community changes have occurred to help understand and improve efforts to address community issues. Therefore, it's necessary to identify markers along the path -- measures of intermediate outcome, such as changes in the community or system, which give community members an idea of whether or not they are going in the right direction. Principles, assumptions, and values of community evaluation When we look at the process of supporting and evaluating community initiatives, we need to look at what our ideas are based on. Also important in this model is the idea that success breeds success. Evaluators will need to collect precise information on what happened, who it happened to, and for how long the intervention occurred. For example, comprehensive interventions for reducing risks for cardiovascular diseases, or specific parts of the intervention such as increasing access to lower fat foods, might be held up as examples for other groups. If the initiative seems to be effective, information from community evaluation can be used to promote its widespread adoption. Then, we'll describe some of the major challenges to evaluation. Talk with your doctor and family members or friends about deciding to join a study. At the beginning, it helps the group decide on goals and strategies. For example, different groups might want to develop supervised alternative activities for teens to make their taking part in risky behavior, such as unsafe sex or drug abuse, less likely. The components of the model are also interrelated -- that is, they can't be taken separately.