

Program Evaluation

Evaluate Your Afterschool Programs

If you receive funding, then you're probably familiar with some form of program evaluation. There are a myriad of ways to evaluate your programming, from the incredibly complex to the very simple.

While we're not experts in afterschool program evaluation, we can make the case that having an evaluation plan in place makes you much more attractive to both funders and potential partners in the community. It also lets you know what is working and what needs to change and which helps your participants in the long run.

Evaluate Your Afterschool Meals Program

It's a good practice to have some way of evaluating your how your participants enjoy the food. This applies whether you become your own sponsor or have another organization provide meals to your site. Having nutritious meals that your children look forward to only strengthens your program.

Obviously, if they don't eat their meals, it's a pretty good indication something needs to change. A formal system, like a simple survey, gives you some feedback that will help you either revise your menu or talk to your meal provider and see if some changes can be made.