



Quick Guide to Meeting the Evidence-Based Requirement: How to Identify & Integrate Evidence into Your Grant Application

What does it mean to be evidence-based?

Being evidence-based means using the most reliable and relevant research findings to inform decision-making, actions, and beliefs.

Why do I need to demonstrate an evidence-base for my application?

The OneOhio MOU stipulates that funded projects and programs using Ohio's opioid settlement dollars be evidence-based.

Different Types of Evidence

- **Evidence-based** – a program, practice, policy, strategy, or intervention that has been identified by multiple peer-reviewed articles and/or by a nationally recognized organization, a federal agency, or agency of this state and has produced a consistent, positive pattern of results on the majority of the intended recipients or target population.
- **Evidence-informed** – a program, practice, strategy, policy, or intervention developed based on the best peer-reviewed research available in the field. These activities have a strong scientific basis for their use and there is confidence from recognized institutions that these will have a consistent positive pattern of results or fit within best-practice frameworks.
- **Practice-based evidence** - evidence that is collected in real world scenarios, rather than the more tightly controlled environments that are common in many research studies. One example of where to find these practice-based evidence “practices” would be to look at national or state reports, evaluation reports for current programs, etc.
- **Promising practice** - has demonstrated potential effectiveness based on preliminary evidence or qualitative observations. These practices show promise but may require further evaluation to establish their efficacy definitively.
- **Innovation** - refers to the development or implementation of new approaches, techniques, technologies, programs, or interventions that challenge or shift current research or practice paradigms.

Where can I find examples of evidence-based strategies?

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation has begun the creation of an Evidence-Based Compendium to encourage organizations to infuse evidence into their work and grant applications and to provide a resource when completing the application questions related to evidence-base.

Compendium of Evidence

Below is a non-exhaustive list of resources to begin the process of identifying evidence to support your grant application.

Topic Area	Resource
Prevention	Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development Ohio's Evidence-Based Clearinghouse What Works Clearinghouse CDC's Action Guide for School and District Leaders Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Prevention and Promotion HPIO's Guide to Evidence Based Prevention
Behavioral Health	SAMHSA's Evidence Based Practices Resource Center Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices
Criminal Legal System	National Institute of Corrections Evidence-based Practices National Institute of Justice Crime Solutions
Opioids	Opioid-Overdose Reduction Continuum of Care Approach (ORCCA) Practice Guide 2023 (samhsa.gov) Brandeis University Opioid Resource Connector
Addiction	Great Lakes ATTC Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network (attcnetwork.org) Cochrane Drugs and Alcohol
Recovery	SAMHSA's Peer Recovery Center of Excellence Recovery Research Institute
Child Welfare & Family Supports	Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse