Working with the Office of Evaluation Sciences: What We Do

The Office of Evaluation Sciences (OES) is a team of interdisciplinary experts that works across the federal government to help agencies build and use evidence. We partner with federal agencies to answer priority questions with rigorous evaluation methods and administrative data. We design and conduct impact evaluations of programs and evidence-based program changes.

Types of Collaborations with Agency Partners

Service	Description	Example
Design and Evaluate Evidence-based Program Changes	We work with agency partners to apply evidence from the social and behavioral sciences to design a program change and evaluate its impact.	Increasing SSI Uptake Among a Potentially Eligible Population
Impact Evaluation of an Existing Program	We work with agency partners to embed an evaluation into a program and analyze impact using administrative data.	Evaluating Project: Students + Opportunities + Achievements = Results
Design of an Impact Evaluation	We work with agency partners to design an evaluation to measure the impact of an existing program or an evidence-based program change.	Evaluating the Effects of HEERF Aid to Students

Products completed during an OES evaluation may include:

1. <u>Evaluations Options Memo and Interventions Options Memo</u>: Lays out proposed options, to be vetted for feasibility and potential impact on a key priority in a Federal program or policy.
2. Behavioral Map: Visually demonstrates the process by which a program is implemented (in whole or in part) and identifies behavioral barriers that can be addressed.
3. Project Design Document: Details both the evidence-based program change to be evaluated and the evaluation design and methods.
4. Intervention Pack: Includes proposed or actual interventions, annotated to highlight behavioral insights, to allow our collaborators and audiences to interact with the project materials.
5. Analysis Plan: Details the statistical analysis that will be conducted, and is finalized and date-stamped before the analysis begins to ensure that statistical results are reliable.
6. Record of Analysis & Findings: Details the completed analysis, results, and findings, and summarizes a replication of the analysis to ensure that results are reliable.
7. Results Abstract: Brief summary of overall the evaluation, including purpose, methods, outcomes, data sources, results, and implications.
8. Academic Publication: Manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

Cost of Working with OES

The cost of working with OES covers the salary and benefits of OES experts for the portion of time that they work on your evaluation. Detailed costs are outlined in an Interagency Agreement, but on average the per project cost is roughly $120,000 - $150,000 per evaluation for a full year.