Overview

The following resources can help mentoring programs design evaluations and build coherent surveys that measure relevant program outcomes accurately.

General Evaluation

- Project Evaluation Guide for Nonprofit Programs (Imagine Canada) - An evaluation guide for non-profits that includes details on several steps of the evaluation process (including budgeting).

- The Community Toolbox, Section 1: A Framework for Program Evaluation: A Gateway to Tools (Work Group for Community Health and Development) - A broad evaluation primer with links to several additional resources and tools.

Survey Design/ Administration

- Measurement Guidance Tookit (National Mentoring Resource Center) - This OJJDP-funded resource provides direct access to validated measures on many key youth mentoring outcomes for use in program evaluations.

- Tip Sheet on Question Wording (Harvard University Program on Survey Research) – A good list of tips on how question wording impacts survey results.

- Developing a Survey Instrument (Rutgers University, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station) – Lists several web resources for tip sheets on developing survey instruments.

- Youth-Friendly Evaluation Survey Design (Skills Pages) - Youth-friendly survey development tips.

Budgeting

- Budgeting for Evaluation - A detailed guide on how to budget for an evaluation.