

COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY COALITION



You are invited to join the ...

Community Food Project Evaluation Learning Community

The Community Food Security Coalition is kicking off a new learning community focused on program evaluation. The Evaluation Learning Community (ELC) will meet by conference call five times and explore core aspects of program evaluation. The calls will bring together people from across the country to share information about program evaluation, review material presented in the CFP Evaluation Handbook & Curriculum, and provide a forum for discussion about how to address common evaluation challenges.

The format of the ELC calls will emphasize peer-to-peer learning, with brief presentations by Community Food Project grantees and other practitioners, a short training by CFSC evaluation staff, and time reserved for discussion. Evaluation materials and resources will be shared with participants for each topic area.

The ELC topics will be tailored according to the interests of its participants. To sign up to participate in calls or to share your evaluation experience, please complete our brief online survey. The survey is available at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB227LXDAYK5P> and takes just a few minutes. The reply deadline is May 16th.

Evaluation Learning Community Outline of Core Topic Areas

<p><u>Call #1: Defining Organizational Outcomes</u> Date: June 2008 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Defining outcomes that are measurable and reflect your organizational values is key to effective evaluation.	<p><u>Call #2: Designing Survey Tools</u> Date: August 2008 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discuss tips for designing surveys, interview scripts, and interactive survey tools to implement your evaluation.
<p><u>Call #3: Data Analysis</u> Date: November 2008 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Learn methods for compiling and making sense of the evaluation feedback you receive.	<p><u>Call #4: CFS Whole Measures</u> Date: March 2009 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Explore this dialogue based evaluation tool that focuses on value-based practices that contribute to whole communities.
<p><u>Call # 5: Using Evaluation Results</u> Date: May 2009 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discuss various strategies for using your evaluation results to improve your program and share the good news about your work.	<p><i>Special Community Food Project Grantee Training!</i> <u>Common Output Tracking Form (COTF)</u> Date: October 2008 (details TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Specific to Community Food Project grantees, this training will give grantees the information they need to complete their yearly CFP reports.

The Evaluation Learning Community is convened by the Community Food Security Coalition with funding from the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program. It is open to CFP grantees and other community food project practitioners.

We welcome your participation in the Evaluation Learning Community, and encourage you to take a few minutes to sign up and give us your input through our brief survey. Feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.

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