



Why evaluate your OSHLSP

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A regular evaluation of your Homework Club is vital to its long term success. It can greatly add to the credibility and viability of your service in demonstrating that you are providing a responsive and meaningful service to your target audience.

Why evaluate?

- Determines whether you are achieving your program's objectives. You will need to have clear, realistic and measureable objectives for your program.
- Clarifies what is working, what isn't working and why.
- To ensure your service stays relevant and responsive to the changing needs of your students, their families and the tutors.
- To assess the way your program operates, including its procedures and policies. A periodic evaluation compliments ongoing monitoring and auditing of your program.
- Allows time for reflection away from the normal business of running the program
- To report back to a funding body or the management of your organisation/government.
- Using evidence to demonstrate the success of your program, or where you intend to make changes to improve it, will give your funding body or potential funders confidence in your program. This could prevent your service from being overlooked or discontinued if there are funding cuts.
- To demonstrate program results in a funding application.
- Evaluation results are a key component of an annual report.
- Promotes and shows appreciation for the work of those who may be less visible in the running or planning of your program.
- Publication of your evaluation can be used as a promotional tool for your program in your school and community.
- To encourage a sense of pride and to celebrate your program - what it achieves and all those involved.
- Adds to the broader evidence base of homework programs that others can draw upon.

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