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Evaluation Tip

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Predict success before you begin

When planning:

- Identify the need or attributes for conducting the programs on the topic
- Predict if the programs will lead to success toward achieving your intermediate and long term objectives

While conducting the program:

- Measure the participants' specific experience during programs
- Solicit the specific experience of partners (i.e. teachers, coalition members, funders)

When evaluating:

- Identify the improvements for the participants from the specific programs (effect of cause)
- Identify the contribution of the programs with the significant improvement in the lives of the participants (cause and effect)
- Consider "positive deviants" where success is achieved when failure is the most common outcome