Happy New Year!

The calendar year may be coming to a close, but a new academic year just started and many ATE program grantees recently received their award notifications from the National Science Foundation. 'Tis the season to **start up or revisit evaluation plans for the coming year**. This digital-only issue of EvaluATE’s newsletter is all about helping project leaders and evaluators get the new evaluation year off on the right track.

Don’t launch (or relaunch) your evaluation before taking these steps

Mentor-Connect’s one-page checklist tells project leaders what they need to do to set the stage for a successful evaluation.

You won’t hear this from anyone else
EvaluATE's director, Lori Wingate, shares Three Inconvenient Truths about ATE Evaluation in her latest contribution to the EvaluATE blog. You may find them unsettling, but ignorance is not bliss when it comes to these facts about evaluation.

Is your evaluation on track?

Use the Evaluation Progress Checklist to make sure your evaluation is on course. It's on pages 26-28 in Westat's Guidelines for Working with Third Party Evaluators, which also includes guidance for resolving problems and other tips for nonevaluators.

Myth: All evaluation stakeholders should be engaged equally

Monitor, facilitate, consult, or co-create? Use our stakeholder identification worksheet to figure out the right way to engage different types of stakeholders in your evaluation.

EvaluATE at the ATE PI Conference: October 26-29

A Practical Approach to Outcome Evaluation: Step-by-Step
WORKSHOP: Wednesday 1-4 p.m.
DEMONSTRATION: Thursday 4:45-5:15 p.m.

SHOWCASES: We will be at all three showcase sessions.

Check out the conference program.
Did you miss our recent webinars?

Check out slides, handouts, and recordings

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