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## Fall 2016 Newsletter

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### 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](#).

## Next Webinar



anatomy of a user-friendly  
**EVALUATION  
REPORT**

1-2 p.m. EST | December 14, 2016

free  
**EvaluATE**  
webinar  
click to register

## Did you miss our recent webinars?

Check out slides, handouts, and recordings



**LOGIC MODELS**  
*Getting them right and using them well*

August 17, 2016



Meeting Requirements,  
Exceeding Expectations:  
Understanding the Role of  
Evaluation in Federal Grants

May 25, 2016

## Shape the future of EvaluATE

EvaluATE has been refunded for another 4 years! Let us know how you would like us to invest our resources to advance evaluation in the ATE program.

Complete our [two-minute survey](#) today.

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