



# Innovations Evaluations Program

*An Innovation Program*



*Contributes to learning  
and tries out new  
approaches that can  
inform current and  
future practices*



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## Purpose

Identify, inventory and evaluate all planned, in-process or completed county evaluations of MHS Innovation programs.

Use information obtained from the inventory and evaluation to identify and document promising evaluation practices.

Develop and disseminate tools and provide technical assistance to support counties to conduct effective and successful evaluations

## Guiding Principle

To minimize the burden and intrusion on counties, we will:

- Collect information from other sources (e.g., reports, websites, etc.) whenever possible
- Verify and update existing programs by administering a data collection tool to counties that includes their programs' information
- Identify persons who have the relevant information – e.g., evaluators where appropriate

## Products

**Innovation Evaluation Inventory:** Compilation of identified evaluation approaches with detailed information about research designs and methods used.

**Evaluation Report:** Assessment of the efficacy and relevance of evaluation approaches for county decision-making regarding the adoption and sustainability of Innovative Programs that were implemented. The report will include lessons learned and promising practices.

## TIMELINE

<b>April — May</b>	Counties will receive e-mailed Verification Data Requests for each Innovation Program. Counties will verify accuracy of information and provide contact information to assist with further information on the INN program and evaluation.
<b>June</b>	CiMH will develop and pilot draft data request with 2 Counties (volunteers)
<b>June — July</b>	CiMH will e-mail data requests (tailored to each county) and conduct follow up telephone calls, as needed.
<b>August — December</b>	CiMH will summarize and create the Inventory and write the evaluation report.