

Tools and Resources

Evaluation & Learning Capacity Assessment Tools

1. [Capacity and Organizational Readiness for Evaluation \(CORE\) Tool](http://www.innonet.org/resources/node/593) is a succinct fifteen question organizational assessment tool. The CORE Tool assesses organizational readiness for evaluation and learning on three dimensions: Culture/Learning Environment; Organizational Leadership; and Resources, Systems, Structures, and Process. Available at: <http://www.innonet.org/resources/node/593>
2. [Checklist for Building Organization Evaluation Capacity](http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/archive_checklists/ecb.pdf) provides guidelines for implementing ECB/ integrating evaluation as a routine practice within an organization (Volkov & King, 2007). Available at: http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/archive_checklists/ecb.pdf
3. [Evaluation Capacity Assessment Instrument \(ECAI\)](#) assesses organizational norms/traditions, organizational policies, diversity characteristics of recipients, diversity characteristics of staff, cultural adaptations, history, relationships, requirements (accreditation), political & social issues (Taylor-Ritzler, Suarez-Balcazar, Garcia-Iriarte, 2009). Available Spring 2011. For more information, contact Tina Taylor-Ritzler at tritzler@dom.edu.
4. [Readiness for Organizational Learning and Evaluation \(ROLE\)](http://trasi.foundationcenter.org/upload/67c3761b7b52Readiness%20for%20Organizational%20Learning%20and%20Evaluation%20Survey%20Instrument.pdf) assesses organizational readiness and infrastructure for ECB (Preskill & Torres, 2000). Available at: <http://trasi.foundationcenter.org/upload/67c3761b7b52Readiness for Organizational Learning and Evaluation Survey Instrument.pdf>

Blogs

1. [Tactical Philanthropy Blog](http://www.tacticalphilanthropy.com/blog), by Sean Stannard-Stockton. Sean's blog is regularly cited as one of the top blogs about philanthropy. Regularly updated and well-written, Tactical Philanthropy Blog is a rich resource of information, insights, and provocative discussion for grantmaking professionals. Available at: <http://www.tacticalphilanthropy.com/blog>
2. [PHILANTHROPY 2173: The Business of Giving](http://philanthropy.blogspot.com/), by Lucy Bernholz. Philanthropy 2173 is chock full of cutting edge topics and discussion. Available at: <http://philanthropy.blogspot.com/>

Publications

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3. Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (2011). *What Do We Mean By Scale? Scaling What Works, Topic 1*. Available at: <http://www.geofunders.org/scalingwhatworks.aspx>
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5. Grantmakers for Effective Organizations (2008). *Is Grantmaking Getting Smarter?*
6. Preskill, H. & Boyle, S.(2008). American Journal of Evaluation. *A multidisciplinary model of evaluation capacity building*.
7. York, P. (2005). *A Funder's Guide to Evaluation: Leveraging Evaluation to improve Nonprofit Effectiveness*. Fieldstone Alliance, St. Paul, MN