

# Questions to Ask When Selecting Evidence-Based Programs

**Directions:** Place a ✓ in the boxes where you can answer **YES** to the questions. The more ✓ you have, the more likely this program is a good fit!

**Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Quality

Assess the quality of the program & the evidence to prove its effectiveness.

- Has the program been shown to be effective?
- Is the program listed on any respected EBP registries? Did it received high ratings?
- Has the program demonstrated effectiveness with the age group with which we will be delivering the program?
- Does the program allow for adaptation?
- Is staff training available for the program?
- Will the developer or other organization offer Technical Assistance for the program?
- Are the opinions & experience of others who have implemented the program positive in nature?

## Program Match

Assess how well the program fits your purpose, target audience, organization, & community

- Do the program goals & objectives reflect what we hope to achieve & participant needs?
- Does the program have sufficient length & intensity to be effective?
- Has the program demonstrated effectiveness for the target population (age, gender, with which we will be delivering the program)?
- Will this program compliment other programs currently being implemented?
- If this program allows for adaptation, will we need to adapt it for our uses?
- If we must adapt the program, does it meet the developer adaptation requirements &/or put program effectiveness into jeopardy? \*\*

## Program Implementation

Assess your organization's expertise, staff, financial support, & time to implement & sustain the program over time.

- Can we afford the overall costs of the program including training, curriculum, & implementation?
- Do we have the resources to implement the program now & in the long-term?
- Does our staff have the qualifications recommended or required to facilitate the program?
- Would our staff & the community be enthusiastic & willing to commit the time needed to successfully implement this program?
- Would the community being served support & utilize this program?
- Can this program be implemented in the time we have available?
- Do we have the overall capacity to implement this program with fidelity to avoid or reduce the need for adaptation?

**\*\* Note:** If you answer **YES** to this question, we encourage you to revisit your favorite EBP registry to find a program that might be better suited for your purposes.

# Evidence-Based Program Registries

Rating Source	Focus Areas	Website
<b>Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development</b>	Violence, Delinquency, Substance Use, School Drop-Out, Teen Pregnancy, Depression/Anxiety	<a href="http://www.blueprintsprograms.com">http://www.blueprintsprograms.com</a>
<b>CA Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare</b>	Child Welfare	<a href="http://www.cebc4cw.org/">http://www.cebc4cw.org/</a>
<b>Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy</b>	Social Policy	<a href="http://www.coalition4evidence.org">www.coalition4evidence.org</a>
<b>Collaboration for Academic, Social &amp; Emotional Learning</b>	Social Emotional Learning	<a href="https://casel.org/guide/">https://casel.org/guide/</a>
<b>Crime Solutions.gov</b>	Criminal Justice	<a href="http://www.crimesolutions.gov/">http://www.crimesolutions.gov/</a>
<b>Evidence-Based Prevention &amp; Intervention Support</b>	Violence, Delinquency, Substance Use, School Drop-Out, Teen Pregnancy, Depression/Anxiety	<a href="http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp">http://www.episcenter.psu.edu/ebp</a>
<b>National School Climate Center</b>	School Climate	<a href="https://www.schoolclimate.org/">https://www.schoolclimate.org/</a>
<b>Office of Juvenile Justice &amp; Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Model Programs</b>	Juvenile Justice	<a href="http://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg">www.ojjdp.gov/mpg</a>
<b>Promising Practices Network</b>	Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, Social Programs	<a href="http://promisingpractices.net/programs.asp">http://promisingpractices.net/programs.asp</a>
<b>What Works Clearinghouse</b>	Education	<a href="http://ww.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/">http://ww.ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/</a>
<b>What Works Reentry Clearinghouse</b>	Criminal Justice	<a href="https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/">https://whatworks.csgjusticecenter.org/</a>