

The Leader's Script Reference

Unit 1

- 1. Has this program been evaluated yet?
- 2. Is there evidence to support this decision, either our own or in the literature?
- 3. Is it in my pre-reading package?
- 4. Are there evaluation findings we should be incorporating into our upcoming strategic planning?

Unit 2

- 1. Do our programs all have logic models?
- 2. How much outcome evaluation is actually happening?
- 3. Am I comfortable with evaluation terms and talk?
- 4. Are we providing our evaluators with meaningful evaluation questions?

Unit 3

- 1. Who is most affected by this program being evaluated, and how are they involved?
- 2. Do the evaluation questions address systemic drivers of inequity?
- 3. Are there plans to disaggregate the data when analyzed?
- 4. How will we ensure that these findings result in program improvements for the people served?

Unit 4

- 1. What type of evidence do we require to make a decision about this program?
- 2. What is the usability of this evidence in our context?
- 3. Do we need to establish causation? Are there other sources of evidence?
- 4. What can our evaluator suggest that will give us the answers we need?

Unit 5

- 1. Are we approaching this issue from a linear or systems perspective?
- 2. Are we expecting a simple solution for a complex problem?
- 3. How have the evaluation boundaries been framed?
- 4. What are some possible leverage points we can act on?

Unit 6

- 1. Does this evaluation ask, "So What"?
- 2. Am I getting evaluation reports in a format I can easily digest?
- 3. When are we going to develop an action plan for these findings?
- 4. Do I have the evaluation findings I need to inform this discussion?

Unit 7

- 1. Are we tapping the full potential of our evaluators?
- 2. Do our evaluators have the ear of management?
- 3. Do we need an internal or external evaluator for this project?
- 4. Have we adequately resourced the evaluation?

Unit 8

- 1. Do we have an organizational policy regarding evaluation?
- 2. How can we better maximize the value from our evaluators?
- 3. Do we have a true culture of evaluation?
- 4. What are we doing to support evaluation in this organization?

