#### Case Study Interview Guide for DP13-1315 Evaluators

# Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to speak with me today. As you know, we are conducting a series of case studies with leadership and staff from programs funded under the *National Support to Enhance Implementation of Comprehensive Cancer Control Activities (DP13-1315)* cooperative agreement to learn more about programs' efforts to support and build capacity among CDC's National Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs (NCCCPs) and State-Based Tobacco Control Programs (NSBTs) through training and technical assistance (TTA). The purpose of this interview is to learn more about the evaluation of [*insert name of DP13-1315 organization*]'s TTA efforts under the DP13-1315 cooperative agreement.

Do you have any initial questions before we begin?

[Pause to allow for questions].

Great, I'm going to begin by reviewing the informed consent.

[Read informed consent statement. If respondent gives verbal consent, proceed with the interview. If the respondent declines participation, thank the respondent and end the interview]

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# **Interview Questions**

## I. Implementation of FOA Components

I would like to begin by discussing your role within [insert name of respondent's organization], and your organization's efforts to provide support to implement the components of the DP13-1315 Funding Opportunity Agreement (FOA).

- 1. Briefly describe your organization and how long it has been involved with [*insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name*]?
- 2. How would you describe your role within [insert name of respondent's organization]?
  - a. How long have you worked at [insert name of respondent's organization]?
  - b. How did you originally get involved?
- 3. Describe you and/or your organization's role in the coordination/implementation of TTA for NCCCP grantees.
  - a. How do you/ your organization's help to plan, implement, and evaluate TTA?
  - b. How would you describe your/ your organization's experience with participating in the TTA delivered?
- 4. What resources, if any, has your organization provided to [*insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name*] to support their provision of TTA to NCCCP grantees??
  - a. Has your organization provided additional funding? If so, please describe.
  - b. Has your organization provided nonmonetary resources (such as volunteers, time, expertise,)? If so, please describe.

## II. Achievement of Short-Term Outcomes

Thank you for your responses thus far. These next few questions focus on your perceptions related to the impact of [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name]'s TTA efforts on short-term outcomes.

- 1. Describe how your organization measures the implementation of the TTA model supported under the DP13-1315 FOA?
  - a. What data do you collect?

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- b. Who is responsible for measuring/monitoring implementation?
- c. Are other staff members involved in data collection? How so?
- d. Are there plans to expand or change how your organization monitors implementation of TTA? If so, please explain?
- 2. Describe how your organization measures the extent to which the TTA your program has implemented under DP13-1315 has achieved short-term outcomes?
  - a. What data do you collect?
  - b. Who is responsible for measuring/monitoring implementation?
  - c. Are other staff members involved in data collection? How so?
  - d. Are there plans to expand or change how your organization monitors implementation of TTA? If so, please explain?

#### **III.** NCCCP Priorities and Goals

Now I would like to learn more about your perspective on the effectiveness of [*insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name*]'s TTA on NCCCP implementation and the achievement of goals, as well as any aspects of the TTA framework that could be improved.

- 1. From your perspective how effective do you perceive [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name]'s TTA in contributing to NCCCP implementation and achievement of goals? Please explain.
  - a. Do NCCCP state program staff view [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name]'s TTA as effective? What evidence has been collected to support this?
  - b. Do NCCCP state coalition members see [*insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name*]'s TTA as effective? What evidence has been collected to support this?
  - c. What aspects of [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name]'s TTA do you think stakeholders see as most effective?
  - d. What aspects of [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization name]'s TTA do you think stakeholders see as least effective?
- 2. What suggestions, if any, do you have for improving the effectiveness of [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization]'s TTA? Please provide specific examples.

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### IV. Essential Elements of TTA Model

Great! For these last few questions, I would like to hear your perspective on the impact of [insert DP1-1315 grantee organization]'s TTA model on NCCCP grantees' capacity and programmatic outcomes, as well as factors that may have impacted the effectiveness of your organization's TTA.

- 1. Overall, which aspects of the TTA model do you see as most essential for improving NCCCP capacity?
  - a. Which strategies are most essential? Why?
  - b. Which activities are most essential? Why?
- 2. From your perspective, how has the TTA model improved programmatic outcomes?
  - a. Which strategies, if any, resulted in improved outcomes? How?
  - b. From your perspective, which strategies would TTA recipients deem most essential for improving outcomes? Please explain.
  - c. Which activities, if any, resulted in improved outcomes? How?
  - d. From your perspective, which activities would TTA recipients deem most essential for improving outcomes? Please explain.
- 3. Describe any lessons learned from supporting the TTA offered by [insert DP13-1315 grantee organization] under the DP13-1315 FOA.
  - a. What recommendations do you have for improving the TTA model used?

## **Conclusion**

That is all of the questions I have for you at this time. Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with me! This has been very informative and will be important in understanding DP13-1314 grantees' TTA efforts. Do you have any questions for me at this time? [Pause for participant questions. Interviewer will use Evaluation FAQ Talking Points document to answer respondent questions].

Again, if any questions do arise after today, please feel free to contact the ICF Project Manager, Sarah O'Dell at 404-321-3211.