

Personal Responsibility Education in Innovative Strategies (PREIS)
Lessons Learned & Promising Practices Template
Spring 2020

PREIS grantees take on the exclusive challenge of conducting rigorous evaluations of innovative approaches and put in an intense amount of work, commitment, and tenacity to make their projects successful. FYSB recognizes that your expertise, experiences, and the barriers and challenges you face in your journey are unique and specific to your innovative projects. The promising practices, strategies, and solutions that you identified are vital information that can help guide the way for the PREIS program and the broader fields of adolescent pregnancy prevention and youth programming. The purpose of this template is to capture lessons learned and promising practices across all of the PREIS programs.

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Reflection Exercise

Instructions: Before you complete the template on the following page, please reflect on the promising practices, challenges, and lessons learned from your PREIS experience. Below we have provided potential topic areas for you to consider in documenting your lessons learned and promising practices. We encourage you to share experiences related to any part of the PREIS project. You should document other topics that are not listed below and include your staff, partners, and stakeholders in the development of your responses for the reflection exercise.

Possible Topic Areas

Context

Setting
Population
Geographic Area
Unexpected Events/Natural Disasters
Politics

Evaluation

Recruitment
Enrollment & Screening Process
Rigorous Evaluation Standards
Data Collection
Evaluation Design
Instruments & Measures
Tracking and Retention
Parental Consent
IRB

Project Management

Staff Recruitment, Hiring, & Retention
Financial Management
Policies and Procedures
Management & Oversight of
Implementation Sites

Partnerships

Partnership Recruitment & Onboarding
Partnership Buy-in & Relationships
Partnership Clearance Processes
Turnover at Partnership Sites

Curricula

Curricula Development & Refinement
Curriculum Pilot
Medical Accuracy
Adult Preparation Subjects

Implementation

Facilitator Training
Fidelity Monitoring
Attendance and Dosage
Participant Engagement
Logistics
Transportation

Technology

Social Media
Survey Program
Computer Equipment

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Name of Grantee:

Name of Project:

Target Setting(s):

Target Population(s):

Target Geographic Area(s):

Name of Point of Contact for Follow-Up Discussion:

Overall Reflections

Instructions: Please answer the questions below to share promising practices and your overall reflections and lessons learned.

1. **During this PREIS project we implemented unique and innovative strategies that can be used as promising practices such as...** (Please describe the strategies that you used during the PREIS project that are promising and the have potential to become best practices for the field.)

2. **Before starting the PREIS project I wish I had known...** (Please describe what you wish you had known prior to starting the PREIS project. These are things that may have changed the course of the project and would have saved energy, time, and resources if you had known before.)

3. **The most important lesson I have learned is.....** (Please describe 1-2 of the most important lessons you have learned since beginning the project that you think would be valuable to share with the field.)

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Lessons Learned

Instructions: Please complete the following table for each barrier and challenge that you encountered during your PREIS experience. The definitions of the categories in the tables are provided to help guide your answers.

Barrier/Challenge #1:

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| Description of Barrier/Challenge | |
| Strategies Implemented | |
| Strategy/Combination of Strategies that were Effective | |
| Lesson(s) Learned | |
| Recommendation(s) for the Field | |

Definitions of Categories to Report

Barrier/Challenge: Describe the barrier or challenge you experienced, including when during the course of the project you experienced it, how you found out about it, and additional contextual information to describe the specific situation.

Strategies Implemented: Describe all of the strategies you took to resolve the challenge, including the time and resources it took to implement the strategies. Be sure to distinguish between strategies that were implemented alone vs. combinations of strategies that were implemented together.

Strategy/Combination of Strategies that were Effective: Describe in detail what worked, the resources it took to make it work, and your thoughts about why it worked.

Lesson Learned: Looking back what is the lesson you learned from encountering this barrier/challenge.

Recommendation for the Field: What recommendations would you provide for others conducting similar projects or facing similar challenges