

Appendix C

EMAIL TEMPLATE: EVALUATION PLAN

Subject: Evaluation Plan Template and Instructions Now Available for HMRE Grantees

Dear [Project Director and Local Evaluator],

The Administration for Children and Families Office of Family Assistance (OFA) requires all Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) grantees with local evaluations funded by OFA to submit a local evaluation plan. As you may know, the Mathematica team has a contract with the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation to provide technical assistance to HMRE grantees who are conducting a local evaluation.

To help your team develop your evaluation plan, we have attached two documents to this email: (1) the local evaluation plan template, into which you can enter your plan directly without having to use any other document, and (2) the local evaluation plan template instructions, which have tips on how to structure your evaluation plan so it is comprehensive and demonstrates a strong research design.

Please email your evaluation plan to your Federal Program Specialist (FPS) and your Evaluation Technical Assistance Partner (ETAP) whenever it is ready, but no later than [DATE]. For consistency, please use this naming convention when you submit your plan: LclEvPlan[Grantee Name_MM.YYYY]. Please send a Word version of the document, not a PDF. Please remember that in order to proceed with implementing your evaluation, OFA must approve your evaluation plan by the end of the planning period. Your FPS will be in contact with you throughout the planning period and will notify you when your evaluation plan is approved.

Thank you,

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