Hi Kate,

Thank you for taking the time to supply comments on the Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Program Information Collection. We are collating and analyzing all input to determine changes for the data collection forms.

I will let you know if I have any follow-up questions.

Sincerely,

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I support data collection and the use of data for making policy.   At the same time as an Evidence Based Program Administrator, I think that data collection may have become the tail that wags the dog.  Recently, I have watched organizations give up evidence based programs because of the data collection requirements.  With very limited funds, collecting data has become a major expense and it is often easier to offer home grown programs without the data burden.  Data collection, is very expensive, especially with older people where they often need to be interviewed in person or by phone.

To this end, I would suggest that ACL, maybe with a panel of experts, decide exactly what data are going to be used for and suggest a minimum data set based on the use of the data.    Unfortunately, many of the questionnaires in current use and on the website are not even valid instruments. Rather than comment instrument by instrument, I would rather see a relook at all data collection.  Please let me know if I can be of help.

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