



UNM EVALUATION LAB 2026 SUMMER INSTITUTE

Day 1: EVALUATION FOUNDATIONS					Monday, June 8th, 2026
Start	-	End	Topic	Content	Readings
8:30	-	9:00	Registration and Breakfast		
9:00	-	9:30	Welcome & Introductions	Creating a Learning Community	
9:30	-	10:00	Mission Time	• Time to do the work! • measuring what matters • embedded evaluation • participatory evaluation	EIO CH 1 - Defining Evaluation & CH 2 - The Evolution of Evaluation Grant 2015, Ch 4
			Evaluation Lab Principles		
9:30	-	10:00	Your Evaluation Plan	• Logic model • Theory of Change • Rubrics • Focusing • Data collection • Embedding	
10:00	-	10:30	Logic Models	Logic model fundamentals; broadening the definition of processes and outcomes that matter to your work.	EIO CH 5 - Focusing the Evaluation*
10:30	-	10:40	BREAK		
10:40	-	12:00	Your Evaluation Plan (YEP #1)	Create or refine your logic model	
12:00	-	1:00	LUNCH		
1:00	-	1:45	Learning Community #1	Sharing logic models	
1:45	-	2:15	Theory of change	What's the difference between a Logic Model and a Theory of Change?	
2:15	-	3:00	Using AI to Find Evidence to support your LM and TOC	Using AI to find different kinds of evidence; the technical definitions for evidence-based and evidence-informed; value and limitations of RCTs. The value of evidence-informed programs. The role of experience.	Center on the Developing Child 2016,* Felitti et al. 1998*
3:00	-	3:10	BREAK		
3:10	-	4:00	Your Evaluation Plan (YEP #2)	Articulate your theory of change and document evidence base	
4:00	-	4:45	Learning Community #2	Sharing theories of change	
4:45	-	5:00	Exit Ticket		

*Asterisked readings are available at evallab.unm.edu → Learning Center → 2026 Summer Institute Materials → Readings

EIO = Darlene Russ-Eft and Hallie Preskill. 2009. *Evaluation in Organizations: A Systematic Approach to Enhancing Learning, Performance, and Change - 2nd Edition*. (New York: Basic Books.)

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