

Evidence Based Decision-Making in My Worklife

1 Looking forward over the next 2-3 years, what are the big challenges that are likely to affect how you/your organization works to improve health?

(These might be ongoing challenges, or new challenges resulting from new policies or legislation, new community needs, or organizational changes.)

2 Does research evidence currently exist that's relevant to this challenge that you face?

a. If YES: what words would you use to describe this research evidence?

(e.g. useful, not useful, hard to find, accessible, recent, out of date, local, foreign, good, poor, etc.)

b. If NO: what words would you use to describe the kind of research evidence that would be relevant to you?

3 Is it likely or not likely that your organization is going to use research evidence to guide your response to the challenge?

a. Why/not?

b. Who are the individuals/depts in your organization who do use research for programming and planning?

4 Please name some health organizations/departments/divisions that do an excellent job of using research in planning and programming.

a. What helps them use research well?

5 *This question is about barriers that you might face in your job that prevent or limit you from using research for program and planning decisions.*

Please rate how significant each of these barriers are for you in your current job, on a scale of 1-5, where 1 means “this is not a barrier for me at all” and 5 means “this is the biggest barrier that prevents or limits me from using research evidence in planning and programming”.

(a) Lack of time:	1	2	3	4	5
(b) Lack of information resources (e.g. access to libraries, online sources, subscriptions):	1	2	3	4	5
(c) Lack of training/skills:	1	2	3	4	5
(d) Evidence-based planning/programming is not valued within my organizational culture:	1	2	3	4	5
(e) It's difficult to access/retrieve relevant research evidence:	1	2	3	4	5
(f) Relevant research does not exist:	1	2	3	4	5
(g) It's not part of my job description:	1	2	3	4	5
(h) Management does not support it:	1	2	3	4	5

6 Do you face other barriers that prevent or limit you from using research evidence in programming and planning? Please describe them.