

Schrouder's Quick-Guide to Developing a Program/Policy Evaluation Proposal

| Questions | Sample Response for Developing an Evaluation Proposal Topic | Your Response for Developing Your Own Evaluation Topic |
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| <p>What is your topic?</p> <p><i>It should be a plan to investigate the effectiveness, quality or value of a specific program or policy.</i></p> | <p>Cost-Benefit Analysis of Incarcerating the Mentally Ill in Florida</p> | <p>Healthcare and Insurance in the United States.</p> |
| <p>Basic Background to the Study - State this in a complete sentence or two.</p> | <p>A quarter of America's prisoners in state and federal facilities suffer from mental illness.</p> <p>With the state's correctional costs per Florida resident increasing faster than that for education and health, is it logical to incarcerate the mentally ill which often results in a revolving door scenario?</p> | <p>The expense of medical treatment in the United States is high and that's why it's highly recommended that everyone has some kind of medical insurance. It is not compulsory by law in the United States that individuals have health insurance, nor is it essential that individuals have any insurance at all. Private and public health insurance are the two main categories in the United States.</p> |
| <p>Objective of the Study What do you hope to determine or achieve?</p> <p><i>To provide information or data on a program/policy's progress towards achieving its objectives</i></p> <p><i>State your reason(s) for conducting the study</i></p> | <p>This is a summative or outcome evaluation</p> <p>A cost benefit analysis is utilized to determine the efficiency and effectiveness of the current policy of incarcerating Florida's mentally ill under the punitive justice system.</p> <p>Compares the expected benefits to the overall costs of implementing the program</p> | <p>The purpose of this proposal is to learn more about the current state of the healthcare system in the United States as well as the efficiency, quality, and value of the healthcare insurance market.</p> <p>In the proposal, we will evaluate the benefits and steps towards affordability of both private and public insurance for healthcare provision in the US.</p> <p>This study is important due it can be used to enlighten community members on the importance of having affordable health insurance in the United States.</p> |
| <p>Research Design (Quantitative Qualitative, Mixed Methods) What approach/strategy will be used in your proposal?</p> <p><i>Any limitations to your approach?</i></p> | <p>A mixed-method (cost-benefit analysis) design is used in this evaluation. The analysis utilizes secondary data collected from the Justice Information System, Circuit Courts, Broward Sheriff Office, State and Federal Correctional Facilities, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Broward County Workgroups, Human Rights Watch, Statistical Abstracts, Journal Articles, Newspapers and Public Policy Websites to measure or estimate monetary values of benefits and costs using discounting concepts.</p> <p>Time-consuming and difficult to assign a dollar value to all costs and benefits</p> | <p>To shed light on the efficacy, worth, and quality of US healthcare insurance systems, this proposal employs a qualitative methodology with thematic analysis.</p> <p>As a means of delving more deeply into the subject matter, the study will make use of previously published publications using key terms such as healthcare insurance, private and public payers to search these articles.</p> <p>This method has the drawback that it does not take into account the first-hand experiences of those responsible for policymaking, insurers, or the general public.</p> |