

Group B
ANALYZING AND USING DATA
July 13, 2005
1:00 – 4:00

AGENDA

1:00 Welcome & Introductions & Discovery Initiative Updates

Maria Mojica will provide an update on Discovery related events and activities.

1:30 Evaluation Technical Assistance

Laura Downs will provide an overview of the session and introduce the presenters.

This session will provide an overview of different data collection methods and will focus on how to reduce and summarize data from various sources and present findings. This session assumes that participants already know what data they need and are collecting it.

1:40 Overview Data Collection Methods and Selection Considerations

Participants will review data collection methods, such as records, surveys and focus groups; the types of questions each method can address; and the advantages and disadvantages of various methods.

2:10 Analyzing Your Data

Session participants will review different data sets and increase their understanding of how to analyze the data and interpret what it says. Participants will learn about:

- Coding and grouping open-ended responses from surveys, interviews, and focus groups
- Analyzing registration forms and other documentation data
- Understanding and using administrative data

2:45 Breakout Group Exercise on Analyzing Data

Groups will be given a scenario describing data collected from different methods to support an imagined Discovery strategy – they will have to determine how to analyze, interpret, and describe the data.

3:30 Presenting and Using Your Data

Participants will review different models and approaches for presenting data and learn:

- How to translate data from different sources into findings
- Tips for graphing data
- Presenting information in useful formats
- Forums for sharing results

3:50 Evaluation of Session