

EVALUATION

Excellence in Evaluation

Tip Sheet



One of the major contributors to the professionalization of evaluation has been the articulation of standards for evaluation practice. Specifically, *The Program Evaluation Standards* were established by 16 professional education associations. They identify evaluation principles that, when addressed, should result in improved program evaluations that reflect four basic attributes.

“The standards for evaluation make it clear that evaluations ought to be useful”
- Michael Quinn Patton (1997)

