

## Evaluation Services

The SPEaR Team offers a broad range of services to meet the needs of our clients. These services include the following:

- Grant Writing Consultation
- Literature Review
- Evaluation Planning
- Research Design
- Data Collection
  - Assessment Tools
  - Focus Groups
  - Interviews
  - Observations
  - Surveys
  - Web-based Surveys
- Data Analysis
- Oral and Written Reports

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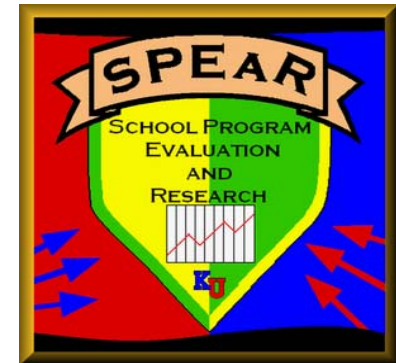
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## School Program Evaluation and Research



## Our Philosophy of Evaluation

The SPEaR Team provides evaluation, measurement, and assessment services to local and state organizations. SPEaR operates under the Research Evaluation Model (REM), which was developed to collaboratively meet both the evaluation goals of schools and the research goals of the university (Lee, Lohmeier, Frey & Tollefson, 2004). Schools provide the context for educational change and reform. Universities provide a high level of methodological and content expertise. The SPEaR group consists of faculty members with extensive program evaluation experience. Depending on the expertise required for the project, the SPEaR team can engage other University of Kansas faculty with special expertise.

## The SPEaR Team's Scholarly Work

Chang-Rios, K.L. (2005, October). *Assessing afterschool program effects: A multidimensional approach for evaluation the relationship between attendance and outcomes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Frey, B.B., Lee, S.W., Tollefson, N., Pass, L., & Massengill, D. (2005). Balanced literacy in an urban school district. *Journal of Educational Research*, 98(5), 272-280.

Frey, B.B., & Lohmeier, J.H. (2004, November). *Evaluating collaboration using pictures and numbers*. Demonstration workshop presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Atlanta, GA.

Frey, B.B., Schmitt, V.L., & Lohmeier, J.H. (2005, October). *Building a valid and reliable index of school safety*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Toronto.

Lee, S.W., Lohmeier, J.H., Frey, B.B., & Tollefson, N. (2004, November). *Facilitating university research through program evaluation: The Research Evaluation Model (REM)*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Atlanta, GA.

Lohmeier, J.H. (2005, October). *Teaching evaluation to stakeholders: Utilizing the student-teacher relationship as an evaluator*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## Current and Past Clients

Our clients include local school districts as well as county and state agencies.

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Kansas City, KS Public Schools, USD #500

Kansas City, MO Public Schools, District #33

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Lawrence, KS Public Schools, USD #497

Success by 6 Coalition of Douglas County

Topeka Mental Health Grant, USD #501



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