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Evaluation Review of Education: Quality of Project Evaluation

Critical Aspects

Evaluation Method and Data Sources

I feel the most critical aspects are first to determine which evaluation method will be used in evaluating this project. How are the data sources going to be gathered? How will these data sources determine whether or not the program is working? What are the expectations of the program? Will they data sources be the only determining factor on whether the program is successful or not successful?

Participants

The program is a mentoring program for At-Risk youth. How are the mentors screened and what qualifications must they have? How are the youth chosen and what is their role in the program to achieve success. What is the parent or guardian's role in the program? What is the teacher's role? If one of the participants demonstrates inadequate participation, how will the problem be addressed?

Other Variables

How will unseen variables be addressed, meaning, the mentor could be outstanding, the teacher outstanding, the student's participation outstanding but know parent support. How will the personal issues be assessed; emotional and family dynamics?

Rationale

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The evaluation method must be the first step in the evolution process in order to focus your project's goals and objectives. Choosing the evaluation method will also help determine what data sources will need to be gathered so as to achieve the desired objectives of the evaluation.

Participants

The evaluation must determine a criterion to clarify who can be involved in the mentoring program. The roles of all involved must be established and how participant data will be gathered. There are so many participants which must work side-by-side in order for the mentoring program to be successful; students, parents, teachers and community, how will data be gathered on each participants success or failures?

Other Variables

A mentoring program is very susceptible to many different variables. In order to be successful all participants must work together in one cohesive group. How will the evaluation take into consideration family dysfunction, alcohol or drug use, emotional issues and learning disabilities, common problems in At-risk youth?