

THE RIGHT DECISION

Evidence-based Decision Making for Government Professionals

The Right Decision: A Workbook

This companion to *The Right Decision: Evidence-based Decision Making for Government Professionals* guides readers through the process required for sound decision making.

Using case studies, examples and exercises, this workbook will help you take the next step in ensuring your decisions are effective and justifiable because they are based on data and evidence.



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Summary & Conclusion

In essence there are four main steps that you should follow when formulating a good evidence-based strategy. Can you recall them?

Identify and Frame the Question

- Should be drawn from your strategic plan or organizational plan.
- Helps to focus the issue on the key purpose or objective of your department/division.

Gather the Evidence

- Both internal data from your organization and external data.
- Use a librarian.
- Get comfortable with sourcing.

Organize the Evidence

- Present your data in a table, chart or a method that best suits the message you are trying to convey.
- Cite your data sources.
- Tie your data back to your question/theory. Put it in context.

Review the Decision-making Process

- What did you learn?
- Could the process have been streamlined?

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