



# Evaluation in Action: Learning from Practice and Community

Over 30 sessions featuring from **emerging and experienced evaluators from across Texas who will share their stories, lessons, and recommendations** on how to use evaluation theory in action, and how to make evaluation more relevant, useful, and impactful.

## SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 25, 2024  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm CST

Immediately following the conclusion of Virtual Institute join us at 5:30pm CST for Local Meet-Ups across Texas hosted by friends of TEN including current and past Board Members!

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## REGISTRATION

General admission:  
\$50 as member  
\$75 as non-member

Student admission:  
\$25 as member  
\$35 as non-member

## KEYNOTE



**Meme Styles**  
President & Founder  
Measure

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## Texas Evaluation Network (TEN) Virtual Institute 2024: At a glance agenda

### Evaluation in Action: Learning from Practice and Community

#### Welcome & Keynote: 9:00 - 10:15 am

Welcome from Jennifer Mineo, Texas Evaluation Network (TEN) Board of Directors, President

Keynote featuring Meme Styles, Founder & CEO of Measures

#### **Professional Development Workshops & Panel Discussions (60 Minute Concurrent Sessions)**

##### **Round 1: 10:30 - 11:30am - Two Concurrent Sessions**

1. Texas Funder Collaborative - Building the Bench of Evaluators in Texas
2. Evaluating Community Coalitions: A Participative Approach

#### **Paper/Project & Student/Emerging Evaluator Presentations (30 Minute Concurrent Sessions)**

##### **Round 1a: 10:30 - 11:00am - Three Concurrent Sessions**

1. Creating Safe Spaces for Lived Experiences
2. Engage, Evaluate, Evolve: Empowering Change through Stakeholder Participation in Evaluation Methods
3. Evaluation of United Way of Greater Houston's Integrated Client Journey (ICJ)

##### **Round 1b: 11:10 - 11:40am - Three Concurrent Sessions**

1. What if the whole team knows about the log frame? The need for "translation" of MEL materials to improve the evaluation processes within the organizations
2. Assessing Stakeholder Perspectives on the Texas No Wrong Door System for Long-Term Services and Supports
3. Evaluation Methods to Support Scaling an Existing Program

#### Lunch: 11:45 - 12:45pm

Virtual Meet-Up - meet and greet with Board Members from TEN including Brita Blesi, Jessica Davison, Alberto Espinoza, Yueyue Fan, Jennifer Hughes, Jennifer Mineo and David Osman

##### **Round 2: 1:00 – 2:00pm**

1. Elevating Participation to Partnership
2. Tools Supporting Reflection on Partnership Health and Effectiveness for Collaborative Research in Education

##### **Round 2a: 1:00 - 1:30 pm**

1. Bridging the Gap: Advancing Evaluation in a Philanthropic Ecosystem
2. Academic-Community Partnership: Collaborating on Evaluation Efforts in Rural Texas Communities
3. Evaluating Community Access to and Use of Local Data in Bexar County, Texas

##### **Round 2b: 1:40 – 2:10pm**

1. Social work practice: The role of value education in eliminating racism
2. Assessments Audit: A Comprehensive Examination of School District Assessment Use
3. Evaluator and Funder Reflections on Evaluating a Complex Voter Engagement Project

##### **Round 3: 2:15 – 3:15pm**

1. Navigating the Complexities of Building Evaluation and Data Analysis Capacity at Nonprofit Organizations
2. Investigating intersections of Evaluation and Human-Centered Design

##### **Round 3a: 2:15 – 2:45 pm**

1. Stakeholder Engagement from the Perspective of a Student/Emergent Evaluator
2. Evaluation with Partnership Research Principles: Coffee & Quality Case Study
3. Using the Monitor-Evaluate-Learning (MEL) Model in Program Evaluation for a Philanthropic Grant Awarded to a Catholic Congregation: Successes and Lessons Learned

##### **Round 3b: 2:55 - 3:25 pm**

1. Texas ACE program
2. Better Together: Building Local, Community-Wide Evaluation Capacity
3. Creative Connections: The Value and Potential of the Houston Cultural Districts

##### **Round 4: 3:30 – 4:30pm**

1. Evaluating Policy Campaigns and Community Organizing
2. Collaborating to Respond to HSI Contexts in STEM Education Evaluation
3. Baby Steps to Building a Measuring, Evaluating, and Learning Culture

##### **Round 4a: 3:30 – 4:00pm**

1. But what do teachers think? Centering teacher stories in a program evaluation of a district-mandated reading initiative through longitudinal focus groups
2. Evaluating Mood with Every Step: Methods for Measuring Mood and Walking across Greater Houston
3. Evaluating the Evaluator: A critical Analysis of the "City Year" Educational Equity Program Evaluation: City Year 2019/2020

#### Local Meet-up: 5:30pm start

Following the Institute, we'll be hosting local meet-ups in cities across Texas including Austin, Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, Rio Grande Valley (McAllen) and San Antonio.

Mix and mingle with Institute attendees. Hosted by friends of TEN including current and past Board Members.