



WAYS OF KNOWING: Community Inputs to Evaluation

OPEN's first Workshop on Cultural Competence and Diversity Issues in Evaluation:
From Evaluation to Community Implementation: March 15, 12 to 1.30 p.m.

As both Portland and Oregon become increasingly multicultural, many evaluators experience the opportunities and challenges associated with diversity and cultural responsiveness. Please join us as we begin our discussion of these issues.

From Evaluation to Community Implementation: Should the communities we evaluate be involved in the evaluation process? If so, how can we best engage communities? - through community involvement in evaluation design? in data collection? by incorporating client feedback? How should evaluation be implemented in diverse communities? How can evaluation support organizational action?

Dr. Alyson Burns-Glover, a lecturer at Pacific University in Forest Grove, will share her experience of many years conducting evaluation with Native Hawaiian communities. Some of the topics she will discuss include: building the long-term social relationships vital for gathering meaningful data; balancing ethics (Human Subjects and other legal requirements) with cultural sensitivity; methods that include "talk story", a multi-ethnic team of "insiders", negotiating the evaluator's own "outsider" status, and doing authentic research on a deadline; and ensuring that the community benefits from the evaluation process.

Dr. Burns-Glover's presentation will be followed by time for questions, discussion, and networking. *Registration is not necessary, but encouraged. In the event we receive more registrants than the space allows and need to change venues, we will contact you.*

When: Tuesday March 15, 2005, 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

Where: RMC Research Corporation, 522 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1407, Portland

Parking: Nearby SmartPark at Alder and 4th

OPEN will provide: Beverages and light refreshments. Please feel free to bring your lunch.