

BETA GOV TRIAL ASSISTANCE FORM

Don't worry if you can't fill out every section. This form is designed to give you an idea of the kinds of components important to consider when developing a trial. Please contact us if you would like help filling out this form.

BetaGov offers assistance in planning and implementing randomized controlled trials. Please complete this form to provide us with an outline of your trial idea. We will then contact you to discuss in more detail.

TRIAL DESCRIPTION

Proposed name of trial:

Will this trial

☐ test an existing practice/policy

☐ test a new practice/policy

Is this something that is already taking place that you would like to evaluate? Or is it a new practice or policy that you would like to test?

What is the aim of this trial?

What is your main reason for wanting to do this trial?

What is the rationale of this trial?

Why is this new policy needed? What are the reasons behind the change?

TRIAL DESIGN

How many conditions will be tested?

Briefly describe these conditions:

Intervention/new condition:

The new procedure is called the "intervention" condition.

Will you be testing a new procedure compared to an existing procedure? If so, than this is two conditions. If you want to test more than one new procedure or more than one existing procedure, just add them up.

Comparison/control/existing condition:

You may use this block to describe any additional conditions you want to include in the trial.

Comparison/control/existing condition:

How long will the intervention take?

How long do you want to run this trial for?

TRIAL SAMPLE/ PARTICIPANTS

Who are your potential participants, and where are they coming from?

Please describe the sample/participants to be included this trial:

How many participants will you need in each condition?

How many participants do you think you will need to show whether or not this practice/policy was effective?

What makes participants eligible to be in the trial?

Describe any specific characteristics necessary to be eligible to participate:

Are there any characteristics that would make someone ineligible for this trial?

What excludes potential participants?

Will you include all individuals in your program or only a certain segment of your population?

How will you identify potential participants?

How will you assess eligibility of potential participants?

METHODS AND OUTCOMES

Which factor(s) will determine whether or not this policy/practice was effective?

What is the primary outcome/event/behavior that you want to measure?

How will you measure this outcome?

For example, will you review administrative data, talk to your front-line staff, interview trial candidates, or use a trial-specific assessment?

How will trial data be collected?

- ☐ Data that already exists
- ☐ Data to be collected after trial begins
- ☐ Data to be collected specifically for this trial by
 - ☐ Observation ☐ Survey ☐ Interview ☐ Other

What needs to happen in order for you to determine that this new policy/practice is effective?

How will you determine the outcome of the trial?

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AGENCY/ORGANIZATION

Contact person and contact information:

Name of your agency and location:

Where will this trial be conducted? (locations and settings)

Does your agency/organization/department require approval by an on-site ethics committee or institutional review board?

Don't worry if you don't know this; we can explore this item as the project develops.

If yes, name of on-site committee/board:

What is the anticipated start date for this trial?

Please describe how BetaGov can assist you in planning and implementing this trial, and if there are other pertinent issues not already specifically addressed.

In what way can BetaGov help you with this trial?
What is it that you specifically need help with?