

AEA Guiding Principles Training Package

The Guiding Principles for Evaluators serve as the cornerstone of good evaluation practice. Developed in 1994 as guidelines for sound, ethical practice, they have been broadly vetted with the AEA membership and reviewed and revised at regular intervals to ensure that they remain current with the field. The most recent revision was 2018.

In 2006-2007, the AEA Ethics Committee worked with a range of evaluators to develop a training package aimed at introducing the Guiding Principles in a workshop format and engaging evaluators in discussion about ethical practice. The resulting package, having been reviewed by an expert panel and approved for distribution by the AEA Board of Directors, is available for use for personal instruction or as a starting point for facilitating a workshop on the Guiding Principles. The training package was further updated in 2013, and most recently in 2021.

These training materials are meant to be used by AEA members in their own organizations to introduce the Guiding Principles to students, colleagues, clients, and community members. The materials are flexible and adaptable and can be used as a whole, or in parts.

Last, but not least, these materials are a work in progress and the Guiding Principles Working Group plans to revise and update them to respond to the changing landscape of evaluation. Please share your feedback by emailing: info@eval.org.

- [Guiding Principles Brochure](#)
- [Using the Guiding Principles for Evaluators to Improve your Practice](#)
- [Case Study Worksheet](#)