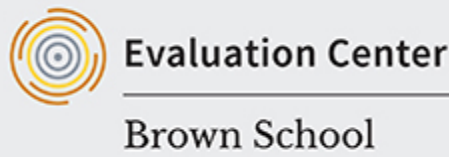


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Santa, in order to do this data collection the right way we're going to need a more specific definition of "bad and good." We're also going to need to assign unique child IDs, this first name stuff won't fly.



Cartoon from [freshspectrum.com](https://freshspectrum.com)



### From the Director

Dear Friends,

As 2021 is winding down, we hope you and your loved ones are doing well and looking forward to the peace and joy of the season. At the Evaluation Center, we are counting our blessings and feeling grateful for each other, our partners, colleagues, and loved ones. In this e-news, we are pleased to share a little of what's been happening at the Evaluation Center this fall - from looking at the impact of Medicaid Expansion to understanding the ever-changing landscape of COVID-19.

We've been practicing gratitude as a team since the pandemic began, during our standing Monday morning meeting. Practicing gratitude together on a weekly basis has centered us on celebrating the wonderful things in life, both big and small. And during this holiday season, we want to remember and celebrate the same lesson as George Bailey in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, that "No man is a failure, who has friends." We look forward to seeing you in 2022. Here's to a healthy and joyous holiday season.



In partnership,

**Nancy Mueller**

Assistant Dean for Planning and Evaluation at Brown School  
Director of the Brown School Evaluation Center



### Featured Project

**Highlighting Medicaid expansion with the Missouri Medicaid Enrollment Dashboard**



### Highlighting Medicaid expansion with the Missouri Medicaid Enrollment Dashboard

The Evaluation Center and the [Center for Health Economics and Policy](#) (CHEP) at the Institute for Public Health at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis is partnering with [Missouri Foundation for Health](#) (MFH) to [measure the impact of Medicaid expansion in Missouri](#).

The expansion of Medicaid has great potential to reduce historic inequities facing people living in rural and urban

### Upcoming Events

**January 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18, 2022**

Applications now being accepted through January 7, 2022 for the [Post-Master's Certificate in Data Visualization & Communication](#).

The [Evaluation Association of St. Louis](#) offers monthly evaluation workshops/events. Check out the virtual offerings and EASL's Twitter [@evalstlouis](#).

Register for these upcoming EASL events:

[EASL Eval Chat Series](#)

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**February 15, 2022**

underserved areas due to uninsurance, poverty, racism, and economic problems. The project will use a mixed methods approach, using quantitative and qualitative data to assess the impact of Medicaid expansion across health systems and stakeholder groups in underserved areas of Missouri with a focus on health equity.

We are in the planning phase of the project. With the delay of expansion in Missouri and the slow start to enrollment for newly eligible Missourians, the project will pick up speed in early 2022. In the meantime, CHEP has launched their [Missouri Medicaid Enrollment Dashboard](#) to share the latest numbers for enrollment in Missouri Medicaid.

For more information about Medicaid Expansion in Missouri, please visit MFH's [website](#).

## Evaluation in Action



■ We all benefit from being able to apply a more accessible and equitable lens to data visualizations and communications. As a Center that works with diverse community partners, we feel it is important to have discussions about how we communicate and visualize data and improve our visuals and communications with an accessibility and equity lens. Our Associate Director, Nikole Lobb Dougherty, gave the webinar [Accessibility and Equity in Data Visualization and Communication](#) on November 18, 2021 to [Minnesota Evaluation Association](#) (MNEA) and [Evaluation Association of St. Louis](#) (EASL) members. It covered [eight ways to make visuals and information more accessible, as well as considerations for equity in data communication](#).

The Evaluation Center provides opportunities for [Cigna Foundation's Healthier Kids For Our Future](#)® grantees to participate in online trainings on a host of topics aimed at increasing skills and capacity for evaluation. The Evaluation and Learning Series was conceptualized as a way of building general grantee capacity for evaluation by providing knowledge on evaluation topics that stand out as an area of need or interest for grantees. Training topics are identified using results from an assessment of grantees' evaluation capacity and needs. In 2021, the series covered the following topics:

- Benevity Training: Using the online reporting system
- Developing Surveys and Identifying Indicators
- Logic Models and Evaluation Questions
- Evaluation Design and Methods Matrix Development
- Best Practices for Visualizing, Disseminating and Utilizing results

## New Partnerships

The Evaluation Center is looking forward to working with our new partners:



■ We have expanded our existing collaboration with the [Women and Infants Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital](#) with the Mama's CARE project, which assesses patient experience and treatment outcomes after using a shared decision-making tool.

■ The Center is collaborating with the [Center for Health Economics and Policy](#) at the Institute for Public Health and [Missouri Foundation for Health](#) to [measure the impact of Medicaid expansion in Missouri](#).

## Staff Spotlight



Meet [Courtney King](#), Evaluation Manager

### How did you become interested in evaluation as a career?

Prior to graduate school, I worked in public health for five years as a Disease Intervention Specialist. In that role, I really enjoyed disease investigation, contact tracing and problem solving. Little did I know these skills were easily transferable to research and evaluation - understanding a problem or issue, and using data to problem-solve, tell a story and demonstrate social impact.

I was first introduced to evaluation in graduate school and that's where the "light bulb" went off for me as a potential career. What I love most about evaluation is the collaborative approach to involving organizations at every step of the way. In addition, I love that organizations have the opportunity to reflect on their good work and to learn about what's working and where things can improve or be done differently to better serve their communities.

### Describe your strategy for enjoying the holiday season.

I enjoy drinking hot chocolate and watching rom-com Christmas movies.

### What's your favorite type of cuisine (and some favorite dishes)?

My favorite cuisine is Italian (I love pasta and a good salad). However, my favorite dish is my father's jambalaya.





## In the News

[Missouri Initiative Combines Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder and Prenatal Care](#)

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