Suggested Websites Regarding High Quality Research

The following websites provide further information and examples about high quality research. The links provided here were reviewed for relevance and are included to serve as only one of many sources to explore.

Surveys and questionnaires

The American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) is a leading professional organization specializing in survey research: http://www.aapor.org/Best_Practices1.htm

Focus Groups

The Utah government website provides an uncomplicated, step by step guide to developing and implementing a quality focus group: http://www.dsamh.utah.gov/spf/pdf/how_to_conduct_a_focus_group.pdf

Program Evaluation

"Is This a Good Quality Outcome Evaluation Report?: A Guide for Practitioners" is a recent report from the Justice Research and Statistics Association and provides an example to appraise the conditions for implementing and judging quality program evaluation: https://www.bja.gov/evaluation/reference/Quality_Outcome_Eval.pdf

Research Studies

The Rand Corporation website provides standards by which they define quality research for their organization. By just browsing Rand's "Research" button and "Reports and Bookstore" button demonstrates their application of high quality research standards…their publications say it all: http://www.rand.org/standards/standards_high.html

Literature Reviews

Both Duke University and University of Wisconsin-Madison outline in a straightforward manner the components of quality literature reviews. Wisconsin's site provides examples:
http://twp.duke.edu/uploads/assets/lit_review.pdf
http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/ReviewofLiterature.html

Policy & Practice Reports

The best way to learn the latest approaches to policy reports is to explore the new work being produced. All of these websites represent groups of talented analysts who employ diverse and innovative methods in studying education policy, practice, and reform. Each is known

for a long term reputation regarding high quality policy research and knowledge dissemination:

Consortium for Policy Research in Education
    http://www.cpre.org/about

Education Commission of the States
    http://www.ecs.org/html/aboutECS/WhatWeDo.htm

Center for Education Policy Analysis
    https://cepa.stanford.edu/aboutus

Exploratory Data Analysis

The National Institute of Standards and Technology website provides a good introduction to exploratory data analysis: http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/eda/eda.htm

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