

meaningful monitoringTM

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A philosophical and strategic approach to grants monitoring that asks not only if programs are compliant and meeting objectives, but whether they are meeting them *well*.

Meaningful Monitoring:

- Systematizes compliance processes so leadership can focus on what's important
- Identifies program improvements rooted in practitioners' perspectives
- Reveals obstacles to success not easily captured by quantitative data alone
- Promotes technical assistance, grantee training, and non-punitive plans for improvement*
- Captures and shares best practices, successful strategies, and resources

**Except in cases of fraud, waste, and abuse or other violations of federal and state law.*

"A grant program or grantee can be technically compliant and still a complete failure. Conversely, high-achieving grantees may be experts in their field, but lack skills or training in the administration of federal grants. Meaningful Monitoring cuts to the hearts of the matter by focusing on whether the grant is having the intended impact, and if not, what supports the receiving agencies and grantees need to change that. "