### **RELEVANT WEBSITES: IMPROVEMENT PLANNING**



### Community Solutions: Planning & Evaluation <a href="http://communitysolutions.ca/web/">http://communitysolutions.ca/web/</a>

This website is organized by Kylie Hutchinson, a program evaluation consultant. Community Solutions supports organizations in their planning and evaluation of programs and services. Their work is premised on the belief that excellence in program planning and evaluation leads to stronger organizations and positive change in communities. There are many resources available on the site that can be used to support educational planning.

#### Education for the Future http://eff.csuchico.edu/html/home.html

Education for the Future is a not-for-profit initiative that builds the capacity of learning organizations to gather, analyze, and use data to improve teaching and learning. The initiative works on the belief that data should be used to drive continuous improvement so all schools can make a difference for all students. There are a number of resources available on school improvement.



# Improvement Planning Influences Student Achievement <a href="http://michellesearl4.wix.com/improvement-planning">http://michellesearl4.wix.com/improvement-planning</a>

This website is organized by Dr. Michelle Searle, an educational consultant. She has organized her learning about improvement planning into four sections; research, building community, protocols, and resources.



- Research: focuses on improvement planning processes and practices;
- <u>Building Community:</u> highlights activities that can be used to build, energize, and sustain a cohesive community;
- <u>Protocols:</u> a set of guidelines for conduct during a focused discussion or activity that can be used to guide work on improvement planning; and
- Resources: theory and sample instruments that may be useful during improvement planning processes.

#### Qualitative Data <a href="http://michellesearl4.wix.com/alternative-qual#!qualitative/c1dno">http://michellesearl4.wix.com/alternative-qual#!qualitative/c1dno</a>

This website is organized by Dr. Michelle Searle, an educational consultant. She has organized her learning about qualitative data into five sections; introduction, data collection approaches, analysis, representing and reporting, and additional resources.

- Introduction: focuses on qualitative research and methods;
- <u>Data Collection Approaches:</u> highlights various forms of qualitative research methods, including tools to conduct research using the methods described;
- Analysis: includes strategies for analysis and software to support qualitative analysis;
- Representing and Reporting: highlights the importance of communication to the research process; and
- Additional Resources: web resources and tools that may be useful to capture, engage, and promote creative and critical thinking in students.





## The Leadership and Learning Center <a href="http://www.leadandlearn.com/">http://www.leadandlearn.com/</a>

The Center provides professional development services to support teachers, educational leaders, and learning organizations in collaborating to increase student achievement. The educators who work for the Center focus in the areas of leadership, school improvement, data-driven collaboration, and standards implementation in order to achieve sustainable increases in student achievement. There are resources on the website that may be useful in improvement planning.