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Evaluation design is a working model to generate an honest view of the beneficial effects of an initiative. The choice of an evaluation plan is influenced by the questions asked and efficacy requirements, and the resources provided and the level of precision required. The importance of an evaluation design is that it provides the framework used to evaluate and ascertain the validity of an intervention or program adopted in criminal justice (Vito & Higgins, 2015). In addition to that, as initiatives grow in size and complexity, it becomes progressively challenging to get a good evaluation technique capable of assessing all of the different components of program antecedents and structures. As a result, Mertens and Wilson (2019) suggest that the assessment of most complex interventions necessitates using a mixed design approach capable of modeling and measuring the necessary procedures of causative change.

Proof of the efficacy of assessments in the judicial system is critical for advising policymaking judgments. Recognizing how these programs are designed, along with how subjective and contextual variables affect an intervention's outcome, is also critical (Vito & Higgins, 2015). A mixed design method is the most effective for evaluations in the criminal justice system, particularly for initiatives involving complex strategies or a complex combination of initiatives. Multiple, mixed-methods approaches have several upsides, such as the ability to provide a more comprehensive and textured image of a plan and its application, as well as the prospect to correct the ingrained prejudices that any single approach has (Vito & Higgins, 2015). If interpretations expose similar or slightly comparable discoveries, it can give legitimacy to one's appraisal. A mixed-methods design evaluation can also help in gaining insight into the project's implications and relevance.

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