

Getting to Know Your Grey Literature

Exercise: In small groups, you will be assigned 2-3 organizations that produce grey literature. For each site, answer the following questions:

Who is the information provider?

What is the purpose of the sponsoring organization?

Is the information provided as a public service?

Is there a fee for publications?

If there is any advertising on the page, is it clearly differentiated from the informational content?

Can the currency of the page be determined by examining:

- When the page was written?
- When the page was last revised?
- Are there any other indications that the material is kept current?

Is there a viewpoint or slant to the material, editorial or otherwise? Is this bias made clear on the site?

Select a few publications to get a feel for the types of materials published on this site (e.g., health insurance).

Grand finale: Present your summary to the class and be sure to include a couple of examples of the types of materials published by this organization.

Organization list on opposite side

AcademyHealth
<http://www.academyhealth.org/>

Commonwealth Fund
<http://www.cmwf.org/>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

Rand
<http://www.rand.org/>

Alan Guttmacher Institute
<http://www.agi-usa.org/>

Government Printing Office
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/>

American Public Human Services Association
<http://www.aphsa.org/>

Center for the Advancement of Health
<http://www.cfah.org/>

Brookings Institution
<http://www.brook.edu/>

National Guideline Clearinghouse
<http://www.guideline.gov/>

California HealthCare Foundation
<http://www.chcf.org/>

Urban Institute
<http://www.urban.org/>

CDC National Prevention Information Network
<http://www.cdcnpin.org/>

Kaiser Family Foundation
<http://www.kff.org/>

Milbank Memorial Fund
<http://www.milbank.org/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
<http://www.rwjf.org/>

W.K. Kellogg Foundation
<http://www.wkkf.org/>