RESEARCH TO SUPPORT RESEARCH: GATHERING INFORMATION FOR A HEALTH SCIENCE LIBGUIDE ON QUALITATIVE METHODS

CHANA KRAUS-FRIEDBERG, PH.D., MSLS STUDENT, BARBARA ROCHEN RENNER, PH.D.,
HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL
WHY A QUALITATIVE RESOURCE GUIDE?

- Increased interest in qualitative methods in the health sciences
- Health science researchers’ lack of familiarity with changing qualitative terminology across fields
- Most online guides for qualitative methods are actually design for specific classes, not general use
- Poor indexing of qualitative research in health science databases
- Increasing patron requests for help finding qualitative sources, information about methods, places to publish
OUR PROCESS

Scanned selected UNC websites for qualitative-related activities

Searched LibGuides for similar academic library guides using the terms “qualitative searching” and “qualitative research”

Searched web for open educational resources, such as online courses or course materials

Combed class resource lists for on- and off-campus resources

Consulted websites from such as NIH Office of Behavioral & Social Sciences Research/OBSSR and the NSF for specialized resources
RESOURCES ON THE GUIDE

- Basic sources on what qualitative research is
- Information about qualitative software and methods
- Links to sources of training/resources on UNC campus
- Instruments for evaluating qualitative research (i.e., for inclusion in systematic reviews)
- Information on how to write up qualitative research and where to publish it
THANK YOU!

VISIT OUR GUIDE!
HTTP://GUIDES.LIB.UNC.EDU/QUAL