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The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative: INVEST IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK

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The Results First Approach

Compare current programs to national evidence of "What Works"

Conduct cost-benefit analysis to compare returns on investment

Target funds to evidence-based programs

Goal: Achieve dramatic improvements without increased spending



Inventory & Compare Programs to "What Works" Evidence



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ADULT PROGRAMS	FY14 BUDGET	FY14 BUDGET %	RATING	
Moral Reconation Therapy	\$150,000	2.5%	Evidence-based	ן
Thinking for a Change	\$65,000	1.0%	Evidence-based	
Education programs	\$300,000	5.0%	Evidence-based	L 12%: Highest-rated
Transcendental Meditation	\$75,000	1.2%	Strong positive: high rigor	
Stayin' Clean	\$150,000	2.5%	Evidence-based]]
Changing Course	\$91,000	1.6%	Promising	2%: Promising
Adult Boot Camp	\$250,000	4.1%	No effects	
Domestic Violence program	\$650,000	11.0%	Poor outcomes	 15%: No or negative effects
Sober Living Environment	\$374,000	6.0%	???	
Moving On	\$70,000	1.2%	???	l]
Others	<u>\$3,850,000</u>	64.0%	???	71%: No Evidence
Total Program Budget	\$6,025,000			

Compare Costs and Benefits



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CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS	COST	LONG-TERM BENEFITS	BENEFIT TO COST RATIO
Alternative Response	\$98	\$1,338	\$14.67
	\$177	\$2,112	\$12.92
Triple P Positive Parenting Program	\$146	\$1,127	\$8.74
Intensive Family Preservation Services (Homebuilders)	\$3,354	\$11,718	\$4.49
	\$9,788	\$16,956	\$2.73
Other Family Preservation Services	\$3,099	-\$5,053	-\$.63
PREVENTION PROGRAMS			
		\$4,790	\$31.19
Youth Mentoring		\$7,207	
		\$22,457	
		\$22,781	

Participation in Results First



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- Evidence must be accessible to be used
 - -Role of clearinghouses is vital

• Evidence doesn't speak for itself

Evidence can move policy and budget
 –Over \$80M targeted in RF states