



**PA Majority House Policy Committee
Beyond Poverty: Subcommittee on Outcomes that Matter**

**Roundtable Discussion
Measuring Outcomes in Anti-Poverty Programs**

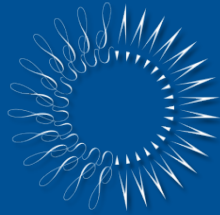
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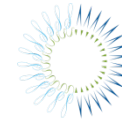




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The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative:
INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK



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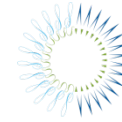
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The Policy Challenge

- Though policymakers want to make strategic choices, the process often relies on inertia and anecdote
- Limited data on:
 - What programs are funded
 - What each costs
 - What programs accomplish
 - How they compare
- **Solution: bring systematic evidence into the system**



Evidence-Based Policymaking

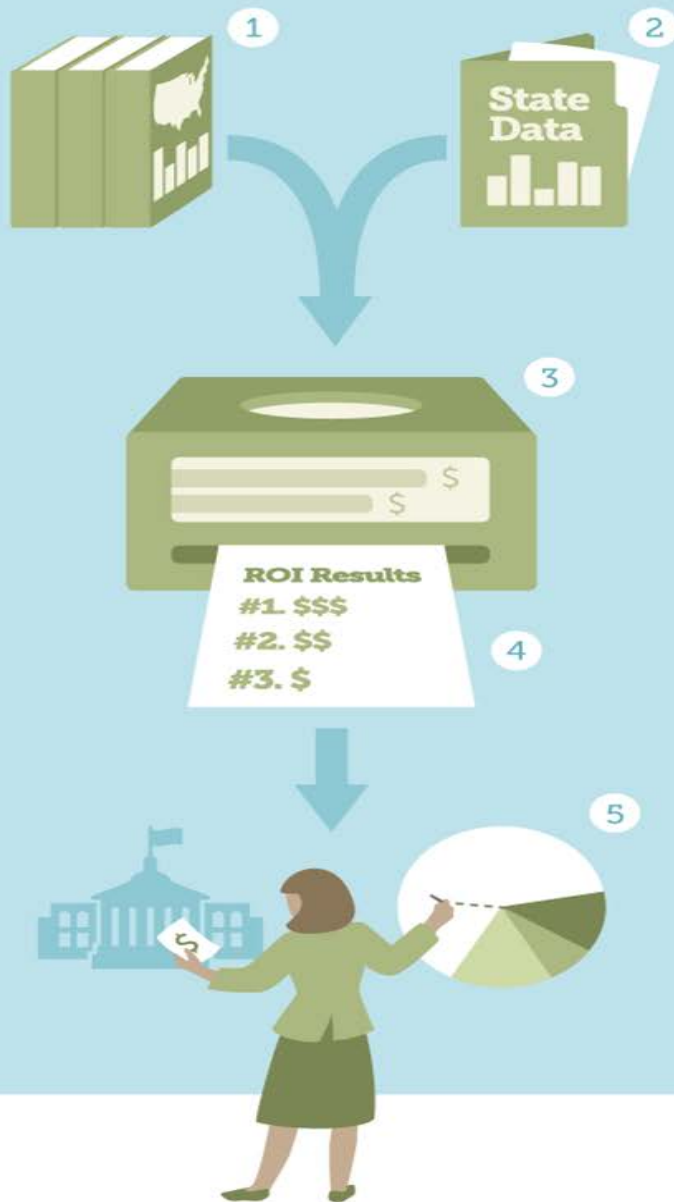


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- Focuses on **“What Works”** – target funds to programs shown to be effective by rigorous research
 - Uses lists of ‘proven’ and ‘promising’ programs identified by clearinghouses
- Outcome-oriented approach
- Asks whether programs’ benefits justify their costs





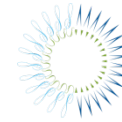
- 1** Results First provides a national database of evidence on program effectiveness.
- 2** The state adds and analyzes their own state-specific population and cost data.
- 3** The model calculates long-term costs and benefits for each program.
- 4** The model ranks programs according to their return on investment.
- 5** Policymakers consider the information during the budget process.

For further information, please visit:

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Cost-Benefit Analysis of Functional Family Therapy

BENEFITS PER FAMILY	WA STATE 2010 DOLLARS	SOURCE OF BENEFITS
Reduced crime	\$31,745	Lower state & victim costs
Increased high school graduation	\$5,686	Increased earnings
Reduced health care costs	\$307	Lower public costs
Total Benefits Per Family	\$37,739	
Cost Per Family	\$3,190	
Net Present Value	\$34,549	
Benefits Per Dollar of Cost	\$11.86	

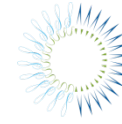


Enables comparisons between program funding options

POLICY/PROGRAM	COST	LONG-TERM BENEFITS	COST/BENEFIT RATIO
Intensive supervision (only)	\$4,140	-\$578	-\$0.14
Mental health court	\$2,935	\$20,424	\$6.96
Community drug treatment	\$1,602	\$17,711	\$11.05
Correctional education in prison	\$1,128	\$21,426	\$19.00
Work release	\$661	\$7,117	\$10.77
Cognitive behavioral therapy	\$412	\$9,695	\$23.55
Community job training & aid	\$135	\$5,501	\$40.76
JUVENILE PROGRAMS			
Functional Family Therapy	\$3,262	\$70,370	\$11.86
Aggression replacement training	\$1,508	\$62,947	\$41.75
Coordination of services	\$395	\$5,501	\$13.94
Scared Straight	\$65	-\$4,949	-\$76.35

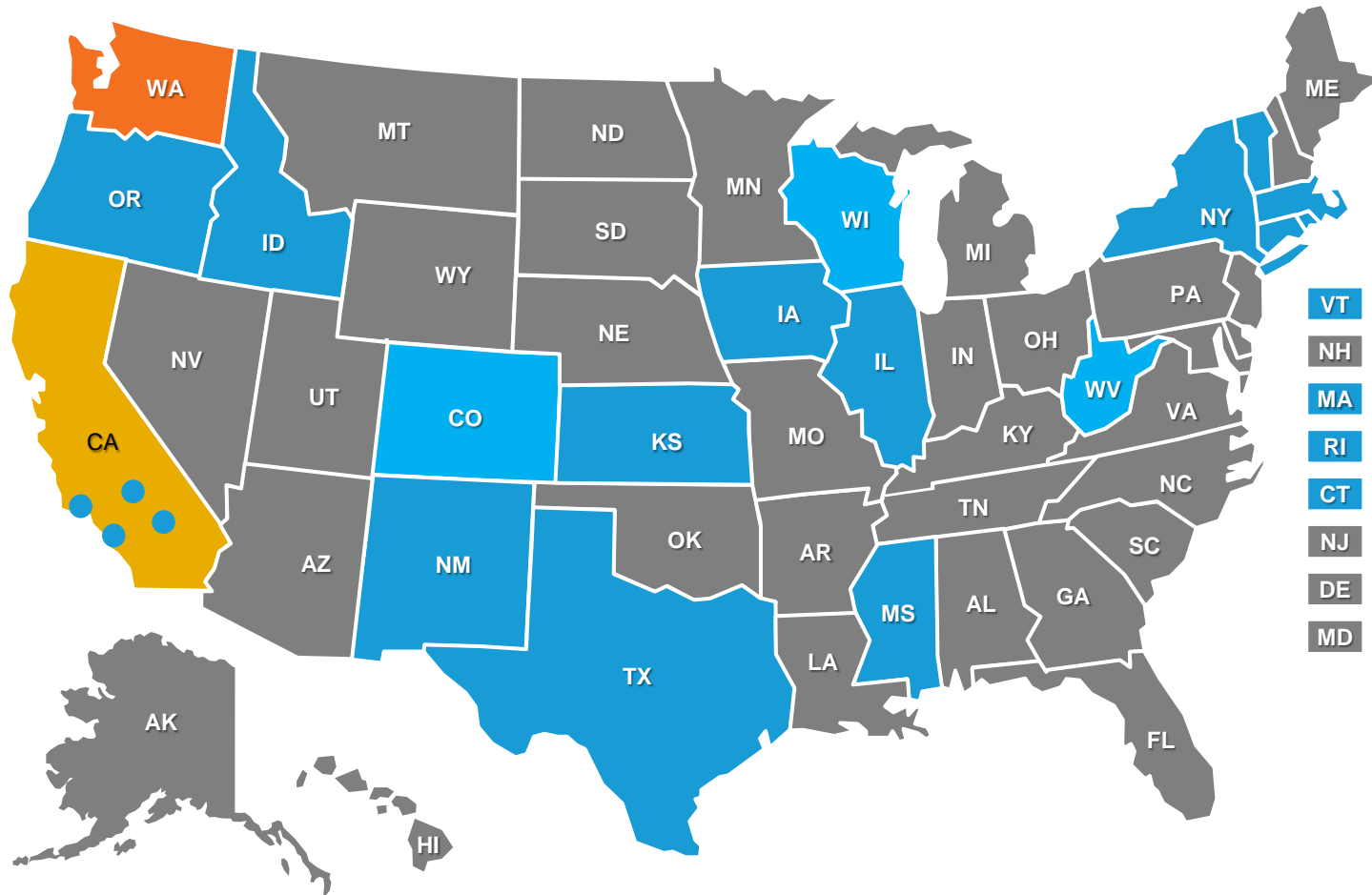
*Washington State 2012 dollars

Participation in Results First

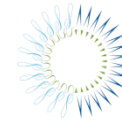


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Key Results First State Activity During 2013 & 2014 (to date)



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6 States

Completed implementation of the model and presented results to legislators and stakeholders

4 States

Enacted Legislation incorporating Results First into their policymaking process

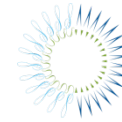
2 States

Used models to analyze legislation

**6
States**

Used their models to target **\$80 million** in funding

Results First Can Be Used to Analyze A Growing Number of Policy Areas



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K-12 Education

Prevention
Programs

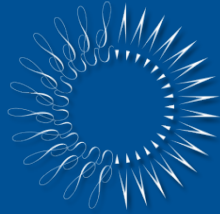
Criminal Justice

Child Welfare

Mental Health

Substance Abuse

Early Education



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