



# The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative Targeting Resources at Programs That Work

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### **Critical Policy Challenge**

Government leaders want to make strategic budget choices, but often don't know:

- What programs exist
- What each costs
- What programs accomplish
- How they compare





# **Results First** Approach

Use the best **national research** to identify what works





Calculate long-term **costs** and **benefits** 







#### **Develop Program Inventory**

#### POLICY/PROGRAM

Intensive supervision (only)

Mental health court

Community drug treatment

Correctional education in prison

Work release

Cognitive behavioral therapy

Community job training & aid

**JUVENILE PROGRAMS** 

**Functional Family Therapy** 

Aggression replacement training

Coordination of services

Scared Straight





## **Determine Program Costs**

POLICY/PROGRAM	соѕт
Intensive supervision (only)	\$4,140
Mental health court	\$2,935
Community drug treatment	\$1,602
Correctional education in prison	\$1,128
Work release	\$661
Cognitive behavioral therapy	\$412
Community job training & aid	\$135
JUVENILE PROGRAMS	
Functional Family Therapy	\$3,190
Aggression replacement training	\$1,508
Coordination of services	\$395
Scared Straight	\$65





#### Calculate Long-term Benefits

POLICY/PROGRAM	COST	LONG-TERM BENEFITS
Intensive supervision (only)	\$4,140	-\$578
Mental health court	\$2,935	\$20,424
Community drug treatment	\$1,602	\$17,711
Correctional education in prison	\$1,128	\$21,426
Work release	\$661	\$7,117
Cognitive behavioral therapy	\$412	\$9,695
Community job training & aid	\$135	\$5,501
JUVENILE PROGRAMS		
Functional Family Therapy	\$3,190	\$37,739
Aggression replacement training	\$1,508	\$62,947
Coordination of services	\$395	\$5,501
Scared Straight	\$65	-\$4,949





#### **Compare Costs and Benefits**

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	\$3,190	\$37,739	\$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





### Services Provided by Results First

- Provide software
- Train staff in the approach
- Provide ongoing technical assistance
- Help interpret results
- Compile and share lessons learned with other participating states





## **Coming Attractions**

- Adding new programs and policy areas to the model
- Transitioning to new software platform
- Linking to national meta-analysis efforts
- Expanding learning community





#### Participation in Results First







#### What are Results First states doing?



enacted legislation incorporating Results First into their policy making process



used models to analyze legislation, avoiding millions in potential costs



used their models to target \$28 million in funding





### **New Mexico**

- Legislative Finance Committee
- Eliminated *Therapeutic Communities*; shifted funds to alternative program
- Appropriated additional funding for Correctional Industries based on high ROI
- Expanding model to all available policy areas







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- Department of Corrections
- Found domestic violence treatment program was ineffective; replaced with alternative to achieve higher ROI
- Expanding model to include juvenile justice programs







## New York

- Division of Criminal Justice Services
- Used model to develop Governor's budget; referenced in 2013 State of the State
- Restructuring Alternatives to Incarceration funds to prioritize cost-effective programs





#### MacArthur Foundation



#### R.I. to participate in Results First Initiative



RHODE ISLAND WILL participate the the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative. Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee announced Tuesday

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PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island has been selected as the 14th partner state in the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, a program that helps states assess the costs and benefits of fiscal policy options and make better decisions based on informed results, Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee announced.

Chafee formally requested Rhode Island's inclusion in the program on March 21, citing the state's recent moves toward "data-driven decision-making and improved outcomes," according to a release from the governor's office. r Chafee @LincolnChafee fee announces RI is the 14th state in Pew-MacArthur st Initiative ri.gov/press/view/192... Learn more:

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Governor Chafee announced Tuesday that Rhode Island became the 14th partner state as a result of his March 21 request to be included in the technical support and sharing of best practices that the initiative offers.

Gary VanLandingham, director of the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, was quoted in Chafee's news release as saying "Other states have used this approach to target funding to programs that provide the best bang for the buck, and we are confident that Rhode Island can achieve similar positive results."





#### Leveraging Success in Connecticut

- Set goals and prioritize outcomes
- Create a full program inventory
  - 1) Evidence-based programs included in the model
  - 2) Evidence-based programs not included in the model
  - 3) Promising programs
  - 4) Programs that do not have an evidence base
- Expand to other policy areas





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