How Do We Know What Works? Challenges and Opportunities for Building Evidence for Practitioners

Child Welfare Virtual Expo

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How Can Frontline Workers Be More Informed Consumers?

- Learn more about varying continuum of evidence – mostly based on rigor of study design
- Explore sites that compile research into one document
- Identify sites that categorize and review the information for you
- Know what data are available to you at the local and state level
What Is the Relationship Between Evidence-Based Practices and Ethical/Cultural Considerations?

1. Ask: who does this work for? – Check out the population in the study. Is it the same as the group you are trying to improve?
2. What outcome(s) did the program achieve? And how does this compare to the unique challenges you are facing?
3. How rigorous was the study? Did it use comparison group? Random samples?
4. What cultural considerations were used in gathering the information and data?
What Role Do Frontline Workers Play in Decision-Making as a Pathway to More Effective Service Delivery?

- Use good questioning techniques
- Proper and timely documentation
Opportunities in Everyday Work With Children, Youth, and Families to Contribute to the Body of Evidence Related to Effective Practice

- Proper and timely documentation
- Listen to their story
- Use good questioning techniques
What Role Do Frontline Workers Play in Applying Their Knowledge of Evidence?

1. Identify challenges
2. Learn from parents and youth what is helping them and what they are struggling with
3. Look at the data on performance and see where they can improve their individual practice
Thank you for your participation today!

Please explore the Exhibit Hall and chat with speakers in the Networking Lounge.

The next session will begin at 1:15 p.m. Eastern Time.