

# **Effectiveness in Child Welfare: Our Collective Investment in Improving the Lives of Children and Families**



**Child Welfare  
Virtual Expo**

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# Maryland Program Improvement Plan Pilot

Finding new and better ways to build partnerships across systems

Developing outcome strategies: Inclusion of youth and family voice, townhalls, and toolkit

Bringing key stakeholders to the table, including families and youth



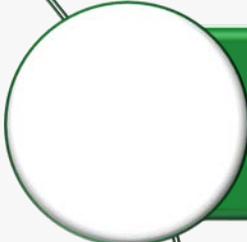
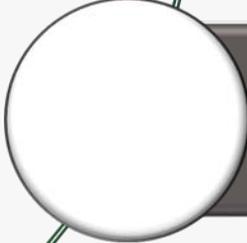
# Instilling Family Voice

Family voice impacts outcomes at the program, state, and federal levels.

Family voice gives meaning to data.



# Examples of Family Voice in Programs

-  Florida: Community prevention programs
-  Nevada: Visitation centers for birth and foster families
-  Washington State: Birth parent peer advocacy program

# Evidence From an American Indian Perspective

From an indigenous perspective, stories of healing are evidence.



Evidence-based practices can be seen as a form of assimilation.



Evidence-based practice in Indian country needs to involve Indian people.



# Evidence Has a Continuum of Definitions

Evidence-based practice shows a causal link between intervention and outcome.

Be familiar with the data in your jurisdiction.

Be familiar with the continuum of evidence of effectiveness.

Know where to find clearinghouses on evidence-based programs.



# Research and Implementation

- Who did the program work for?
- Do the outcomes match your intended outcomes?
- How rigorous are the studies?
- Is the program in any of the clearinghouses?
- Do I need to connect with university researchers?
- Have I talked to participants from successful programs?

# Up Next!

**Thank you for your participation today!**

Please explore the on-demand videos of individual perspectives on effectiveness in child welfare, visit the Virtual Gallery, and chat with speakers in the Networking Lounge.

**The next session will begin at 12:00 p.m. EDT.**

