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

The opening plenary, designed for all participants, provides a brief overview of the current state of evidence-based practice, and how it relates to policymaking in child welfare to promote effective service delivery and improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. This session explores how research, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts can help you strengthen practice to achieve a common goal of all child welfare professionals: becoming more effective in your work and being better able to ensure that children are safe, in healthy and intact families, and thriving.

Session Resources


This publication will propose a fundamental vocabulary for describing what CQI is, the core principles on which it rests, and the critical role that evidence plays throughout the CQI process.