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Working with Us to Improve Outcomes for Your Children

Evidence2Success is a partnership between a community and the Annie E. Casey Foundation in which kids are the winners. The Evidence2Success framework draws upon the Foundation's work with partners and its own experience promoting the use of data-driven decision making, engaging neighborhoods in change and working with public agencies to enhance programs and services.

Achieving the best outcomes for young people in an Evidence2Success community requires a substantial commitment from all sides to set priorities, leverage public funding in a new way and learn together.

What You Give

Communities must apply to be Evidence2Success sites by responding to a Request for Proposals. Applicant sites should be localities with a population of 100,000 or more residents and will need to identify focus neighborhoods where several public agencies spend significant financial resources on children and families.

Communities must make important commitments going into the partnership – not just financial commitments, but concrete plans to dedicate the right staff, pull together and maintain involvement among key local leaders and engage the community. Specifically, successful applicants will have or be willing to develop the following:

- a citywide commitment to serving children and families;
- a partnership that shows successful collaboration among public agencies, elected officials and communities that is capable of leading the Evidence2Success effort;
- commitment that senior staff with budgetary and decision-making responsibility will participate;
- commitment that parents and residents in focus neighborhoods will participate;
- ability to use and share data across agencies and with the community to make decisions;
- commitment to develop short- and long-term financing plans that shift funding from higher-cost or less effective programs to proven programs;
- commitment by the public school system to conduct youth surveys with at least an 80-percent return rate, and to provide and analyze data collected;

- a local leader committed to serving as the site coordinator, who will be the main point of contact for project staff and coordinating local tasks; and
- willingness to work with the Foundation to improve and scale the Evidence2Success framework.

What You Get

The Foundation has designed the Evidence2Success framework to leverage local resources – from leaders to residents to public funding – so that sustainable mechanisms are in place for children to benefit for years to come. For Casey, that means grant funding is only a small part of the package we offer, and not enough on its own to make the partnership work. More important and ultimately valuable are the tools and technical assistance that help our sites create the structures for success that will continue to work for them through local budget cycles and leadership changes. Our tools, technical assistance and financial contributions include:

- an initial grant matching a community's commitment of \$150,000 for evidence-based programs;
- a survey to gather data from local youth that helps communities select priorities;
- a step-by-step series of training materials and technical assistance to guide sites through each phase of Evidence2Success;
- fund-mapping tools and technical assistance to help sites identify resources to be spent on proven programs;
- a database of evidence-based programs geared to a range of children's needs; and
- a Foundation staff member who will be the regular point of contact and work closely with your local site coordinator.

What We Build Together

By working closely with us and making these commitments, Evidence2Success sites do more than just create a brighter future for their young people. Communities will have ongoing recognition in the field of public human services as examples of how systems and residents can create a process to assess and meet their own needs. Your Evidence2Success experience will be used to document what works and help many more children to thrive.

Learn More

To learn more about tools and technical assistance for Evidence2Success communities or to inquire about becoming an Evidence2Success community, visit www.aecf.org or contact the Foundation's [Evidence-Based Practice team](#).

Evidence2Success promotes healthy child development by helping communities and public systems work together to use data to understand how children are doing; select proven programs to enhance strengths and address needs; and develop financing and action plans to support the ongoing use of those proven programs. The framework was developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private charitable organization dedicated to building a brighter future for children and families, and several partner organizations.