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evidence2success

## Helping You Through Every Step with Tools and Technical Assistance

Evidence2Success promotes healthy child development by supporting investment in programs that have been proven to help young people. Communities that implement Evidence2Success make a commitment to identifying the children's health and development outcomes to help all children and families thrive. They also commit to shifting their own public funding to invest in what works to improve those outcomes. The Annie E. Casey Foundation provides tools and technical assistance to make this work possible – from a survey that identifies the needs of young people to customized training that walks communities through every step of the Evidence2Success process.

### Youth Experience Survey

To improve children's futures, it's important for communities to attain a "big picture" view of well-being among their children, and to understand how to best help children and youth reach their full potential.

The Youth Experience Survey provides insights on how kids are doing in five key areas – education and skills attainment, emotional well-being, physical health, positive behavior and positive relationships – as well as the strengths and challenges that influence their development. Survey results describe the links between risks, protective factors and well-being and highlight areas in which public agencies and communities should focus their program investments and practice changes.

By administering the survey, city and state agencies can benchmark and track trends in child well-being. Students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 – who are approximately 11 to 18 years old and who attend public schools in the participating communities – will take the survey at school. An additional survey is available to gather information from adults on children ages birth to 8. Communities interested in this option can work with the Foundation to determine the best way to administer the survey.

City and state agencies and local communities have access to their aggregated or combined data. Profiles combine data by school, neighborhood or city. Individual responses are not shared; survey administrators take steps to protect children's identities. Administering the survey every few years helps communities measure progress and guide efforts for continuous improvement.

### Financing and Fund-Mapping Tools to Shift Public Investments

A commitment to shift a portion of public funding to proven programs is key to the Evidence2Success framework. The Casey Foundation provides guidance and tools on how leaders of public systems can work together to identify available resources and create a plan for strategic reinvestment that meets priorities identified by the community.

### Databases to Identify Evidence-Based Programs

Evidence2Success makes what's proven possible by helping partners match children's strengths and needs to appropriate proven programs. Programs designed to improve the lives of children and families must meet rigorous standards to earn the designation "evidence-based program." The Foundation helps Evidence2Success communities identify proven programs by supporting the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development database at <http://www.blueprintsprograms.com>. Blueprints makes it easy to match children's strengths and needs to cost-effective, evidence-based programs designed to help. Evidence2Success communities also may supplement Blueprints with the use of other national databases of programs.

### Customized Technical Assistance and Peer Learning

Evidence2Success communities have access to a series of online training tools and in-person resources designed to walk partners through every step of the process, from setting up a leadership committee to selecting priority outcomes to shifting funding and choosing proven programs to move to implementation. The workplan helps to define tasks, roles and responsibilities, and continuous peer learning allows your community to contribute to a network focused on continuous improvement. Online tools include videos and guides from the successful [Communities That Care](#) program.

### Learn More

To learn more about tools and technical assistance for Evidence2Success communities, visit [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) or contact the [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.*