

IS EVIDENCE2SUCCESS RIGHT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Does your city include a large percentage of low-income families?

YES or NO

Do your child-serving systems – such as schools, public health and child welfare – already have a mechanism for working together, such as an interagency commission or children’s cabinet?

YES or NO

Are the leaders of these systems ready to commit up front to shifting a percentage of their budget to a combined investment in proven programs?

YES or NO

Do your systems have partnerships with the communities they serve, such as existing committees with resident representation?

YES or NO

Will your school system commit to conduct surveys, and to provide and analyze data?

YES or NO

If you can answer YES to these questions, your community might be ready to become one of the next Evidence2Success sites.

LEARN MORE

Contact Suzanne Barnard at sbarnard@aecf.org using the subject line “E2S site interest” to learn more about becoming an Evidence2Success site. In addition to assisting sites that are ready for full Evidence2Success implementation, the Foundation offers some Evidence2Success tools and other assistance for communities on its website at www.aecf.org.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private philanthropy that creates a brighter future for the nation’s children by developing solutions to strengthen families, build paths to economic opportunity and transform struggling communities into safer and healthier places to live, work and grow.



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INTRODUCING EVIDENCE2SUCCESS

Improving Outcomes for Kids
Information for City and Community Leaders



Evidence2Success promotes healthy child development by supporting public investment in programs proven to help young people.

Evidence2Success was developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a private charitable organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and their families, and several partner organizations.



INVESTING SMARTER FOR GREATER RETURNS

Evidence2Success is for civic leaders who are ready to commit to investing a portion of their public funds for child well-being in a new way – to prevent problems before they happen. It is a roadmap that helps communities and public agencies establish a partnership with a shared vision of child well-being. No single partner, strategy or funding source can support the community-level change possible through Evidence2Success.

The roadmap allows the partnership to understand how children are doing with the help of data; 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 Casey Foundation provides Evidence2Success sites with the key tools to pursue this approach – a

survey that captures the needs and assets of community youth, a fund-mapping instrument to identify resources that can be shifted to proven programs, a database of evaluated programs and ongoing technical assistance.

PRIORITIZING NEEDS

The Evidence2Success framework begins with the Youth Experience Survey, in which young people identify needs and strengths in their own lives. Survey results allow community and systems leaders to work together to set priorities for improving outcomes for the children they serve.

SHIFTING PUBLIC FUNDING

As Evidence2Success partners, public systems and schools commit up front to redirecting a portion of their combined resources for children. These partners will work with a team of finance and administration professionals to identify funding sources within their agency budgets and coordinate funding to invest it in programs that respond to the outcomes prioritized by the partnership.

CHOOSING WHAT WORKS

While research has identified the benefits of proven programs, public systems and schools do not always have an opportunity to coordinate which of those programs and services to choose. Evidence2Success helps partners match children's strengths and needs to appropriate proven programs.

TRACKING PROGRESS

Evidence2Success has designed a detailed roadmap to track progress toward long-term goals. Early victories can be used to bolster confidence and build support for the changes that will be pivotal to keep all partners focused on doing what works best for children.

EVIDENCE2SUCCESS IN PROVIDENCE

In 2012, Providence was selected as the first demonstration site for Evidence2Success. The

Providence Children & Youth Cabinet leads the local initiative, with crucial input from community partnerships and local youth-serving organizations. Two communities – West End and South Providence – were selected as partners to launch programs in 2014.

Leaders from the Providence Public School Department, the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families and the Rhode Island Department of Health participate in the partnership, examined public funds and have committed to the goals of the Evidence2Success framework.

WITH EVIDENCE2SUCCESS, PROVIDENCE HAS ACHIEVED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT MILESTONES

- More than 5,000 youth in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades completed the Youth Experience Survey – more than 85 percent of eligible students.
- Stakeholders used survey results to identify three priority outcomes: Truancy and Absenteeism, Emotional Well-Being and Behavior (Self-reported Delinquency).
- A group of community and systems stakeholders set improvement goals for each priority outcome, to be measured through future administration of the survey. This group also recommended a portfolio of evidence-based programs proven effective in impacting these outcomes, and leaders committed public funds to run the programs.

“Evidence2Success created a platform for the Providence Public School Department to leverage its resources in a new way to benefit the kids and families we serve.”

- Dr. Susan Lusi, Superintendent,
Providence Public School Department