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The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative:
INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK

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Using the Results First approach



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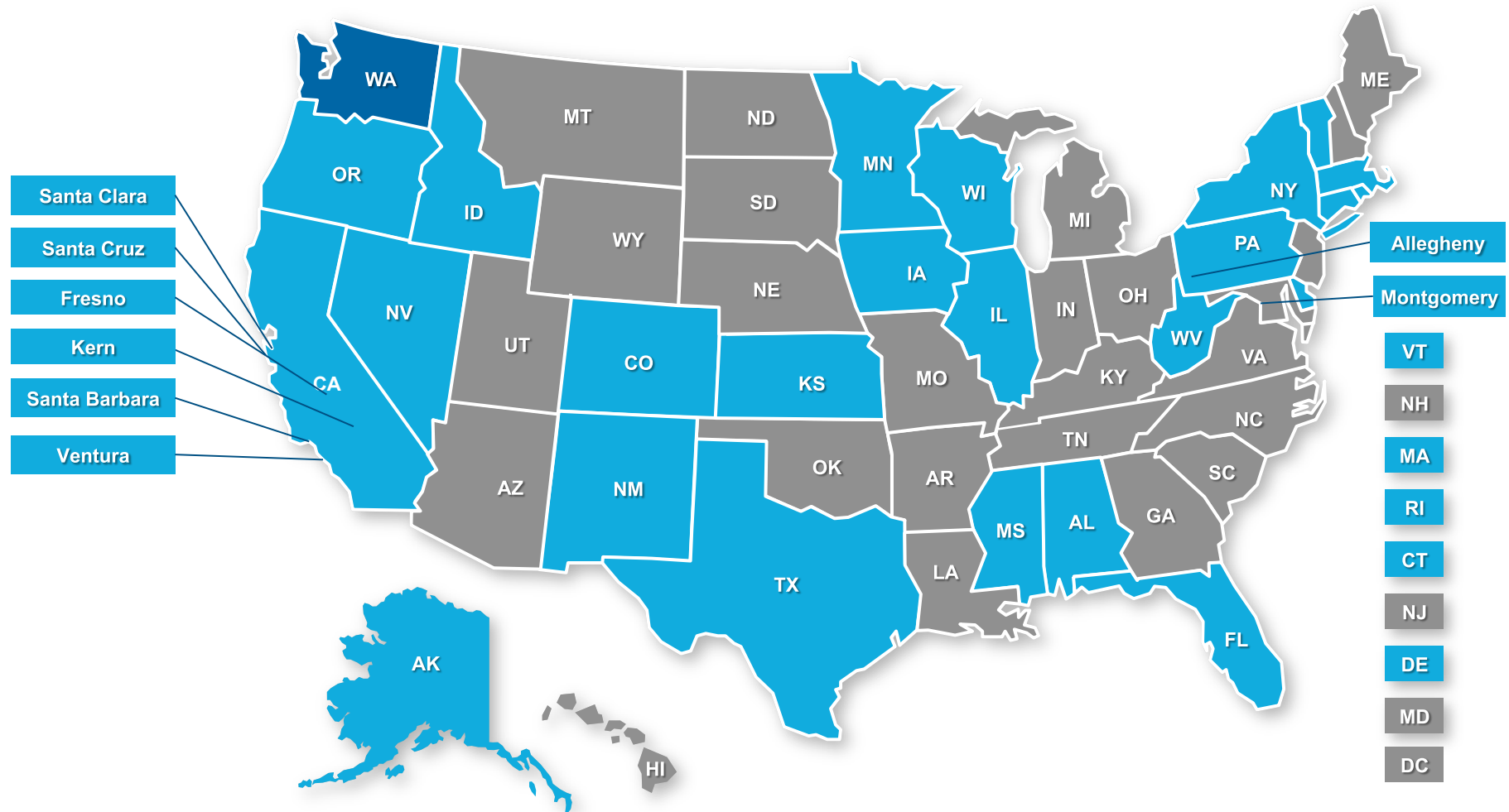
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1. Program Inventory

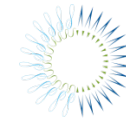
2. Benefit-Cost Analysis

3. Using your Results

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Results First policy areas

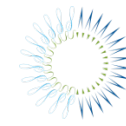


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- Adult Criminal Justice
- Child Welfare
- Early Education
- General Prevention
- Health
- Juvenile Justice
- **Mental Health**
- **Substance Abuse**
- Workforce

Inventory programs



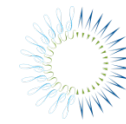
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PROGRAM INFORMATION	PROGRAM BUDGET	
NAME	PROGRAM	% OF BUDGET
LifeSkills Training	\$125,000	6%
Family Matters	\$50,000	3%
Keepin' it REAL	\$300,000	15%
Too Good for Drugs	\$250,000	13%
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)	\$180,000	9%
Project ASPIRE	\$100,000	5%
All others	\$950,000	49%

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Results First Clearinghouse Database



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Clearinghouses Included

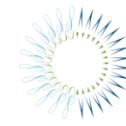
Clearinghouse	Abbreviation Used	Area of Interest
Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development	Blueprints	Child welfare and juvenile justice
California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare	CEBC	Child welfare
Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy	Coalition	Social policy
CrimeSolutions.gov	CrimeSolutions	Criminal justice
National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practice	NREPP	Substance abuse and mental health
Promising Practices Network	PPN	Child welfare, juvenile justice, and social programs
What Works Clearinghouse	WWC	Education
What Works in Reentry Clearinghouse	WWR	Criminal justice

Rating Colors

The clearinghouse assigned the intervention its second-highest rating. This generally requires an evaluation that used a quasi-experimental design and showed that the intervention had a positive impact.

● Highest rated ● Second-highest rated ● No evidence of effects ● Mixed effects ● Negative effects

Assess level of funding for evidence-based programs



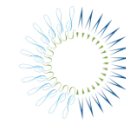
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PROGRAM INFORMATION	PROGRAM BUDGET		EVIDENCE-BASED	
NAME	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	RATINGS	
LifeSkills Training	\$125,000	6%	Highest rated	9%
Family Matters	\$50,000	3%	Highest rated	
Keepin' it REAL	\$300,000	15%	Second-highest rated	28%
Too Good for Drugs	\$250,000	13%	Second-highest rated	
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)	\$180,000	9%	No evidence of effects	9%
Project ASPIRE	\$100,000	5%	Not rated	54%
All others	\$950,000	49%	Not rated	

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Compare benefits and costs



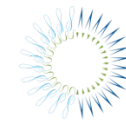
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NAME	BUDGET	RATINGS	COSTS	BENEFITS	BENEFIT TO COST RATIO
LifeSkills Training	\$125,000	Highest rated	\$99	\$1,713	\$18.30
Family Matters	\$50,000	Highest rated	\$193	\$1,714	\$9.88
Keepin' it REAL	\$300,000	Second-highest rated	\$49	\$495	\$11.10
Too Good For Drugs	\$250,000	Second-highest rated	\$53	\$498	\$10.39
Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)	\$180,000	No evidence of effects	\$54	-\$277	-\$4.13
Project ASPIRE	\$100,000	Not rated	—	—	—
All others	\$950,000	Not rated	—	—	—

Source: Based on Washington data

Use your results to support your priorities

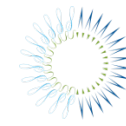


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- Establish a baseline and assess what works
 - Systematically organize current program investments and assess their evidence-base
 - Identify program capacity, implementation and fidelity issues
- Develop recommendations that target resources at effective programs
 - Use the Clearinghouse database as a menu in program selection
 - Reprioritize funding based on evidence of effectiveness and ROI
 - Expand and scale-up effective programs by addressing capacity and budgeting issues
- Identify programs that need evaluation

Capacity building support provided by Results First

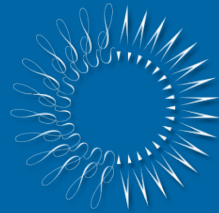


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- Provide software
- Train staff in the approach
- Provide ongoing technical assistance
- Help interpret results for policymakers
- Compile and share lessons learned with other participating jurisdictions
- Expand and update model





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