

# 2018 Annual Report

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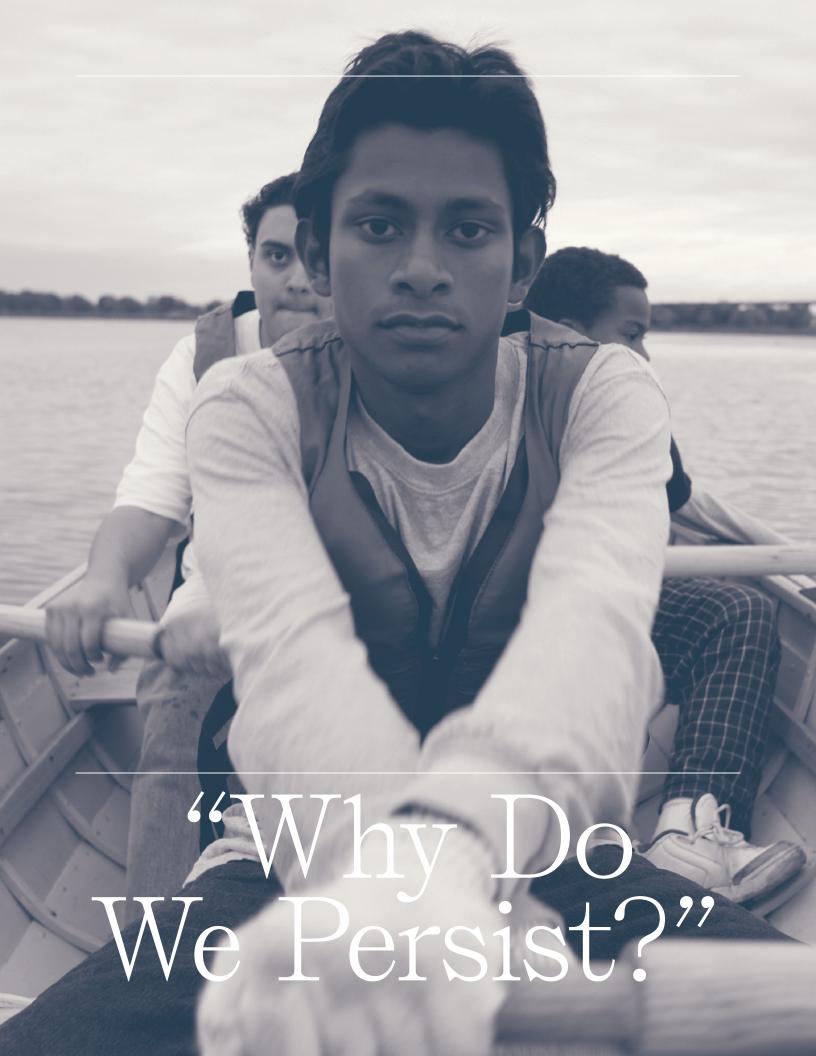
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#### President's Letter

Adam Gamoran President Why do we persist?

In these dark times for evidence—when national leaders turn their backs on science and members of the public are increasingly skeptical of authoritative findings—why do we continue to fund social science research to improve the lives of young people? In today's climate, can we expect that our investments in research on reducing inequality in youth outcomes and on improving the use of research evidence in policy and practice will ever pay off?

We continue to pursue our mission for three reasons. First, despite the darkness of current anti-science rhetoric, there are also points of light—instances of agreement on the value of evidence for better decision making. For example, in late-2018, Congress passed the Foundations of Evidence-Based Policymaking Act, which encourages federal agencies to use data that our government already collects, or that is produced through their own analyses or by providing access to researchers, to make smarter policy decisions. One of our grantees, the Bipartisan Policy Center, played a key role in helping Congress understand the value of this legislation.

A second reason why we persist in supporting research is that even when we encounter opposition to evidence-informed thinking at the federal level, much of the leverage WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION We can obtain to improve policy and practice is at the state and local levels. For example, 2018 witnessed the flowering of six Rapid Response Research grants, staff-directed awards we made to researchers working as partners with public agencies and nonprofits to protect vulnerable populations of youth. Thanks to these grants we have now seen:

- A professional development program for teachers to work with Muslim refugee children in a "new immigrant" community in North Carolina
- Research-backed, locally contextualized recommendations for youth employment in Puerto Rico in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria discussed at the highest levels of government
- Evidence-based commentary on proposed regulatory changes that would make it more difficult for children of immigrants to receive the services to which they are legally entitled
- A briefing for social service agencies in rural Ohio on evidence-based interventions to combat adolescent opioid use disorder
- A webinar for over 500 child welfare professionals on helping immigrant children cope with a climate of heightened immigration enforcement
- A web-based resource on creating safe spaces for LGBTQ youth in Texas

A unique feature of the Rapid Response Research grants is that they support work in areas where empirical research already exists, but the findings needed to be contextualized to inform agency actions or decisions. Another distinctive element is that the research products are not designed to be *disseminated*, but are intended to serve as points of *engagement* between the researchers and their agency partners.

A third reason to continue to support research is that even if the findings our grantees produce today do not have a ready audience immediately, they will have one in the future. For example, one of the historic contributions of the William T. Grant Foundation was *The Forgotten Half*  WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION report, which, published in 1988, decried national underinvestment in young people who did not attend college. It was not until well into the 1990s that policies began to emerge that drew on the insights of the report. Likewise, although findings from 2018 on policies and programs to reduce inequality or strategies to improve evidence in education, justice, child welfare, and other domains may not find a policy or programmatic outlet today, they may yet in the future.

As the poet and songwriter Leonard Cohen expressed:

Ring the bells that still can ring Forget your perfect offering There is a crack, a crack in everything That's how the light gets in.

("Anthem," 1992)

When it comes to producing evidence that gets used for policy and practice, there are cracks in everything, and that's where the light will get in.

And that is why we persist.

Adam Gamoran President WILLIAM T. GRANT FOUNDATION





#### Chair's Letter

Russell Pennoyer Board Chair One of the thornier challenges of funding social science research is measuring the impact of our work. Unlike those who support research in life sciences, we cannot point to molecules mapped, drugs discovered, or diseases cured. Instead we must find more indirect evidence.

This task is made even more difficult as we focus our broad mission, "supporting research to improve the lives of young people" on two narrower goals: "supporting research to reduce inequality in youth outcomes" and "supporting research to identify, build, and test strategies to ensure that research evidence is used in ways that benefit youth." Both of these present high hurdles in terms of measurement. It is not enough that a study yields interesting and important results, it must also illuminate a way to reduce inequality. Similarly, the field is also at the early stages of understanding how to move high quality and relevant research off the shelf and into the toolkits of policymakers and practitioners.

Over the past year, the Foundation's Trustees and staff devoted a portion of each Board meeting to grappling with such challenges. We are fortunate to include on our Board experts in relevant academic fields, leaders of major youth-related programs, and Trustees with deep experience in the investment world who bring an outsider's perspective to the conversation. Of course, building bodies of useful knowledge will require more than a single study and improving social policy will require more than communicating findings on a single silver bullet solution. There is also rarely a simple linear pathway from start to finish. Instead we hope for a cumulative effect from the studies we fund. While many of our objectives are long-term, there are also short-term considerations: How are we learning from our work and continuously improving our programming? Can we multiply our resources by collaborating with other funders? Are we building capacity and nurturing the development of early-career researchers whose ideas may shape the future?

Ultimately, we'd like to know whether and how our work today is positioned to make a difference in the long run. Despite the challenges in both achieving impact and measuring it, I could not imagine a group more dedicated to address such tasks than the staff and Trustees at the Foundation.

The William T. Grant Foundation has a rich, 80-year, history. In 2018, we lost two former presidents, Dr. Robert J. Haggerty and Dr. Beatrix (Betty) Hamburg. Dr. Haggerty's tenure spanned the 1980s and included the inception of the Faculty Scholars Program (now the William T. Grant Scholars Program), as well as the formation of the Foundation's Commission on Youth, Family, and Citizenship in America. Dr. Hamburg served as President from 1992 to 1998 and was also a Trustee of the Foundation for over two decades. The first woman and the first and only African American to serve as President, Dr. Hamburg charted a course that resounds in our work today. It is fitting to remember both Dr. Haggerty and Dr. Hamburg, two remarkable leaders, as we seek to move the Foundation forward and ensure the value of its contributions for years to come.

Russell Pennoyer Board Chair

# Our Work

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#### Focus Areas

The Foundation's mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. We pursue this mission by building bodies of useful research within a finite set of focus areas.

Reducing Inequality Our focus on reducing inequality in youth outcomes grew out of our view that research can do more than help us understand the problem of inequality—it can point us toward effective responses. Although there is mounting research evidence about the scope, causes, and consequences of inequality in the United States, we need stronger bodies of knowledge on ways to reduce it. To address this complex challenge, we support research from a range of disciplines and methodologies, and we encourage investigations into various systems, including justice, housing, child welfare, mental health, and education. The common thread across all of this work, however, is a distinct and explicit focus on reducing inequality—one that goes beyond describing the causes or consequences of unequal outcomes and, instead, aims to build, test, or understand policy, program, or practice responses.

Improving the UseAcross disciplines and methodologies, researchers striveof Research Evidenceto explore complex challenges, reveal new ideas, or build<br/>on existing knowledge that can make a positive impact<br/>in the real world. But these aspirations go unrealized far<br/>too often. Be it a single study or a body of compelling

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evidence, research is simply not used enough to contribute to the change we envision. The literature suggests that for research to be used it needs to address issues that are relevant to decision makers—it needs to be deliberated, and it needs to be supported by the values, routines, and tools of users. Trusting relationships can help develop research that is relevant, facilitate deliberation, and help repurpose resources, redirect politics, and reshape routines to use research evidence. Still, there remain unanswered questions that are critical to understanding how to improve the production and use of relevant research evidence to improve youth outcomes. To answer these questions, the Foundation focuses on supporting work that can identify and test strategies to create and improve the conditions for use.

## Funding Programs

Research Grants on Reducing Inequality Research grants on reducing inequality support research to build, test, and increase understanding of approaches to reducing inequality in youth outcomes, especially on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins. We are interested in research on programs, policies, and practices to reduce inequality in academic, social, behavioral, and economic outcomes.

#### Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence

William T. Grant Scholars Program

Institutional Challenge Grant

Youth Service Improvement Grants Research grants on improving the use of research evidence support research to identify, build, and test strategies to ensure that research evidence is used in ways that benefit youth. We are particularly interested in research on improving the use of research evidence by state and local decision makers, mid-level managers, and intermediaries.

The William T. Grant Scholars Program supports career development for promising early-career researchers. The program funds five-year research and mentoring plans that significantly expand researchers' expertise in new disciplines, methods, and content areas. We recognize that early-career researchers are rarely given incentives or support to take measured risks in their work, so this award includes a mentoring component, as well as a supportive academic community.

The Institutional Challenge Grant encourages university-based research institutes, schools, and centers to build sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations in order to reduce inequality in youth outcomes. To do so, research institutions will need to shift their policies and practices to value collaborative research. They will also need to build the capacity of researchers to produce relevant work and the capacity of agency and nonprofit partners to use research.

The Youth Service Improvement Grants (YSIG) program supports activities to improve the quality of direct services for young people ages 5 to 25 in the five boroughs of New York City. The long-term goal of YSIG is to strengthen existing services by helping youth-serving nonprofit organizations address challenges or remedy problems at the point of service, where staff and youth interact.



# 2018 By the Numbers

active research grants on reducing inequality in youth outcomes, including 12 new grants awarded in 2018

active research grants on improving the use of research evidence, including 3 new grants awarded in 2018

The Foundation invested over \$500,000 in The Foundation invested over \$500,000 in rapid response research projects that broat together researchers and practitioners to rapid response research projects that brought address problems in real time

active grants to support and improve youth service programs in New York City

Our first Institutional Challenge Grant committed \$650,000 to a research-practice partnership that seeks to protect low-income families in the crosshairs of the opioid epidemic and to strengthen supports and respect for faculty engaged in partnerships

early-career researchers developed new expertise as part of the William T. Grant Scholars program

Nearly half a million dollars went toward supporting mentoring relationships between faculty and junior scholars of color

> unique institutions are represented in the cohort of 2018 grantees

## Financial Summary

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### Statement of Activities

	Yea	Year Ended December 31			
Revenue		2018		2017	
Investment return					
Interest and dividends	\$	5,042,213	\$	4,942,896	
Net realized and unrealized (loss) gain on investments		(17,345,434)		42,971,309	
		(12,303,221)		47,914,205	
Less direct investment expenses		826,155		908,552	
Net investment return		(13,129,376)		47,005,653	
Rental income		102,883		173,683	
Total revenue		(13,026,493)		47,179,336	
Expenses					
Grant awards		12,506,697		12,463,185	
Other program services		4,825,781		4,213,867	
Operations and governance		1,318,042		2,304,764	
Total expenses		18,650,520		18,981,816	
Change in net assets		(31,360,727)		27,696,574	
Net assets without restrictions					
Beginning of year		332,875,007		305,178,433	
End of year	\$	301,514,280	\$	332,875,007	



## Statement of Financial Position

	Year Ended December 31			
Assets		2018		2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,470,927	\$	4,391,414
Accrued investment income and other receivables		166,473		1,534,616
Prepaid Federal excise tax		73,849		295,192
Investments		313,361,678		345,073,185
Prepaid expenses and other assets		167,052		109,700
	\$	318,239,979	\$	351,404,107
Liabilities and net assets				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	335,279	\$	290,631
Grants payable		12,347,354		13,149,794
Postretirement benefit obligation		2,627,777		2,828,891
Deferred Federal excise tax		1,134,000		2,141,000
Deferred rent		281,289		118,784
Total Liabilities		16,725,699		18,529,100
Net assets without restrictions		301,514,280		332,875,007
	\$	318,239,979	\$	351,404,107

## New and Active Grants in 2018

### Research Grants

#### Reducing Inequality

Reducing Inequality In Between-Neighborhood Disparity Through Youth Civic Empowerment and Participation Peter Levine Kei Kawashima-Ginsberg Tufts University \$125,000, 2015-2018

Developing Indicators of Educational Equity Constance Citro Judith Koenig National Academy of Sciences \$100,000, 2015-2019

Understanding the Relationship between Extended Foster Care and Transitions to Adulthood from Care Mark Courtney Harold Pollack University of Chicago \$282,462, 2015-2019

Understanding the Determinants and Consequences of Social Networks Among Immigrant Children and Adolescents Jason Fletcher Jenna Nobles University of Wisconsin-Madison Stephen Ross University of Connecticut \$312,715, 2015-2018 Understanding For Whom and Under What Conditions Growth Mindset Interventions Reduce Educational Inequalities: A Nationally-Representative Experiment David Yeager Chandra Muller Robert Crosnoe University of Texas at Austin \$580,478, 2015-2019

Mechanisms of Change in a Coping Skills-based Prevention Program for Adolescents in Low-income Urban Neighborhoods Angela Clarke West Chester University \$23,200, 2015-2019

Understanding Teacher Quality Gaps: How Did They Form, and How Can We Close Them? Dan Goldhaber Roddy Theobald American Institutes for Research \$460,433, 2015-2018

The Color of Emotion: Teachers' Racialized Interpretations of Children's Emotion and Student Outcomes Amy Halberstadt North Carolina State University Sherick Hughes University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Pamela Garner George Mason University \$349,980, 2016-2018

The Connection Project: A Social Intervention to Reduce Drivers of Disparity for Disadvantaged Youth Joseph Allen University of Virginia Karen Guskin Wyman Center \$709,611, 2016-2020

Can Housing Assistance Reduce Inequality Among Youth? Sandra Newman C. Scott Holupka Johns Hopkins University \$384,424, 2016-2019

Understanding the Experience of Majority and Minority Status through Photovoice Margarita Alegría Massachusetts General Hospital Kiara Alvarez Harvard University \$549,518, 2016-2019 Focused Classroom Coaching and Widespread Racial Equity in School Discipline Anne Gregory Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Joseph Allen Erik Ruzek University of Virginia Christopher Hafen Northern Virginia Community College Amori Mikami University of British Columbia \$180,000, 2016-2019

Subsidized Housing and Children's School Outcomes: Evidence from Housing Lotteries Ingrid Ellen New York University Jeanne Brooks-Gunn Columbia University Elyzabeth Gaumer NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation & Development \$400,000, 2016-2020

Increasing the Reach of Promising Dropout Prevention Programs: Examining the Tradeoffs between Scale and Effectiveness Jens Ludwig University of Chicago Jonathan Guryan Northwestern University Kelly Hallberg University of Chicago Urban Labs \$530,507, 2016-2019

Building Grit Lauren Eskreis-Winkler Angela Duckworth University of Pennsylvania \$124,435, 2016-2019

Improving the Effectiveness of Digital Educational Tools in Increasing Student Achievement and Reducing Achievement Gaps Carolyn Heinrich Vanderbilt University Annalee Good University of Wisconsin, Madison \$597,569, 2016-2019 Making Community Colleges Engines for Social Mobility: A Century Foundation Working Group on Financial Resources Richard Kahlenberg The Century Foundation \$345,000, 2016-2019

The Racial Marriage Gap and Student Achievement: A New Look at an Old Conundrum Elizabeth Ananat Anna Gassman-Pines Christina Gibson-Davis Duke University \$229,922, 2016-2019

Closing the Achievement Gap for Long-Term and Late-Arriving English Learners Laura Hill Public Policy Institute of California Julian Betts University of California, San Diego \$584,478, 2016-2019

Reducing Inequalities through Student Networks: Social Network Influences on Academic Engagement and Achievement Patrick Tolan Joanna Williams Lauren Molloy Elreda University of Virginia \$375,000, 2016-2019

Under Construction: Rise, Spread, & Consequences of Common Core State Standards Initiative in the U.S. Education Sector Brian Rowan David Cohen University of Michigan Sean Reardon Stanford University Susan Moffitt Brown University \$600,000, 2016-2019

APT Validation Study III: Reducing Cultural Bias in Youth Program Quality Observations Linda Charmaraman Wellesley College \$25,000, 2016-2018 Immigration Status and Higher Education: Evidence from a Large Urban University Amy Hsin Holly Reed Queens College, City University of New York Sofya Aptekar University of Massachusetts, Boston Thomas DiPrete Columbia University \$600,000, 2017-2020

Fathers and Low-Income Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: The Role of Social and Economic Policies Daniel Miller Boston University School of Social Work Maureen Waller Cornell University Lenna Nepomnyaschy School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of NJ \$450,000, 2017-2019

Cultures of Care: Exploring Inequalities in Mental Health Services Among Mexican American Youth Rebecca Seligman Rebecca Ford-Paz Northwestern University \$102,361, 2017-2019

Talking Justice: Identifying Interactional Practices to Improve the Quality of Police-Civilian Encounters Nikki Jones University of California, Berkeley Geoffrey Raymond University of California, Santa Barbara \$404,101, 2017-2020

Youth Organizing Trajectories: Critical Consciousness, Developmental Competencies, and School Engagement David Kirkland New York University Matthew Diemer Michigan State University Sara McAlister Brown University \$600,000, 2017-2020

Course Corrections: Assessing the Value of Prison-Based Education for Incarcerated Youth in Washington State Dan Goldhaber University of Washington James Cowan American Institutes for Research \$526,782, 2017-2020

A Multi-Year Evaluation of the Boston Youth Summer Employment Program and Features to Reduce Inequality Across Groups Alicia Modestino Northeastern University Trinh Nguyen Boston Mayor's Office of Workforce Development \$280,714, 2017-2020

Improving Experiences and Outcomes of Immigrant Youth: An Examination of the Internationals Network for Public Schools Hua-Yu Sebastian Cherng Adriana Villavicencio New York University Reva Jaffe-Walter Montclair State University \$588,189, 2017-2020

When Can Money Close Achievement Gaps? School Funding and Class Inequality of Educational Achievement Emily Rauscher The University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc. \$25,000, 2017-2018

Reducing Child Poverty Natacha Blain National Academy of Sciences \$200,000, 2017-2019

Understanding the Role of Social Media in Perpetuating Racial Inequality in Higher Education Noelle Hurd Sophie Trawalter University of Virginia \$49,936, 2017-2018

Which Low-Income Students Beat the Odds to Get College Success and Payoffs, and What Advice do Counselors Give Them? James Rosenbaum Northwestern University \$25,000, 2017-2019

Higher Education and Inequality: What Can We Really Do? Sandy Baum The Urban Institute \$25,000, 2017-2018

Putting Immigration & Education in Conversation Everyday: Supporting Immigrant Students in a Changing Policy Environment Rebecca Lowenhaupt Boston College Dafney Dabach University of Washington Roberto Gonzales Harvard University Ariana Mangual Figueroa The Graduate Center, CUNY \$50,000, 2017-2019

To What Extent do Kindergarten Entry Assessments and Policies Reflect Best Practices for Assessing English Learners? Debra Ackerman Educational Testing Service \$24,698, 2017-2018

Connected Scholars: A Mixed Methods Investigation of a Social Capital Intervention for First-Generation College Students Sarah Schwartz Suffolk University Jean Rhodes University of Massachusetts, Boston Renee Spencer Boston University \$582,150, 2018-2020 Effects of Legal Status Change (DACA) on Individuals, within Families, and Across Local Ecosystems Robert Smith Baruch College \$599,999, 2018-2021

Can Food Scholarships Reduce Inequality by Improving College Persistence Among Community College Students? Daphne Hernandez Daniel O'Connor University of Houston Sara Goldrick-Rab Temple University \$557,691, 2018-2020

An Investigation of the Language Demands in Standards, Assessments, and Curricular Materials for English Learners Mikyung Wolf Educational Testing Service Alison Bailey University of California, Los Angeles \$580,485, 2018-2021

Implementing State-Level Policy Reform to Eliminate School Discipline Disparities: A Mixed Methods Examination Jessika Bottiani Catherine Bradshaw University of Virginia \$150,403, 2018-2021

Crossroads: Reducing Inequality and Promoting Positive Youth Development by Understanding Juvenile Justice Processing Elizabeth Cauffman University of California, Irvine \$598,937, 2018-2020

Do School-based Health Services Reduce Academic and Behavioral Inequalities among Youth? Michel Boudreaux University of Maryland College Park Brandy Lipton San Diego State University \$282,879, 2018-2021 Reducing Youth Mental Health Inequalities through Peer Practices: A Daily Diary Study of Ethnic/Racial Peer Interactions Yijie Wang Michigan State University \$50,000, 2018-2019

Can Reducing Disparities in Parental Health Behaviors Reduce Disparities Among Children? Evidence from Dental Visits Brandy Lipton San Diego State University Research Foundation \$42,916, 2018-2018

Trauma Responsive Educational Practices: CPS-TREP Project Collaborative Micere Keels Shanette Porter University of Chicago \$597,128, 2018-2021

Tackling SES Gaps in Child Cognitive Development Jane Waldfogel Columbia University \$50,000, 2018-2019

Expanding the National Evaluation of the LEAP Initiative Patrice Cromwell Jeffrey Poirier Annie E. Casey Foundation John Martinez Louisa Treskon MDRC \$250,000, 2018-2019

Strategies to Productively Reincorporate Formerly Incarcerated Black and Latino Youth into Communities Jennifer Doleac University of Virginia \$50,000, 2018-2018 How Do State Social Assistance Policies and Practices Impact Utilization and Outcomes Among Hispanic Low Income Youth? Lisa Gennetian New York University \$274,912, 2018-2021

Examining the Impact of Variations in Performance-Based Funding Policies on Reducing Inequality in Student Outcomes Justin Ortagus University of Florida Robert Kelchen Seton Hall University Kelly Rosinger Pennsylvania State University \$204,528, 2018-2019

Rikers Island Longitudinal Study Bruce Western Columbia University Emily Wang Yale University School of Medicine \$599,899, 2018-2021

School Climate: Responding to Latino Youth's Educational and Socio-emotional Inequality Melissa Delgado The University of Arizona \$49,995, 2018-2020

FRRM: A Father-Son Intervention to Reduce Teen Fatherhood and Long-term Inequality Among Black and Latino Male Youth Vincent Guilamo-Ramos New York University Silver School of Social Work \$600,000, 2018-2021

Building the Evidence that Research Evidence Matters Fred Wulczyn Lily Alpert Kerry Monahan-Price Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago \$305,656, 2018-2019 The Educational Opportunity Monitoring Project Archive: Joint Small Grants Competition Leana Chatrath Russell Sage Foundation \$100,000, 2015-2018

Understanding and Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Kings County District Attorney's Office: A Research Proposal Michael Jacobson Research Foundation of the City University of New York Eric Gonzalez Brooklyn District Attorney's Office \$299,905, 2018-2020

Education Opportunity Monitoring Project (EOMP) Sean Reardon Stanford University \$349,979, 2016-2019

#### Use of Research Evidence

Networks, Organizational Culture, and Limited Differences: Examining the Use of Research Jerald Herting Taryn Lindhorst University of Washington \$714,229, 2011-2019

Intermediaries' Role in Transferring Research Evidence from "Producers" to "Consumers": The Case of School-Based Programs Jennifer Neal Zachary Neal Michigan State University \$540,126, 2014-2018

Comparative Effectiveness of Narratives to Promote Provider Adoption of Evidence Related to Antipsychotics Use for High-Risk Youth David Rubin Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Zachary Meisel University of Pennsylvania \$598,892, 2014-2019

Financing the Policy Discourse: How Advocacy Research Funded by Private Foundations Shapes the Debate on Teacher Quality Sarah Reckhow Michigan State University Megan Tompkins-Stange University of Michigan \$277,895, 2015-2018

Integrating Theoretic and Empirical Findings of Research Evidence Use: A Healthcare Systems Engineering Approach Thomas Mackie Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey Laurel Leslie Tufts Medical Center Christopher Sheldrick Tufts University School of Medicine James Benneyan Northwestern University \$549,509, 2015-2019 Investigating How Research-Practice Partnerships Build the "Absorptive Capacity" of Districts to Use Research Knowledge Joshua Glazer Matt Shirrell The George Washington University \$549,412, 2015-2019

Fostering Research Use in School Districts Through External Partnerships: The Role of District Capacity Cynthia Coburn James Spillane Northwestern University Megan Hopkins University of California, San Diego Anna-Ruth Allen University of Colorado Boulder \$543,284, 2015-2018

Intermediary Organizations and Education Policy: A Mixed-Methods Study of the Political Contexts of Research Utilization Janelle Scott University of California, Berkeley Elizabeth DeBray University of Georgia Christopher Lubienski Indiana University \$443,944, 2015-2018

Trust in Research, Trust in Relationships: How State Legislators Acquire and Use Research in Deliberation Karen Bogenschneider Robert Asen University of Wisconsin-Madison \$435,281, 2015-2018

Tracking Policymakers' Acquisition and Use of Research Evidence Regarding Childhood Obesity in the News Media Itzhak Yanovitzky Rutgers University Foundation Matthew Weber University of Minnesota, Twin Cities \$457,862, 2016-2018 Mixed-methods Study of Organizational Supports used by Private Child Welfare Agencies to Facilitate Evidence Use Emmeline Chuang University of California, Los Angeles Bowen McBeath Portland State University Crystal Collins-Camargo University of Louisville \$363,711, 2016-2019

The Education Doctorate: A Promising Strategy to Promote Smart Use of Research Evidence? Jill Perry William Firestone University of Pittsburgh \$511,360, 2017-2019

A Cost-Utility Framework to Facilitate Evidence-Based Decision Making in Schools Fiona Hollands Teachers College, Columbia University Henry Levin Columbia University \$839,616, 2017-2019

Coordinated Knowledge Systems: Connecting Evidence to Action to Engage Students in School-Based Mental Health Bruce Chorpita University of California, Los Angeles Kimberly Becker University of South Carolina \$1,159,897, 2017-2021

Bridging the Divide Between the Impact and Improvement Science Communities Rebecca Maynard University of Pennsylvania \$25,000, 2017-2018

Diffusing Research Evidence in Educational Systems Kara Finnigan University of Rochester Alan Daly University of California, San Diego \$339,982, 2018-2019

Impact of the Research-to-Policy Collaboration Model: Testing an Approach to Improve the Use of Evidence Daniel Crowley J. Taylor Scott Pennsylvania State University Lauren Supplee Child Trends Incorporated Kathryn Oliver London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine \$553,028, 2018-2020

Community Academic Partnership for Translational Use of Research Evidence (CAPTURE) in Policy and Practice Gregory Aarons Danielle Fettes Amy Green University of California, San Diego Cathleen Willging Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) \$948,079, 2018-2022

System/Policy Determinants of Inequalities in Child Welfare: The Case of Running Away From Foster Care Fred Wulczyn Amy Dworsky Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago \$268,453, 2016-2019

From Add-on to Add-in Approaches to Supporting Research Use: The Case of Educational Leadership for Equity Meredith Honig Lydia RaineyRainey University of Washington \$600,000, 2018-2020

Towards Democratizing Evidence: Assessing Engagement of Community-Based Groups in Research/Practice Partnerships Ira Lit

#### Stanford University \$25,000, 2018-2019

Technical Assistance and Uses of Research Evidence in Child Welfare: What Do We Know and Where Do We Need to Go? Allison Metz University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill \$50,000, 2018-2019

Research-Practice Partnerships White Paper 2.0 Caitlin Farrell University of Colorado at Boulder \$50,000, 2018-2019

Optimizing the Impact of Public-Academic Partnerships in Fostering Policymakers' Use of Research Evidence Christina Kang-Yi University of Pennsylvania \$49,733, 2018-2019

#### Understanding Youth Social Settings

Out With the Old, In With the New: When Are Principal Successions Successful? Katherine Klein University of Pennsylvania N. Andrew Cohen The George Washington University \$592,110, 2013-2019

Changing Youth Programs and Settings: An Experimental Evaluation of the Quality Mentoring Systems Initiative Thomas Keller Carla Herrera Bowen McBeath Portland State University Renee Spencer Boston University \$604,949, 2013-2018

How Beginning Elementary Teachers' Social Networks Affect Ambitious Math Instruction in the Current Evaluation Climate Ken Frank Kristen Bieda Michigan State University Serena Salloum Ball State University Peter Youngs University of Virginia \$599,996, 2014-2019

Influences of Classroom-level Social Settings on Language and Content Learning in Linguistically Diverse Classrooms Amanda Kibler Ohio State University Lauren Molloy Nancy Deutsch University of Virginia \$580,002, 2014-2018

Learning from Variation In Program Effects: Methods, Tools, and Insights from Recent Multi-site Trials Stephen Raudenbush University of Chicago Veronica Wald NORC at the University of Chicago \$516,306, 2014-2018 Complex Equations: Algebra Instruction in the Common Core Era Morgan Polikoff University of Southern California Thurston Domina University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill \$503,612, 2014-2018

Mentor Families: Setting-Level Component to Improve Mentoring Outcomes for At-Risk Youth Kimberly Henry Shelley Haddock Lise Youngblade Rachel Lucas-Thomas Colorado State University Lindsey Weiler University of Minnesota \$599,784, 2015-2019 Bright Stars: Technology-Mediated Settings for Urban Youth as Pathways for Engaged Learning Cassandra Scharber University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Cynthia Lewis University of California, Santa Cruz \$599,905, 2015-2019

Leveling the Playing Field for High School Choice through Decision Supports: A Randomized Intervention Study Sean Corcoran New York University Jennifer Jennings Princeton University Carolyn Sattin-Bajaj Seton Hall University Sarah Cohodes Harvard University \$447,671, 2015-2018 The Dynamics of Peer Influence and Student Decision Making in An Era of School Choice David Hachen Jennifer Flashman University of Notre Dame Megan Andrew RAND Corporation \$621,629, 2015-2018

The Middle School Classroom Language Environment: Interactions Among Teachers and Youth and Effects on Literacy Perla Gamez Loyola University Chicago Nonie Lesaux Harvard University \$239,172, 2015-2018





#### Rapid Response Research Grants

Science-Based Policy and Practice to Protect Five Million American Youth in a Time of Crisis Hirokazu Yoshikawa Ajay Chaudry New York University \$91,870, 2017-2018

Thriving after Surviving: Strategies for Improving Muslim Refugee Student Outcomes Jen'nan Read Duke University \$63,000, 2018-2018

Stories and Numbers: Creating Safe Schools for LGBT Youth in Texas Stephen Russell University of Texas at Austin \$99,806, 2018-2019 Immigration, Deportation, and Child Welfare: Advancing Knowledge to Improve Practice Mark Greenberg Migration Policy Institute \$70,000, 2018-2019

Evidence-based Interventions for Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder— What Might Work for High-Risk Ohio Counties? Lisa Clemans-Cope The Urban Institute \$91,512, 2018-2019

Connecting Puerto Rican Youth to Employment: Leveraging Disaster Recovery as a Pathway to Economic Security John Martinez MDRC \$100,000, 2018-2019

## William T. Grant Distinguished Fellows

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Strengthening Connections Between Education Research and Practice in New York City James Kemple New York University \$150,000, 2014-2018

National Education Research-Practice Partnerships Network Ruth Turley Rice University \$312,500, 2015-2018

Support for the Samuel Halperin Lecture and Youth Public Service Award Betsy Brand American Youth Policy Forum \$25,000, 2015-2019

*Evidence and Policy Meeting* Elizabeth Farley-Ripple University of Delaware \$25,000, 2015-2018

Future of Children: "Reducing Justice System Inequality" Sara McLanahan Princeton University \$100,000, 2016-2018

Establishing the Enabling Infrastructure for the Use of Research Evidence in Government Nicholas Hart Bipartisan Policy Center \$150,000, 2018-2019

American Sociological Association Sociology of Education Section Pre-Conference on Race, Racism, and Reducing Inequality Jacob Hibel University of California, Davis \$14,893, 2018-2018

Building Capacity and Bridging Research, Policy, and Practice Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom The Forum for Youth Investment \$340,823, 2018-2019

AEFP: Deepening Connections Between Research and Policy Angela Hull Association for Education Finance and Policy Carrie Conaway Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \$24,915, 2018-2019

*Our Kids Broadcast & Media Project hosted by Robert Putnam* Harry Wiland Media Policy Center Foundation of CA \$250,000, 2016-2020

Social and Emotional Learning Ulrich Boser Center for American Progress \$250,000, 2016-2018

Young Adult Justice Learning Community Bruce Western Vincent Schiraldi Columbia University \$443,438, 2016-2019

Research-Practice Partnerships and ESSA Implementation: Convening and Resource Development William Penuel University of Colorado Boulder Bronwyn Bevan University of Washington \$24,995, 2016-2018 2017-2018 Summit on Improvement in Education Paul LeMahieu Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching \$10,000, 2016-2018

Society for Research in Child Development Congressional Fellowship Program Martha Zaslow Society for Research in Child Development \$285,538, 2017-2019

Qualitative Consulting Service Supporting Mixed Methods Research, WT Grant Scholars Program & Selected Current Grantees Eli Lieber University of California, Los Angeles \$119,962, 2017-2018

Connecting Journalists With Education Research Caroline Hendrie Education Writers Association \$50,000, 2017-2018

Psychology Summer Institute for Early Career Researchers Andrew Dailey Kyra Kissam American Psychological Association \$74,937, 2017-2020

Community Foundation Opportunity Network Amy Daly-Donovan New Hampshire Charitable Foundation \$5,000, 2017-2018

Travel Awards to the RC28 Columbia Meeting for Underrepresented Student Populations Thomas DiPrete Columbia University \$11,500, 2017-2018 Building Capacity and Bridging Research, Practice, and Policy Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom The Forum for Youth Investment \$325,000, 2017-2018

New York City Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color Alison Lazareck New York Women's Foundation \$50,000, 2017-2018

Learning about Research Evidence Use in Education Loretta Goodwin American Youth Policy Forum \$299,964, 2017-2020

NPR's Coverage of Disadvantaged Children, Youth and Families Blair Greenbaum National Public Radio \$300,000, 2017-2019

Evidence in Education Lab: State Education Fellowship Michele Jolin Results for America \$50,000, 2017-2018

Investigating Researcher-Practitioner Collaboration in Real-life Problems of Practice with English Learners Susan Pimentel Julie Greenberg StandardsWork, Inc. \$120,000, 2017-2019

Undergraduate Scholars Program Lisa Crockett Society for Research on Adolescence \$22,975, 2017-2018

Evidence-Based Policymaking Initiative: Establishing a Culture of Evidence Nicholas Hart Bipartisan Policy Center \$150,000, 2017-2018

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Convening of Child Welfare Research Experts Julie Collins Child Welfare League of America \$34,886, 2018-2018

Federal Evaluation Forum: Expanding the Capacity to Use Research Evidence in Decision Making Demetra Nightingale The Urban Institute \$49,908, 2018-2019

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AAFSC's Toolkit of Trauma-Sensitive Classroom Strategies Hannah McIntire Assad Jebara Arab-American Family Support Center \$25,000, 2017-2018

Bridge Curricula Eileen Lyons Fresh Youth Initiatives \$25,000, 2017-2018

YCPT Curriculum Development Project Bomsinae Kim Korean American Family Service Center \$25,000, 2017-2018

Program Improvements: Equity and Inclusion Training, Curriculum, and Communication Jessica Pliska The Opportunity Network \$25,000, 2017-2018

Community Producers Program Caseworker Stephanie Pilla Maysles Institute \$25,000, 2017-2018

Learning to Teach for Success Katherine Freedman The Center for Arts Education \$25,000, 2017-2018

A Scaffolded Growth Mindset Curriculum and Staff Training at Masa Aracelis Lucero Masa-MexEd Inc \$25,000, 2017-2018

LinkNYC + College Awareness Curriculum Eileen Doyle Young Audiences New York \$25,000, 2017-2018

Trauma-Informed Care at Sylvia's Place Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner MCCNY Charities, Inc. \$25,000, 2017-2018

Organizational Capacity-Building in Youth Trauma: Implementing an Improved Model and Training Approach Gabrielle Horowitz-Prisco Lineage Project, Inc. \$25,000, 2018-2020 Internship Program Curriculum Update Patricia Machir Futures and Options \$25,000, 2018-2020

Partnerships in Literacy through Dance and Creativity Mark DeGarmo Dynamic Forms, Inc \$25,000, 2018-2019

Improving Outcomes for Traumatized Youth Jenny Kronenfeld Esperanza NY \$25,000, 2018-2019

Formalize High School College Access Program Jeanne DuPont Rockaway Waterfront Alliance \$25,000, 2018-2020

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