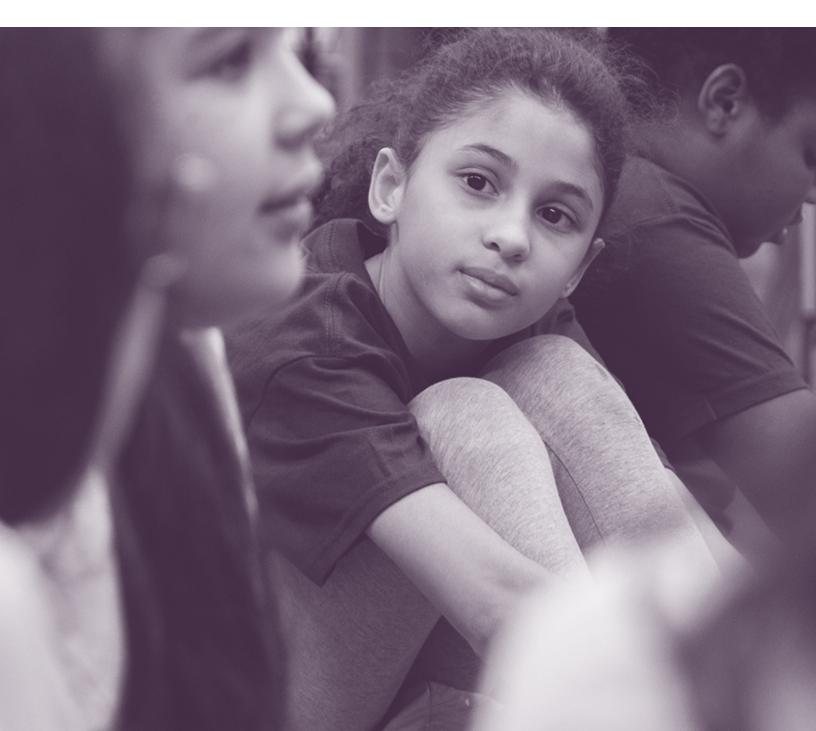


2019 Annual Report



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The Rhymes of Research and Policy



Chair's Letter

"History doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes," Mark Twain is supposed to have said many years ago. I was reminded of this aphorism when I sat down to write this letter just a few days after the violent death of George Floyd. I came of age in the 1960s and attended college in the early 1970s, times that were also marked by the idealism and inspiration of protests, the shock and numbness of assassinations, and the nihilism and terror of civil unrest.

The history of the William T. Grant Foundation extends back even further, to the late 1930s. Since then its focus has been to support research to improve the lives of young people. Perhaps history's rhymes tell us that progress toward this goal is ephemeral or even an illusion. Yet I am heartened by a favorite saying of Robert Kennedy's from another dark time: "Some men see things as they are and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not."

2019 was a busy year for the Foundation. The staff initiated a systematic examination of the Foundation's initiative to support research on reducing inequality in youth outcomes, a review that continues today. Findings from a previous stocktaking of the Foundation's Youth Service Improvement Grants gave way to the launch of two programs with an explicit emphasis on addressing resource inequities and building the capacity of youth-serving nonprofits in New York City. And, through the Institutional Challenge Grant program, the Foundation awarded substantial grants to encourage research institutions to build sustained research-practice partnerships with public agencies or nonprofit organizations working to reduce inequality. It is heartening that this, our latest program, has attracted the interest of other funders, allowing us to expand it well beyond what we could do with our own resources.

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None of this would have been possible without the efforts of our talented staff, led so ably by Adam Gamoran for the past seven years.

I should also thank my fellow trustees whose perspectives and wisdom have informed so much of the Foundation's activities and have deepened my own understanding of the rhymes of research and policy.

Russell P. Pennoyer Chair of the Board of Trustees

President's Letter

In the midst of a crisis, it's difficult to tear our eyes away from the present and cast our view back over to the preceding year. But looking backward, as we do every year in our annual report, reminds us that our work is not for naught, as the accomplishments of the past strengthen our resolve to forge ahead in the future.

The William T. Grant Foundation supports research on ways to reduce inequality in youth outcomes and on strategies to improve the use of research evidence in policy and practice. We believe, as President Barack Obama stated in 2013, that inequality is "the defining challenge of our time." We further assert that learning how to reduce inequality requires not only *producing* high-quality evidence, but getting that evidence *used* in policy and practice. The research grants we funded through 2019 are enabling real progress on both fronts.

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Studies in our reducing inequality portfolio are beginning to provide causal evidence of programs and policies that reduce inequality in youth outcomes. For example, one study showed that when states and counties took

federal funds for lead hazard reduction, they not only improved children's health, but also improved student achievement and reduced achievement gaps between Latinx and White students. Another study revealed that a summer youth employment program improved academic outcomes and reduced criminal justice involvement, with the largest benefits going to African American and Latinx youth. Other studies are illuminating the pathways through which future programs can challenge the constraints of inequality. For instance, a study of Black student leaders on a college campus shows how combining advocacy for structural change with building solidarity around a common cause yields access to the knowledge and power needed for change. These are but a few examples of an increasingly rich body of knowledge.

Without a strategy to connect evidence to action, these research findings, however insightful, may fail to help bring about change. Fortunately, grantees in our use of research evidence portfolio are studying, developing, and testing approaches to get evidence used. Some have already shown the central role of intermediary organizations like advocates and knowledge brokers in bringing research findings to the hands of decision makers in policy and practice. Additional research has shown how structured, ongoing relationships between researchers and policy staff can infuse policy deliberations with research evidence. Another study reveals that a coordinated knowledge system—a tool to get well-targeted evidence into the hands of practitioners at the right moment—can improve not only evidence use but youth outcomes. Still other studies focus on the challenge of making evidence use a routine part of professional practice.

Ultimately, we need to bring these two distinct areas of work together. We need to apply lessons from studies on the use of research evidence to findings about programs, policies, and practices that reduce inequality in youth outcomes. The Foundation has made explicit efforts to do so in our Institutional Challenge Grants and our Rapid Response Research grants, which call on partnerships between researchers and actors in policy or practice to connect research findings with research use. The more pervasive such partnerships become across the full landscape of research, the greater the chances that evidence-based insights will bring us closer to the day that the inequality that afflicts our nation, so terribly magnified in the present moment, will not represent our future.

Adam Gamoran President

Our Work



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 two 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 Use of Research Evidence

Over the past decade, a growing body of research has illuminated the conditions that facilitate the use of research evidence in policy and practice. 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.

Funding Programs

Research Grants on Reducing Inequality

Research grants on reducing inequality support studies that aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people, especially on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins.

Research Grants on Improving the Use of Research Evidence

Research grants on improving the use of research evidence support studies 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.

William T. Grant Scholars Program

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.

Institutional Challenge Grant

The Institutional Challenge Grant encourages universitybased 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 must shift their policies and incentives to value collaborative work and help build the capacity of the partner organization to use evidence from research in its decision making.

Youth Service Improvement Grants

Youth Service Improvement Grants support activities to improve the quality of direct services for young people ages 5 to 25 in the five boroughs of New York City. The goal of the program is to reduce inequality in youth outcomes by helping youth-serving nonprofit organizations strengthen their existing programming at the point of service, where staff and youth interact.

Youth Service Capacity-Building Grants

Youth Service Capacity-Building Grants support activities to strengthen the organizational infrastructure of small nonprofit organizations in the five boroughs of New York City that provide direct services to young people ages 5 to 25. Over time, we hope to help build stronger, more stable youth-serving organizations that will ultimately reduce inequality and improve the lives of young people.

2019 By the Numbers





active research grants on reducing inequality in youth outcomes, including 12 new major research grants awarded in 2019



active research grants on improving the use of research evidence, including 4 new major research grants awarded in 2019



active William T. Grant Scholars awards to help early-career researchers develop new expertise, including four new awards in 2019



active grants to support and improve youth service programs in New York City, including 6 new grants in 2019



In the second year of our Institutional Challenge Grant program, we partnered with the Spencer Foundation to jointly commit \$1.3-million to researchpractice partnerships seeking to advance institutional change and reduce inequalities in academic achievement



unique institutions are represented in the cohort of 2019 grantees



Nearly half a million dollars went toward supporting mentoring relationships and career development for faculty and young scholars of color

Financial Summary



Highlights

\$351m

The Foundation's net assets reached a five-year high of \$351,417,888 in 2019



Net assets grew 9% over the year



The Foundation spent \$17,607,198 on grantmaking and program services in 2019

Statement of Financial Position

	Year Ended December 31	
	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,027,512	\$ 4,470,927
Accrued investment income and other receivables	141,630	166,473
Prepaid Federal excise tax	422,852	73,849
Investments	345,736,418	316,223,585
Prepaid expenses and other assets	89,476	167,052
	\$ 351,417,888	\$ 321,101,886
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 619,459	\$ 316,786
Grants payable	12,813,816	12,347,354
Postretirement benefit obligation	3,644,615	2,627,777
Deferred Federal excise tax	1,115,000	1,191,000
Deferred rent	711,595	281,289
Total liabilities	18,904,485	16,764,206
Net assets without donor restrictions	332,513,403	304,337,680
	\$ 351,417,888	\$ 321,101,886

Statement of Activities

	Year Ended December 31	
	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Investment return		
Interest and dividends	\$ 6,070,033	\$ 5,042,213
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	42,808,526	(14,483,527)
	48,878,559	(9,441,314)
Less direct investment expenses	815,822	826,106
Investment return	48,062,737	(10,267,420)
Rental income		102,883
Total Revenue	48,062,737	-10,164,537
EXPENSES		
Program services	17,607,198	17,319,164
Operations and governance	1,332,095	1,453,573
Federal excise tax	111,608	864,757
Deferred excise tax benefit	(75,937)	(950,000)
Unrelated business income tax	2,500	1,582
Total expenses	18,977,464	18,689,076
Change in net assets before postretirement benefit		
Obligation adjustment	29,085,273	(28,853,613)
Postretirement benefit obligation adjustment	(909,550)	316,286
Change in net assets	28,175,723	(28,537,327)
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Beginning of year	304,337,680	332,875,007
End of year	\$ 332,513,403	\$ 304,337,680

New and Active Grants in 2019



Research Grants

Reducing Inequality

Developing Indicators of Educational Equity Constance Citro Judith Koenig Natalie Nielsen 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 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 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, 2016-2019

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

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

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 President and Fellows of Harvard College \$549,518, 2016-2020

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, 2016-2020

Building Grit Lauren Eskreis-Winkler Angela Duckworth Trustees of the 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, 2016-2021

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 \$600,000, 2016-2021

Under Construction: Rise, Spread, and Consequences of the 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, 2016-2020

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 Maureen Waller Cornell University Lenna Nepomnyaschy Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey \$450,000, 2017-2020

Cultures of Care: Exploring Inequalities in Mental Health Services Among Mexican American Youth Rebecca Seligman Rebecca Ford-Paz Northwestern University \$102,361, 2017-2020

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 University of California, Irvine Reva Jaffe-Walter Montclair State University \$588,189, 2017-2020

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

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 Putting Immigration and 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

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 \$58,2150, 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, 2018-2020 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 Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York \$50,000, 2018-2019

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

How Do State Social Assistance Policies and Practices Impact Utilization and Outcomes Among Hispanic Low-Income Youth? Lisa Gennetian Duke 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, 2018-2020 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 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 \$600,000, 2018-2021

IES-Men of Color College Achievement (MoCCA) Project Lashawn Richburg-Hayes Crystal Byndloss Virginia Knox Rashida Welbeck Gordon Berlin MDRC \$599,112, 2019-2021

Educator Practices in Immigrant-Serving Schools: Responses to Shifting Immigration Policies Across Contexts of Reception Rebecca Lowenhaupt Boston College Dafney Dabach University of Washington Ariana Mangual Figueroa The Graduate Center, City University of New York Roberto Gonzales President and Fellows of Harvard College \$574,488, 2019-2021 Social-Emotional Learning, School Outcomes, and Civic Engagement Equity: Leveraging Family and Community Influences Deborah Rivas-Drake Enid Rosario-Ramos University of Michigan \$565,882, 2019-2022

Does Subsidized Public Health Insurance for Parents Improve Children's Human Capital and Close Achievement Gaps? Anuj Gangopadhyaya The Urban Institute Jeffrey Schiman Georgia Southern University \$131,701, 2019-2021

Subjectivity and Bias in College Admissions: Can Letters of Recommendation Promote Fairer Decisions? Jesse Rothstein Regents of the University of California, Berkeley \$265,223, 2019-2021

Using Design Thinking with Black Youth in the Juvenile Justice System to Address Mental Health Inequities Susan Rivers iThrive Games Foundation Gabrielle Rappolt-Schlichtmann EdTogether, Inc. Susan Jane Navigators Consulting \$394,133, 2019-2021

The Effect of Requiring Structured English Immersion Training for General Education Teachers on Student Achievement Marcus Winters Yasuko Kanno Nathan Jones Boston University \$157,510, 2019-2021 Rhode to College: Evaluation of a Program to Increase College Enrollment Among Low-Income Students Justine Hastings Innovative Policy Lab Seth Zimmerman Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago \$510,204, 2019-2021

Student-Teacher Ethnoracial Match and Student Outcomes in Large Urban School Districts: Evidence from New York City Matthew Shirrell George Washington University Travis Bristol University of California, Berkeley \$45,960, 2019-2020

Closing the Gap: Addressing the Learning Needs of English Language Learners in Mainstream Classroom Miao Li University of Houston \$46,229, 2019-2020

The Dynamics of Disconnection in the Work, School, and Family Lives for Youth from Lower Income Families Ajay Chaudry New York University \$200,000, 2019-2021

Mindset and Socioeconomic Disparities in College Readiness David Yeager Robert Crosnoe Chandra Muller University of Texas at Austin \$499,656, 2019-2022 Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Low Expectations: How Counseling Activities Predict College Undermatch James Rosenbaum Northwestern University \$50,000, 2019-2020

Do Relative or Absolute Spending Levels Matter More? Progressive Funding Allocations and Low-Income Student Achievement Nathan Favero American University \$43,085, 2019-2021

Building Teachers' Race-Related Competencies to Promote Youth Ethnic-Racial Identity and Reduce Academic Inequalities Adriana Umana-Taylor President and Fellows of Harvard College \$299,996, 2019-2022

Integrated Data to Reduce Disproportionality in School Discipline Referrals and Increase Access to Supports Shereen Naser Cleveland State University \$49,630, 2019-2021

School Resources, Student Outcomes, and Equality of Opportunity? An Examination of the New Literature Clement Jackson Northwestern University \$49,999, 2019-2020

Creating Moves to Opportunity: Using Mixed Methods to Understand Policy Mechanisms Stefanie DeLuca Johns Hopkins University \$49,077, 2019-2020 Embedded Counseling for Community College Students in ESL Programs: A Case Study at an Immigrant-Serving Institution Federick Ngo University of Nevada, Las Vegas Robert Teranishi University of California, Los Angeles \$49,978, 2019-2021

Reducing Racial Educational and Behavioral Disparities Through Teacher Unconscious Bias Training Colleen Halliday-Boykins Medical University of South Carolina \$599,059, 2020-2023

Improving Teacher-Student Relationships to Help Close the Racial Discipline Gap for Young Students Amanda Williford Jessica Whittaker Robert Pianta University of Virginia \$539,983, 2020-2021

The Impact of Summer Pell Grants on Academic and Labor Market Outcomes of Disadvantaged Youth Jordan Matsudaira Yuen Ting Liu Columbia University \$50,000, 2020-2021

The Theories of Race and Indigeneity that Inform Research on Reducing Inequality Eve Tuck University of Toronto \$50,000, 2020-2021

Use of Research Evidence

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 Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania \$598,892, 2014-2020

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 George Washington University \$549,412, 2015-2019

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, 2017-2020

A Cost-Utility Framework to Facilitate Evidence-Based Decision Making in Schools Fiona Hollands Teachers College, Columbia University Henry Levin Columbia University \$839.616, 2017-2020

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 \$1,209,897, 2017-2021

Diffusing Research Evidence in Educational Systems Kara Finnigan University of Rochester Alan Daly University of California, San Diego \$339,982, 2018-2020 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, 2018-2021

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

Building the Evidence that Research Evidence Matters Fred Wulczyn Lily Alpert Kerry Monahan-Price Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago \$605,656, 2018-2022

From Add-on to Add-in Approaches to Supporting Research Use: The Case of Educational Leadership for Equity Meredith Honig Lydia Rainey 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, 2018-2020

Research-Practice Partnerships White Paper 2.0 Caitlin Farrell University of Colorado at Boulder \$50,000, 2018-2020

Optimizing the Impact of Public-Academic Partnerships in Fostering Policymakers' Use of Research Evidence Christina Kang-Yi Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania \$49,733, 2018-2020

How Much Can Evidence from National Studies Improve Local Policy Decisions that Affect Youth? Elizabeth Stuart Johns Hopkins University Robert Olsen WESTAT Stephen Bell \$595,785, 2019-2022 What's Not the Matter with Kansas? Lessons from Kansas for the Future of State School Finance Reform Bruce Baker Rutgers University Foundation \$35,000, 2019-2019

Active Surveillance of Policy Ecosystems and Networks to Enhance Brokering of Research Evidence into State Policymaking Itzhak Yanovitzky Matthew Weber Rutgers University Foundation \$955,012, 2019-2022

Measuring the Effectiveness of Research-Practice Partnerships in Education Caitlin Farrell Paula Arce-Trigatti William Penuel Regents of the University of Colorado James Soland NWEA \$635,337, 2019-2021

Education Policy, Politics, and Evidence M. Stephen Weatherford Lorraine McDonnell University of California, Santa Barbara \$49,956, 2019-2020

Who is Hearing "Youth Voice" Research? Strengthening the Use of Research Evidence from YPAR Emily Ozer University of California, Berkeley Adam Voight Cleveland State University Ben Kirshner University of Colorado \$544,640, 2020-2022 The Impacts of Internal and External Validity on Education Policy Decisions David Deming President and Fellows of Harvard College \$50,000, 2020-2020

Understanding Youth Social Settings

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 The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia \$599,996, 2014-2019

Mentor Families: Setting-Level Component to Improve Mentoring Outcomes for At-Risk Youth Shelley Haddock Colorado State University Lindsey Weiler University of Minnesota Lise Youngblade Rachel Lucas-Thompson Colorado State University \$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

Rapid Response Research Grants

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 Randy Capps 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 Pathyway to Economic Security John Martinez MDRC \$100,000, 2018-2019

Institutional Challenge Grant

Protecting Vulnerable Families and Children in the Crosshairs of the Opioid Epidemic: A Research-Practice Partnership Rachel Dunifon Anna Steinkraus Cornell Cooperative Extension \$650,000, 2018-2021 Raising Academic Achievement in Under-Performing Schools through Improved Management: A Research-Practice Partnership Gustavo Bobonis University of Toronto María Christian Herrero Puerto Rico Department of Education \$350,000, 2019-2022 Mind the Gap: Partnering to Narrow Denver's Achievement Gaps by Retaining Top Teachers Mimi Engel Katherine Schultz Allison Atteberry University of Colorado Sarah Almy Tina Scheppe Denver Public Schools \$350,000, 2019-2022

William T. Grant Scholars

Class of 2018

Adolescents and the Social Contexts of American Schools Aprile Benner University of Texas at Austin \$350,000, 2013-2019

Neighborhood Social Capital and Oral Health for Publicly-Insured Adolescents Donald Chi University of Washington \$350,000, 2013-2019

Class of 2019

A New Look at Neighborhood Ethnic Concentration: Implications for Mexican-Origin Adolescents' Cultural Adaptation and Adjustment Rebecca White Arizona State University \$350,000, 2014-2020

Critical Contexts for the Formation of Natural Mentoring Relationships Among Economically Disadvantaged African American Adolescents: A Focus on Families and Neighborhoods Noelle Hurd \$350,000, 2014-2020 Toward a Sociological, Contextual Perspective on Psychological Interventions David Yeager University of Texas at Austin \$350,000, 2014-2020

Benefits and Challenges of Ethnic Diversity in Middle Schools: The Mediating Role of Peer Groups Joanna Williams The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia \$350,000, 2014-2020

Children in Limbo: A Transactional Model of Foster Care Placement Instability Michael MacKenzie Rutgers University Foundation \$350,000, 2014-2019

Class of 2020

Adolescent Well-Being in an Era of Family Complexity Laura Tach Cornell University \$350,000, 2015-2020

Teacher Effects on Students' Non-Cognitive Competencies: A Study of Impacts, Instruction, and Improvement Matthew Kraft Brown University \$350,000, 2015-2020 Transiciones: Examining the Latino Transition to College in Support of Academic Equality Leah Doane Arizona State University \$350,000, 2015-2020

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Reducing Digital Inequality by Empowering At-Risk Youth to be Resilient Against Online Sexual Predation Risks Pamela Wisniewski University of Central Florida \$350,000, 2018-2023

Evaluating Structural Strategies for Reducing Homophobic Bullying Mark Hatzenbuehler Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York \$350,000, 2018-2023

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Creating More Equitable and Developmentally Attuned Disciplinary Environments for Adolescent Students Simone Ispa-Landa Northwestern University \$350,000, 2018-2023

Reducing Harm of Discrimination Among Diverse Adolescents with LGBTQ Parents: How do Family, Peers, and Community Matter Rachel Farr University of Kentucky Research Foundation \$350,000, 2018-2023

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How Does Working While Enrolled Affect the Academic and Labor-Market Outcomes of Low-Income College Students? Adela Soliz Vanderbilt University \$350,000, 2019-2024

School Engagement and Avoidance Among System-Involved Parents with Young Children Anna Haskins Cornell University \$350,000, 2019-2024

Place-Based Opportunity: Housing Models to Reduce Inequality in Children's Contexts Ann Owens University of Southern California \$350,000, 2019-2024

How Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy Implementation Shape Racial Inequality in Child Development in the Rural South Carolyn Barnes Duke University \$350,000, 2019-2024

Grants to Researchers and William T. Grant Scholars to Mentor Junior Researchers of Color

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2018 Doane and Park Leah Doane HyeJung Park Arizona State University Foundation \$60,000, 2018-2021

2018 Destin and Debrosse Mesmin Destin Régine Debrosse Northwestern University \$109,993, 2018-2020

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Capacity-Building and Communications Grants

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

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

Young Adult Justice Learning Community Bruce Western Vincent Schiraldi Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York \$443,438, 2016-2020

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

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

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

Support for the Committee on Law and Justice Leadership Activities Natacha Blain National Academy of Sciences \$300,000, 2018-2021

Helping Districts Create Fair and Equitable School Choice Matching Systems Ulrich Boser Center for American Progress \$50,000, 2017-2019

The New York City Reducing Inequality Network Michael Lindsey New York University \$50,000, 2017-2022 Federal Evaluation Forum: Expanding the Capacity to Use Research Evidence in Decision Making Demetra Nightingale The Urban Institute \$49,908, 2018-2020

Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Research Capacity Building Timothy Guetterman Regents of The University of Michigan \$99,313, 2019-2020

Collaborative Research: Broadening Participation and Perspective in the Study of Crime and Justice Jody Miller Rutgers University Foundation \$49,970, 2018-2020

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

Building Capacity and Bridging Research, Policy, and Practice Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom The Forum for Youth Investment \$355,823, 2018-2019 Understanding and Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Kings County District Attorney's Office Michael Jacobson Research Foundation of the City University of New York Eric Gonzalez Brooklyn District Attorney's Office \$299,905, 2018-2020

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

Knowledge Brokerage and Evidence-Informed Policymaking and Practitioner Decision Making to Improve Youth Outcomes Matthew Weber The Regents of the University of Minnesota Zachary Neal Michigan State University Jennifer Neal Michigan State University \$48,899, 2019-2020

Community Foundation Opportunity Network Amy Daly-Donovan New Hampshire Charitable Foundation \$5,000, 2019-2020

Society for Research in Child Development Preconference Spirit of 2044 Christia Brown University of Kentucky Research Foundation \$13,869, 2019-2019 Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication Research and Practice Holly Rhodes National Academy of Sciences \$50,000, 2019-2020

Travel Awards to the RC28 Princeton University Meeting for Underrepresented Student Populations Yu Xie Princeton University \$11,500, 2019-2019

AERA Institute on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education Research George Wimberly American Educational Research Association \$15,000, 2019-2020

The Pew Charitable Trusts, Research Partnership Proposal to the William T. Grant Foundation Angela Bednarek The Pew Charitable Trusts \$50,000, 2019-2020

Education Funder Strategy Group Cyrus Driver National Public Education Support Fund \$50,000, 2019-2021

Creating Online Training for PLATO Pam Grossman Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania \$28,911, 2019-2020

2019 ASA Sociology of Education Mentoring Jacob Hibel Regents of the University of California, Davis \$6,507, 2019-2019 NYCDOE Forum on Connecting Research, Policy, and Practice Lauren Goldenberg Fund for Public Schools, Inc. \$12,000, 2019-2019

National Public Radio's Coverage of Children, Youth and Families Blair Greenbaum National Public Radio \$300,000, 2019-2021

Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) Undergraduate Scholars Program Robert Crosnoe Society for Research on Adolescence \$25,786, 2019-2020

Developing a Research Methods Protocol Repository for Studies of Understanding Research Evidence Phase I Drew Gitomer Rutgers University Foundation \$50,000, 2019-2020

Strengthening Evidence Use in New York City's Education Ecosystem James Kemple New York University \$150,000, 2020-2022

2019 Philanthropy New York Membership Ronna Brown Philanthropy New York \$17,350, 2019-2019

Promoting Evidence-Based Policymaking Robert Hahn Technology Policy Institute \$50,000, 2019-2020 Building Capacity and Bridging Research, Policy, and Practice Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom The Forum for Youth Investment \$373,888, 2019-2020

Institute in Advanced Critical Quantitative and Computational Methodologies Ezekiel Dixon-Roman Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania \$399,999, 2020-2022

The Project Evident–Brookings Next Generation of Evidence Conference Kelly Fitzsimmons Tamar Bauer Tides Center \$24,750, 2019-2020

Federal Evaluation Forum 2020 Demetra Nightingale The Urban Institute \$48,071, 2020-2020

SRCD Special Topic Workshop: Addressing and Reducing Inequality Through Developmental Science Laura Elenbaas University of Rochester Margaret Echelbarger Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago Rashmita Mistry University of California, Los Angeles Matthew Diemer University of Michigan \$17,301, 2020-2021

All-In: Co-Creating Knowledge for Justice Conference Chris Benner Steve McKay University of California, Santa Cruz \$10,000, 2019-2021 NPR's Collaborative Journalism Network Blair Greenbaum National Public Radio \$25,000, 2020-2021

SRCD Special Topics Meeting: Construction of the Other: Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice Lisa Lopez University of South Florida, Tampa \$17,250, 2020-2020

Family First Act Policy Research Harold Briggs The University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. \$50,000, 2020-2021

2020 Conference Sponsorship Julie Brite Child Welfare League of America \$5,000, 2020-2021

Training Education Journalists to Use Research Accurately, Appropriately, and Fairly Caroline Hendrie Education Writers Association \$50,000, 2020-2021

Elevating the Conversation on Research Evidence Creation and Use in the Research Community Ellen Weiss Ruth Neild Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness \$22,000, 2020-2020

AAPIP Institutional Membership for William T. Grant Foundation Patricia Eng Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy \$2,500, 2020-2020 2019 Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees Membership Daranee Petsod Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees \$5,000, 2019-2020

Education Opportunity Monitoring Project (EOMP) Sean Reardon Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University \$34,9979, 2016-2019

Reducing Inequality Grantee Convening 2018 Kristin Romens MANY \$200,000, 2018-2019

The Educational Opportunity Monitoring Project Archive: Joint Small Grants Competition Leana Chatrath Russell Sage Foundation \$100,000, 2018-2021

Coaching and Mentoring to Help Researchers Increase the Likelihood that Research is Used to Inform Policy Avi Green Scholars Strategy Network \$244,838,2018-2020

Reducing Inequality Initiative – 2019 Grantee Meeting & Support Hillary Oravec Youth Collaboratory \$218,375, 2019-2020

National Network of Education Research-Practice Partnerships Ruth Turley William Marsh Rice University Paula Arce-Trigatti \$300,000, 2019-2022

Youth Service Improvement Grants

Organizational Capacity-Building in Youth Trauma: Implementing an Improved Model and Training Approach Gabrielle Horowitz-Prisco Lineage Project \$25,000, 2018-2020

Internship Program Curriculum Update Patricia Machir Futures and Options \$25,000, 2018-2021

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

Improving Outcomes for Traumatized Youth Jenny Kronenfeld Esperanza NY \$25,000, 2018-2020

Formalize High School College Access Program Jeanne DuPont Rockaway Waterfront Alliance \$25,000, 2018-2020 Volunteers/Judge Training Program Erik Fogel The New York City Urban Debate League \$25,000, 2018-2019

Program Assistant Training Adam Green Rocking the Boat \$25,000, 2019-2021

Curriculum Improvement Plan for NYOT's Tech Flex Leaders Jessica Santana Brooklyn on Tech DBA: New York on Tech \$25.000, 2019-2021

Developing an LGBTQ Substance Treatment Curriculum for Young People Glennda Testone The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center \$25,000, 2019-2021

Coach Support and Training Improvement Plan Vivian Santora PowerPlay NYC \$25,000, 2019-2021 Improving LGBTQ Youth Services Curriculum to Adapt to a Younger Teenage Youth Constituency Pool Thomas Krever Hetrick-Martin Institute \$25,000, 2019-2021

The SBU Academy: Preparing South Bronx Student Athletes for College Andrew So South Bronx United \$25,000, 2019-2021

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