

Child Care State Research Capacity Cooperative Agreements: 2001 Grantees

Connecticut, Department of Social Services

Project Title:

Connecticut Early Childhood Research and Development Project: Child Care Data CONNections

Principal Investigator:

Peter Palermino

Project Funding Years:

2001-2005

Project Abstract:

A project undertaken by the Connecticut Department of Social Services, and the Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut, to build a statewide research infrastructure for well-informed, effective and efficient program and policy development at state and local levels, with the advice and guidance of six stakeholder panels (research, data, advocacy, technology, funders, and data users). Activities include building an inventory of databases, prioritizing recommendations for aligning existing databases and related information dissemination processes, and developing a three- to five-year research agenda.

Project Publications and Resources:

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/12358/related>

Massachusetts, Office of Child Care Services

Project Title:

Massachusetts Research, Analysis, and Evaluation Project

Principal Investigator:

Rodney Southwick

Project Funding Years:

2001-2005

Project Abstract:

A project to establish a state-of-the-art early care and education data

warehouse and build a Research Analysis and Evaluation Unit within the Office of Child Care Services (OCCS). The warehouse integrates data sets from many sources, including state administrative databases, census data, and state initiated research efforts. Along with the development of in-house expertise in research and analysis, the warehouse supports the evaluation of state quality program initiatives, such as tiered rate increases, and assessments of the longitudinal impact of program quality on school readiness.

Oregon, Employment Department

Project Title:

Oregon Child Care Research and State Capacity Project

Principal Investigator:

Thomas L. Olsen

Project Funding Years:

2001-2005

Project Abstract:

A collaborative project for the creation of the Oregon Data Analysis Unit, operating within the Child Care Division. Functions of the unit include: developing a comprehensive, systemic performance measurement process for the Oregon child care system; redesigning the child care licensing system; and producing guidebooks of basic methodologies to support ongoing research and data efforts in Oregon and across the nation. The unit is also involved in two major research efforts. The first continues the Five-State Study of Child Care Subsidy Durations, addressing questions about the relationship among use of child care subsidies, employment, and stability of child care. The second uses data on child care supply and usage to capture the dynamics of the child care supply.

Project Publications and Resources:

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/resources/12385/related>