

Challenges of Conducting and Using Policy-Relevant Research

Description

Building from last year, this keynote panel provided an overview and specific examples of the challenges of informing policy with our research. The goal was to ground the meeting as a learning community that can grapple with these issues.

Moderator

Ann Collins, Abt Associates

Panelists

- Marty Zaslow, Child Trends
- Bobbie Weber, Oregon State University
- Barbara Goodson, Abt Associates
- Cherie Kotilnik, Minnesota Child Care Assistance Program
- Harriet Dichter, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Issues

- How can researchers best engage government officials and key agency actors in planning and conducting research?
- What techniques can researchers use in constructing and disseminating research reports to encourage their use by policy audiences?
- How does the shifting nature of political audiences affect the use of research findings, and how can researchers effectively respond?
- Researchers typically operate on a longer time frame than policy audiences desire. What strategies support high quality longer term studies while simultaneously meeting the shorter term information needs of policy audiences?

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Discussion Notes

There were no notes from this session.

End of Session

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