

RESULTS FIRST CONNECTICUT NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2017

This update on evidence-based policymaking and budgeting is prepared by the [Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy \(IMRP\)](#). The IMRP manages the [Results First Initiative in Connecticut](#) – an evidence-based approach to policymaking and budgeting sponsored by the Pew-MacArthur collaboration. This letter intends to provide you with an interesting and useful avenue for news on the practice of evidence-based policymaking and budgeting. We intend to bring you information from a variety of sources and at various levels of government.

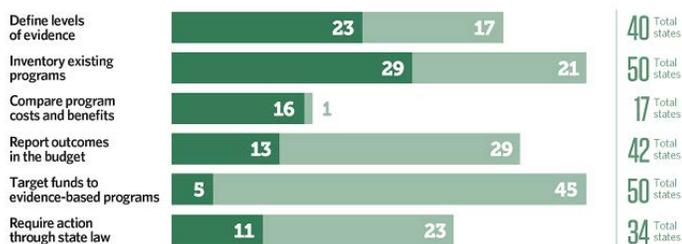
CONNECTICUT ACTIVITY

Connecticut was recently named a leader in the nation in evidence-based policymaking by the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative. See the report below, under National-Federal Brief.

The IMRP group has been endeavoring to make updates to the model so that we are always working with the latest Connecticut-sourced information. Recently, we have been focused on updating the Marginal Operating and Capital costs pertaining to Juvenile Justice policy area. Also, we are continually interested in any new submissions or updates to agency program costs which are normally included in each agency's Program Inventory which was last submitted by October 1, 2016.

We continue to hear of interest in the Results First Initiative and evidence-based policymaking and budgeting. The agencies currently involved in this work indicate that this has been helpful in evaluating programs and making decisions on savings and investments. It is expected that this work will serve as a resource to those involved in making policy and budget decisions during the current legislative session.

Figure 1
Most States Are Engaging in Evidence-Based Policymaking
Fewer states utilize advanced forms of the six actions



Source: Pew analysis of statutes, administrative codes, executive orders, and state documents
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Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative

The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative has released a new 50-state [study](#) on evidence-based policymaking and has high praise for Connecticut. This report names Connecticut as a leader in the nation due to its legislation requiring “several elements of an effective evidence-based system, including creating tiers of evidence for programs in select agencies and requiring an inventory and cost-benefit analysis of programs in adult and juvenile corrections.” It also cites our experience with Results-Based Accountability as an example of our drive to support policy and budget decisions with program outcome data.

The other states named top 5 leaders are: Washington, Utah, Minnesota and Oregon. Please take a moment to gain some insights from this report.

Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking (CEP)

The CEP's fifth meeting was held on January 13, 2017 in Washington, D.C. and you can see the presentations [here](#) this meeting considered discussions on International and State Models for Managing Data. This meeting featured testimony from a German bank, a research network in the UK, a French research center and Washington State and three universities in the United States.

The next [meeting](#) will be on February 9, 2017 in San Francisco, CA. This will be an “Open Hearing to Receive Stakeholder Input.”



Thank you for your interest in this work and taking the time to read this issue. We hope to continue to provide fresh updates and insights periodically in the future. Please let us know if this is a valued resource in enhancing your understanding and use of evidence-based policymaking and budgeting practices. Visit our website: www.resultsfirstct.org.