

The Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative: INVESTING IN PROGRAMS THAT WORK



The Policy Challenge

- Budget development often relies on inertia and anecdote
- Limited data on:
 - What programs are funded
 - What each costs
 - What programs accomplish
 - How they compare



The Results First Approach

Compare current programs to evidence

Conduct benefit-cost analysis to compare returns on investment

Target funds to evidence-based programs



Inventory Programs



PROGRAM INFORMATION	BUDGET			
Program Name	Program Budget	% of Program Budget		
Correctional Industries	\$75,000	4%		
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	\$50,000	2%		
Vocational Education in Prison	\$300,000	16%		
Drug Courts	\$180,000	9%		
Adult Boot Camps	\$250,000	13%		
Veterans Courts	\$70,000	4%		
All Others	\$1,000,000	52%		

Clearinghouse Database



Policy area	Intervention	Blueprints	CEBC	Coalition	Crime Solutions	NREPP	PPN	wwc	ww
Substance abuse	Active Parenting of Teens: Families in Action		•		•	•			
Substance abuse	Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach		•		•	•			
Juvenile justice	Adolescent Diversion Program (NY)				•				
Juvenile justice	Adolescent Diversion Project								
Child welfare	Adolescent Parenting Program	Clearinghou Intervention Evidence R	i.	Adult b	cts practice				
Mental health	Adolescents Coping with Depression						Learn m	ore 🗪	1
Adult criminal justice	Adult boot camps				•				
Adult criminal justice	Adult drug court (Guam)				•				
Adult criminal justice	Adult drug courts				•				
Adult criminal justice	Adult drug courts (OR)								
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Assess Level of Funding for Evidence-Based Programs



PROGRAM INFORMATION	BUDGET		EVIDENCE-BASED	
Program Name	Program Budget	% of Program Budget	Ratings	
Correctional Industries	\$75,000	4%	Strong beneficial: high rigor	CO/. High pot roted
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	\$50,000	2%	Highest rated	6%: Highest-rated
Vocational Education in Prison	\$300,000	16%	Promising	25%: Second-highest
Drug Courts	\$180,000	9%	Promising	rated
Adult Boot Camps	\$250,000	13%	No Effects	13%: No Effects
Veterans Courts	\$70,000	4%	N/A	56%: Not Rated
All Others	\$1,000,000	52%	N/A	Joya. Not Nated

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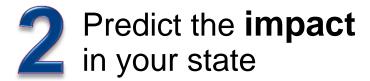
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Results First benefit-cost model

Use the best **research** to identify what works



Calculate long-term benefits and costs





Compare Return on Investment of Programs - "Consumer Reports" MacArthur Foundation

ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS	BENEFITS	COST	BENEFIT/COST RATIO			
Cognitive behavioral therapy	\$11,414	\$431	\$26.48			
Correctional education in prison	\$23,308	\$1,183	\$19.70			
Inpatient/intensive outpatient drug treatment (incarceration)	\$16,694	\$1,594	\$10.47			
Vocational education in prison	\$21,746	\$1,645	\$13.22			
Correctional industries	\$7,078	\$1,485	\$4.77			
Drug courts	\$14,900	\$4,959	\$3.00			
JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS						
Aggression replacement training	\$29,403	\$1,575	\$18.67			
Coordination of services	\$9,614	\$412	\$23.33			
Drug courts	\$7,512	\$3,209	\$2.34			
Scared Straight	-\$13,504	\$67	-\$201.55			

Source: Based on WA State data



Build on program inventory

Program Name	Program Budget	Ratings	Participant Costs
Correctional Industries	\$75,000	Strong beneficial: high rigor	\$1,485
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	\$50,000	Highest rated	\$431
Vocational Education in Prison	\$300,000	Promising	\$1,645
Drug Courts	\$180,000	Promising	\$4,959
Adult Boot Camps	\$250,000	No Effects	
Veterans Courts	\$70,000	N/A	
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Predict and monetize outcomes

Program Name	Program Budget	Ratings	Participant Costs	Total Benefits
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Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	\$50,000	Highest rated	\$431	\$11,414
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Compare costs and benefits

Program Name	Program Budget	Ratings	Participant Costs	Total Benefits	Benefit to Cost Ratio
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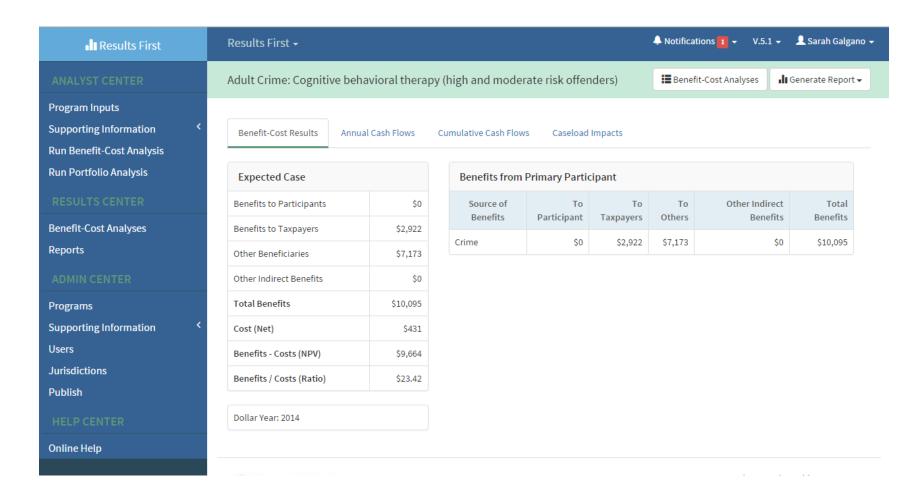




Results First Model Output



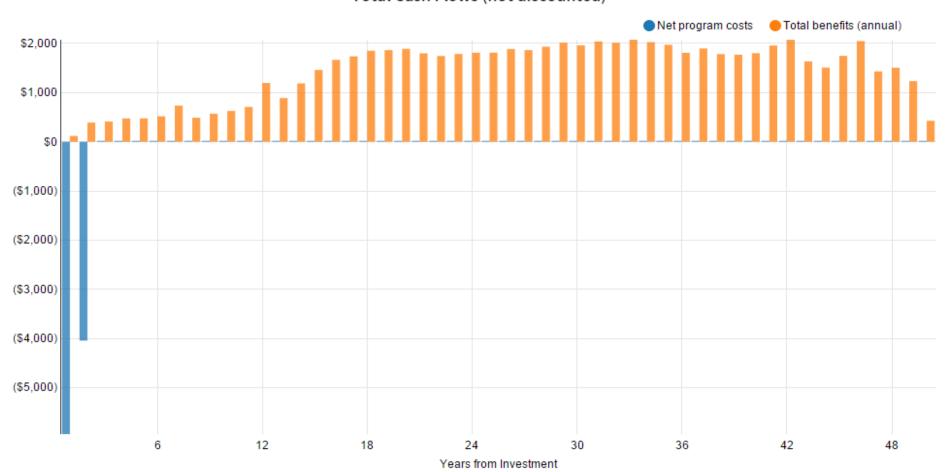
Results First Model Output



Results First Model Output: Cash flow analysis



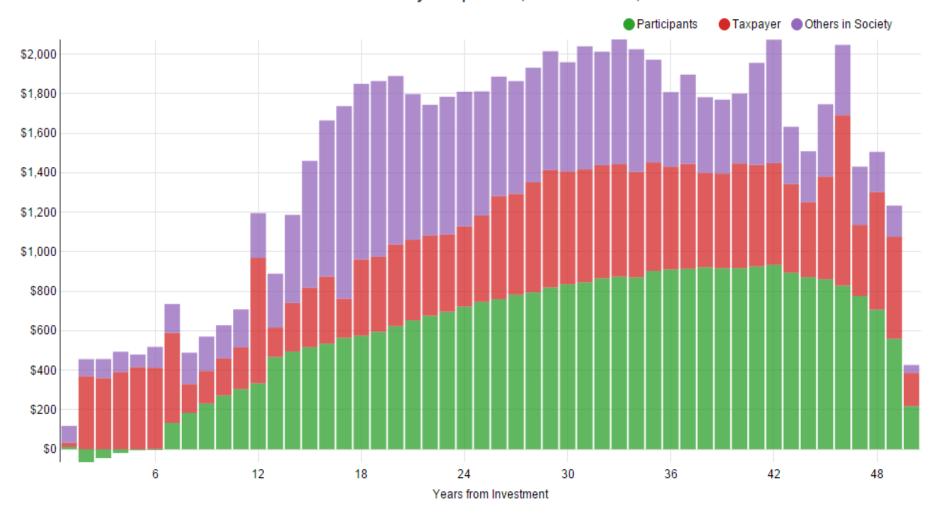
Total Cash Flows (not discounted)



Results First Model Output: Benefits by perspective



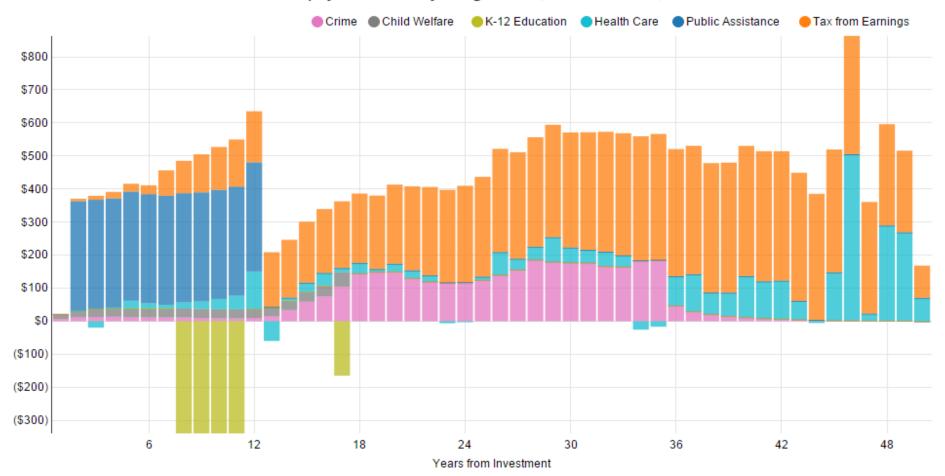
Total Benefits by Perspective (not discounted)



Results First Model Output: Taxpayer benefits by budget area



Taxpayer Benefits by Budget Area (not discounted)

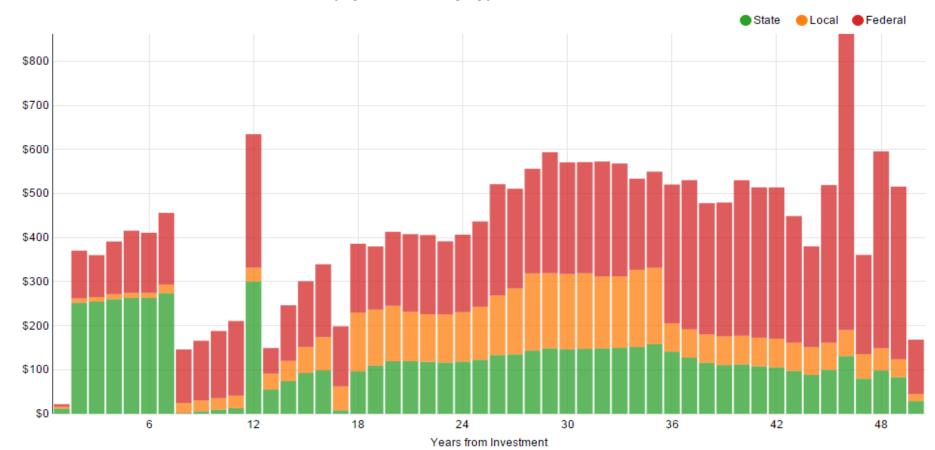


Results First Model Output:





Taxpayer Benefits by Type (not discounted)



Suggested Model Implementation







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