



## Track and Session Descriptions

### ■ TRACK A: INTEGRATING RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

Presenters in this track will explore the relationships among research, policy, social programs and practice. Sessions will focus on processes for developing and reviewing an evidence base, translating evidence to be useful for policy and implementing and adopting evidence-based programs.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
<b>Session Name</b>	<i>The Role of Evidence in Policy</i>	<i>Evaluating, Using and Building an Evidence Base to Improve Adolescent Health</i>	<i>Building Evidence-Informed Responsible Fatherhood Policies</i>
<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	Wednesday, June 2 8:45–10:15 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
<b>Room</b>	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Federal Room</i>	<i>Federal Room</i>
<b>Moderator</b>	Naomi Goldstein	Eleanor Ott	Kristin Moore
<b>Speaker 1</b>	Robert Gordon	Khiya Marshall	Virginia Knox
<b>Speaker 2</b>	Robert Granger	Christopher Trenholm	Daniel Meyer
<b>Speaker 3</b>	Philip Uninsky	Amy Margolis	Elaine Sorensen

The track opens with a plenary session that will present a range of perspectives on integrating research, policy and practice. Moderated by Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families), *The Role of Evidence in Policy* will feature three presentations.

- Robert Gordon (Office of Management and Budget) will present the Obama Administration's approach to evidence-based policymaking.
- Robert Granger (William T. Grant Foundation) will discuss the importance of building an evidence base in a manner that reflects the scale and scope of concerns in the field.
- Philip Uninsky (Youth Policy Institute) will describe a collaboration of public agencies serving children, youth and families in a central New York county that has implemented a broad spectrum of evidence-based programs.

The first breakout session, *Evaluating, Using and Building an Evidence Base to Improve Adolescent Health*, will feature presentations on evidence reviews in the area of sexual risk behavior and implementing the reviews in the field. The session is moderated by Eleanor Ott (Administration for Children and Families).



- Khiya Marshall (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) will present on the HIV/AIDS Prevention Research Synthesis Project.
- Christopher Trenholm (Mathematica Policy Research) will present an evidence review of teen pregnancy prevention approaches.
- Amy Margolis (Office of Adolescent Health) will discuss the implementation of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.

The second breakout session, ***Building Evidence-Informed Responsible Fatherhood Policies***, features three presentations that discuss the research evidence that can inform changes in the child support enforcement system, fatherhood and relationship skills programs and social policies for disadvantaged young men and their children. Moderated by Kristin Moore (Child Trends), this breakout session will also offer innovative ideas about possible next steps in programming, policy and research.

- Virginia Knox (MDRC) will provide an overview of what we have learned from evaluations to date about the effectiveness of direct efforts to strengthen family relationships.
- Daniel Meyer (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will focus on disadvantaged fathers' interactions with the child support system.
- Elaine Sorensen (The Urban Institute) will discuss the preliminary results from the New York State Fatherhood Initiative.

There will also be facilitated discussions related to research, policy and practice during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 3, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables. Relevant discussions include:

- Increasing Research Opportunities in Underserved Communities
- Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse