

# RESULTS FIRST CONNECTICUT NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 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

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the IMRP released a report entitled “Recidivism Among Adjudicated Youth on Parole in Connecticut.” On September 6, 2017, the IMRP presented findings and recommendations from the report to the Recidivism Workgroup of the Juvenile Justice Policy Oversight Committee (JJPOC). Also, a presentation on this report to the whole JJPOC is scheduled for October 19, 2017. Read the report [here](#).

## NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

### MISSISSIPPI

In June of 2017, the [Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review \(PEER\)](#), a nonpartisan standing committee of the Mississippi Legislature published [Issue Brief #1: Opportunities for Improving the Outcomes of Adult Prison-based Intervention Programs](#). This report is written in the style and format of a Pew-MacArthur Results First program inventory and benefit-cost analysis. This work revealed which programs were most effective at reducing recidivism and which were least effective. Additionally, the PEER group compared effect sizes and cost per participant to determine the most cost effective program.

Created in 1973, PEER provides the Legislature with timely and accurate information on Mississippi state government in order to enable that body to perform its function of legislative oversight. PEER analyzes state agency programs and operations and helps the Legislature make state government more effective, efficient, and accountable.



INSTITUTE FOR MUNICIPAL & REGIONAL POLICY  
**Central Connecticut State University**

## NATIONAL-FEDERAL BRIEF

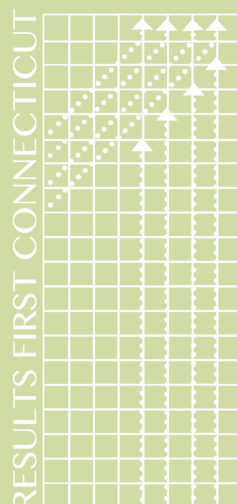
The Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking was established by the bipartisan Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act of 2016 ([P.L. 114-140](#)), jointly sponsored by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), and signed by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2016. The Act recognizes that better use of existing data may improve how government programs operate. The mission of the CEP is to develop a strategy for increasing the availability and use of data in order to build evidence about government programs, while protecting privacy and confidentiality.

Over the past 15 months, the CEP developed the findings and recommendations which they presented to the President and the Congress. The commission’s report “The Promise of Evidence-Based Policymaking” can be read [here](#).

The commission met from July, 2016 through July of 2017 and held public meetings and other sessions with experts. It also solicited stakeholder input through a Request for Comments which produced over 350 comments. Furthermore, the commission administered a survey of 209 federal offices identified as likely to be generating or using evidence.

The commission made 22 recommendations pertaining to (1) Improving Secure, Private and Confidential Data Access (establishing a National Secure Data Service), (2) Modernizing Privacy Protections for Evidence-Building, (3) Implementing the National Secure Data Service and (4) Strengthening Federal Evidence-Building Capacity.

This was a significant federal effort and the report has a great deal of information about evidence-based policymaking.



**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](http://www.resultsfirstct.org).