

North Carolina  
**Family Impact**  
SEMINAR

**Evidence-based Policy:**  
*Strategies for Improving Outcomes  
and Accountability*

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*Bridging the gap between research and public policy to improve the lives of children*

# Two Principles for Evidence-Based Policy Making

- Support programs that work  
*(and stop programs that are ineffective)*
- Always generate evidence to inform policy

# Plan for this Seminar

1. A federal example and tutorial  
*(Jon Baron)*
2. A North Carolina example of success  
*(Robert Foss)*
3. A public, philanthropic coalition  
*(Michelle Hughes, Rhett Mabry, Charisse Johnson)*
4. An example from another state  
*(Brian Bumbarger, Janelle Lynch)*
5. Discussion

# Family Impact Seminar

## Legislative Committee

- Representative Jeff Barnhart
- Drupti Chauhan, Research Division, NC General Assembly
- Representative Bob England
- Representative Rick Glazier
- Senator Fletcher Hartsell
- Shirley Iorio, Research Division, NCGA
- Senator Vernon Malone
- Kristopher Nordstrom, Fiscal Research Division, NCGA
- Senator Jean Preston
- Carol Ripple, Program Evaluation Division, NCGA
- Representative William Wainwright

# A Brief History of Social Programs

- 1950s Social programs as charity
- 1960s The Great Society: *Improve outcomes*
- 1970s Document implementation but not impact
- 1990s Question impact and cut programs that fail
- 2000s Now, the era of evidence and investment