

**Palm Beach County's Children's Services Council,
Early Learning Coalition and Healthy Beginnings Coalition**

******Background and Talking Points******

**Ensure Accountability - Fund Programs and Services
Based on Evidence and Research**

Support data systems, evaluations, research and evidenced based programs to guide the selection and funding of state and local programs and services that achieve outcomes for identified target populations. Assess and move all current programs on a scale of effectiveness that raises expectations and assures accountability.

Background: Federal, state and local governments are receiving increasing pressure to assure programs get results. The federal government is promoting program selection based on rigorous research and an increasing focus on evaluation research. The standard includes programs evaluated through multiple randomized controlled trials that show significant improved outcomes for clients.
