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The Universities Children's Policy Collaborative (UCPC) is dedicated to contributing to the health and welfare of children, youth, and families by providing nonpartisan information on public policies.

A collaboration between researchers from three state-related universities, the UCPC provides research, data, and experts to address issues affecting the well-being of children, youth and families in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. UCPC works with foundations, legislators, journalists and the executive branch of state government to provide scientific information to help improve child and family policy and program results in Pennsylvania.

What we do:



UCPC presents thorough evaluations of evidence related to child policy problems so that policy makers can do their work more effectively.

Unlike advocacy organizations, the UCPC does not champion specific solutions. Emphasis is placed on reviewing documented best practices evidence, evaluation studies and empirical research to determine effective programs to address specified problems. Nationally prominent researchers from Pennsylvania's three premier state-related universities are available to report on scientific evidence, conduct or supervise original research, evaluate programs or provide testimony in a timely manner.

Types of information that can be provided include research reviews, best practices information, original data, case statements, evaluation reports, and critical evaluations of other states' activities and innovative programs.

Methods for information sharing include face to face briefings, legislative forums, site visits, briefing letters, and reports from focus groups of scholars and other experts. UCPC customizes its approach with clients and pledges confidentiality for information requested or provided.

Past and potential clients include foundations, nonprofit agencies, government agencies, journalists, individual legislators and candidates for legislative office.

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Examples of key projects:

Brief reports on juvenile violence, preschool programming, teen abstinence programs and other timely policy topics prepared for state political candidates

Specific reports for The Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Care and Education (Fall 2002):

- Benchmarking Early Care and Education in Pennsylvania: The 2002 Pennsylvania Family Survey
- The State of Early Care and Education in Pennsylvania: The 2002 Higher Education Survey
- A Baseline Report of Early Care and Education in Pennsylvania: The 2002 Early Care and Education Provider Survey
- From Science to Policy: Research on Issues, Programs and Policies in Early Care and Education
- The Pennsylvania Early Childhood Quality Settings Study

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