Selected Resources for Understanding Research
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Provides an overview of the evidence base for the policy choices in the Framework, summarizing the factors that contribute to, and sustain, the healthy growth and development of young children.


A useful website that is part of Child Care & Early Education RESEARCH CONNECTIONS; includes quantitative and qualitative research assessment tools for evaluating quality of research and helpful glossary.


This document helps help policymakers and other interested individuals answer three big questions: 1) What does the research say? 2) Is the research trustworthy? 3) How can the research be used to guide policy? Answering these questions allows leaders to make evidenced-
based decisions about education policies, gain a better understanding of research methods, and become more informed consumers of research.


Increasing amounts of data are now available to parents, educators, researchers and policymakers. However, it has not been fully utilized because critical data are not collected, which can limit policymakers and educators ability to diagnose problems and offer solutions. Offers practical policy options to remove those obstacles and ensure the right data are being captured and interpreted.


A discussion of five methods to evaluate the effectiveness of state-funded preschool programs summarized in chart form providing a quick glance at the research questions that each design addresses, a brief outline of the methodology, the main issues or concerns with the design, and the positive aspects of the design approach.