

# Challenges of Using Evidence Based Research

Programs for Children  
3 – 5 years

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# Context

- ❖ **Nothing happens in isolation**
- ❖ **What are the supporting policies?**
- ❖ **What conditions have enabled this to happen?**



# Cost Factors

- ❖ Evidence based research rarely provides cost estimates
- ❖ Weighing the balance – program implementation vs. program evaluation



# Credibility of Evidence

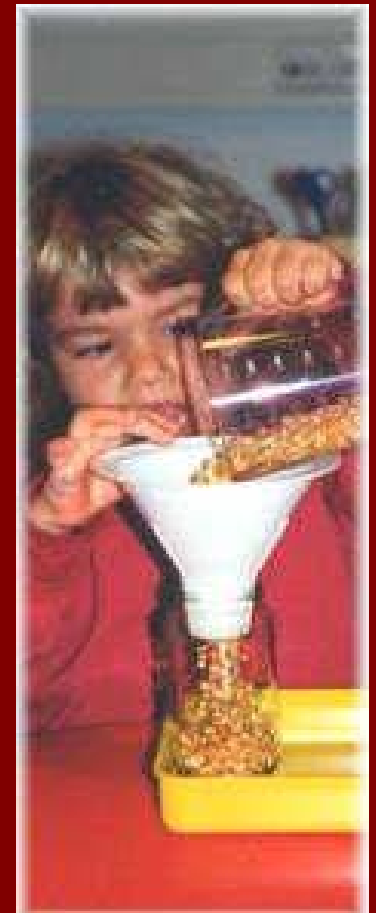
❖ Is the research credible?

❖ Is the methodology appropriate?



# Sustainability of Results

- ❖ Will the benefits of interventions be sustained over time?
- ❖ If not, what are the long term cost implications? How do we protect our investment?



# Fidelity to the Model

- ❖ Is there any flexibility, and if so, where?
- ❖ Need to address multiple agendas
- ❖ Merging models



# Challenges... ... and Opportunities

