



## Community, Family, and School Research and Policy

The Bowling Green State University Institute for Child and Family Policy represents the first program in Ohio aimed at providing explicit, non-partisan child and family policy research, analysis, and program evaluation support to social service and education agencies, courts, legislators, legislative staff, and state agency personnel. The Institute aims to strengthen connections between research, best practice models, and child and family policy in Ohio through non-partisan summaries of topical family and child program evaluation research, insightful policy analysis, and support for research on the impacts of educational and social policy on children and their families.

### *ICFP Goals*

- Disseminate non-partisan, research-based, policy analysis to promote the consideration of family, school, and community contexts and open communication among policy makers, service providers, and researchers.
- Serve as an information and research resource for state legislators, legislative staff, and others involved in legislative and policy formation processes.
- Facilitate, support, and implement programs and research designed to encourage child and family professionals in best practice.
- Evaluate community-based programs to inform policy, best practice, and effective resource allocation.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for community data profiles to inform policy and practice.
- Support effective approaches to link child and family research, practice, and policy.

### *Agency Evaluation Support*

Institute staff are available to provide evaluation support to government and community agencies interested in assessing the efficacy of their programs and services. Institute support will assist agencies in complying with mandated evaluation tasks, reporting program outcomes, and overall evaluation-based program planning and resource decision-making. A range of on-site Institute support is available to agencies in northwest Ohio.

### *Policy Analysis and Research*

The Institute serves as a resource to those seeking insightful policy analysis and recommendations and to organizations seeking to explore practice implications of policies and legislation. Institute services include analyzing the effects of policy and legislation on people and organizations, developing recommendations regarding policy alternatives, gathering facts about situations of interest to policymakers and organizations, and identifying key issues associated with policy and legislative decisions.

