BASSC Research Response Team (1994-2014):
Capturing the Past 20 Years of BASSC Reports and Publications

Overview

In its early years, the BASSC Research Response Team (RRT) focused on single county projects. This research usually addressed questions related to service delivery and client populations, including homeless needs assessment and education for foster children. A more limited number of projects addressed management level or policy issues, such as managed care. The projects utilized a range of research methods, including case studies, surveys, literature reviews, focus groups, key informant and other in-depth interviews, and case record reviews.

Following the enactment of federal welfare reform in 1996, much of the work of the RRT related to county efforts and innovations as they implemented welfare reform. This work was based primarily on case studies designed to capture and share specific programs and initiatives in individual counties.

Beginning in 2002, the RRT moved to conducting multi-county studies related to educational services for children in foster care and the relationship between child welfare and the courts. During this period and continuing to 2009, a series of policy relevant papers were also completed, focusing on poverty and welfare among other issues.

In 2005, as a result of cuts to the BASSC budget and in response to the directors' interest in synthesizing the national research literature, the RRT developed a series of 22 structured literature reviews (child welfare, CalWORKs, adult and aging, offender re-entry and child poverty) along with a series of county knowledge sharing case studies.

Since 2012, the BASSC RRT has focused on multi-year projects related to subsidized employment, child welfare data-mining, Great Recession impact, evidence-informed practices, contractual relations between public sector and nonprofit sector human service organizations, and the impact of implementing the Affordable Care Act (publications pending).

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