Effectiveness of a Community-Level Intervention: Research in the Real World

Problem of Scale

- More than 6 million children in poverty
- Additional 5.5 million who are “near poor”
- Requires a multi-tiered approach

Challenges of Community Work

Research Side:
- Have no control over personnel changes and turn over – training must be on-going
- Anyone who is recruiting, collecting consent or data must obtain IRB approval
- Assessing Fidelity
- Getting buy-in from over-worked professionals
- Raising funds for research and programming
- Training assessors
- Protecting confidentiality in a public space

Community Side:
- Getting buy-in of board members and clients
- Unexpected Partners
- Finding and training volunteers
- Fundraising

Framework for State Public Education Systems Approach to “Science-with-Practice”

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LIBRARIES
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