



What are the 5 Principles of the Administration for Children and Families Evaluation Policy

Human services programs aim to foster wellbeing for children, families, and adults. Evaluations can help ensure those services are effective. That's why the Administration for Children and Families, ACF, has a commitment to high standards when conducting evaluations. We at ACF's Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, OPRE, use the ACF Evaluation Policy to guide our work.

This policy has five clear principles: rigor, so that studies provide accurate answers; relevance, so that studies produce useful information; transparency, so that information about studies is clear and accessible; independence, to keep studies objective and avoid conflicts of interest; and ethics, to safeguard evaluation participants.

Following these principles helps us produce evidence to make human services programs work better. Other organizations have also adopted similar policies to improve their evaluations.

Explore the ACF Evaluation Policy today at [ACF.hhs.gov/evaluation-policy](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/evaluation-policy).