



# GUARANTEED INCOME EVALUATORS

The below information serves as a resource for guaranteed income demonstrations to find experienced evaluators in the field to support their work, as well as connecting guaranteed income evaluations organizations to one another. A single point of contact has been provided for each organization. Please note that the Guaranteed Income Community of Practice (GICP), the GICP co-chairs, and the GICP co-conveners, do not recommend any particular evaluator. We encourage you to speak with other GICP members and evaluators directly to select who may best suit your current programmatic needs.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

**When selecting an evaluations partner for your demonstration site, you may wish to consider the following questions:**

- What are the deliverables the demonstration site is asking the evaluator to create?
- Over what time frame would the demonstration site require evaluation support, and how does the evaluating organization plan to address continuity in the staff involved both on the program and research end to see the project through?
- What culturally responsive practices will the evaluation organization include in their design process, and how will they ensure these methods are followed? E.g., employing a culturally and skillset diverse team that seeks direction from community stakeholders, and ensuring community respect as experts and not solely research subjects.
- What are the budget constraints of the demonstration program, and can the evaluations organization pivot and design effective research methods to meet these constraints?
- What experience does the evaluator have with the demonstration site's specific region/population served?
- Will there be local on-the-ground staff to work with participants?
- How can the evaluating organization work with the program to mitigate barriers to data collection? E.g., translation services, accessible language for survey participation, building alternatives to mitigate technological barriers, meeting recipients where they may congregate, compensation for participation.

## EVALUATION PARTNERS

### **Abt Associates**

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**Location(s) served:** National

**Previous partnerships:** Alexandria, VA (ARISE: Alexandria Recurring Income for Success and Equity pilot); Atlanta, GA; Baltimore, MD; Birmingham, AL; Houston, TX; Louisville, KY; Mount Vernon, NY; Shreveport, LA

**ABT Associates** provides an array of services beyond evaluations support to allow program managers achieve maximum impact. In the area of research and evaluations they provide data capture and surveys, research, monitoring, and evaluations support, technical assistance, and implementation services. ABT collaborates with Mayors for a Guaranteed Income.

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### **Blakely Consulting**

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**Previous partnerships:** Boston, MA (Camp Harbor View Guaranteed Income Pilot)

**Blakely Consulting** helps mission-based organizations measure and maximize their impact. They offer a range of evaluation support services including full planning and implementation to evaluations training support. In their full service evaluation planning and implementation, they develop an evaluation plan, implement it, and manage the process. For organizations looking for data consulting services, they provide evaluation design trainings and support as-needed.

<https://pietablakely.com>

## Cash Transfer Lab

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**Location(s) served:** As of publishing, not accepting new projects

**Previous partnerships:** AK (Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend)

The mission of **Cash Transfer Lab (CTL)** is to build an evidence base regarding cash transfer policies. We answer the fundamental questions of how conditional and unconditional cash transfer policies transform American families, communities and economies.

<https://as.nyu.edu/cash-transfer-lab.html>

## Center for Guaranteed Income Research

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**Previous partnerships:** Cambridge, MA; Columbia, SC; Durham, NC; Gainesville, FL; Ithaca, NY; Los Angeles, CA; Los Angeles County, CA; Madison, WI; Mountain View, CA; Newark, NJ; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Oakland, CA; Paterson, NJ; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Saint Paul, MN; San Diego, CA; Santa Fe, NM; Stockton, CA; Tacoma, WA; Ulster, NY; West Hollywood, CA

The **Center for Guaranteed Income Research (CGIR)** is an applied research center specializing in cash-transfer research, evaluation, pilot design, and narrative change. Providing mixed-methods expertise in designing and executing empirical guaranteed income studies that work alongside the existing safety net, CGIR serves as the centralized research partner for Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI) where they support 30 guaranteed income pilots.

<https://www.penncgir.org>

## Center for Housing and Homelessness Research, University of Denver

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**Previous partnerships:** Denver, CO (Denver Basic Income Project)

The **Center on Housing and Homelessness Research (CHHR)** provides scientifically-supported research, evaluation, training, technical assistance and community assessments on issues related to housing security and homelessness. They partner with community stakeholders and contract with city and state governments, local and regional organizations and nonprofits to improve the health and well-being of people living in poverty and experiencing homelessness. CHHR can assist with research, program evaluation, data analysis and interpretation, policy analysis and needs assessments. Their experience spans program development, management and evaluation; systems mapping; applied and intervention research; community-based participatory research; training and education; facilitation; data collection, analysis and interpretation; needs assessment; and organizational development.

<https://socialwork.du.edu/chhr/content/our-work-housing-security-and-homelessness>

## Family Economic Policy Lab

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**Location(s) served:** National

**Previous partnerships:** GA (In Her Hands); Hudson, NY (Hudson UP)

The **Family Economic Policy Lab** of the Blue Cross NC Institute for Health and Human Services collaborates with the Social Policy Institute at Washington University in St. Louis. They are committed to advancing social and economic justice for vulnerable families and communities by disseminating rigorous research examining innovative policy solutions.

<https://ihhs.appstate.edu/fepl>

## **Inclusive Economy Lab**

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**Previous partnerships:** Chicago, IL (Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot); Cook County, IL (Cook County Promise Guaranteed Income Pilot)

The **Inclusive Economy Lab** partners with policymakers, community-based organizations and others to generate rigorous evidence that leads to greater economic opportunity for communities harmed by disinvestment and segregation.

<https://urbanlabs.uchicago.edu/labs/inclusiveeconomy>

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**Previous partnerships:** Austin, TX (Austin Guaranteed Income Pilot); Compton, CA (Compton Pledge); Hudson, NY (HudsonUP Basic Income Pilot); Los Angeles County, CA (Department of Public and Social Services of Los Angeles Pilot); Maricá, Brazil (Maricá Basic Income Evaluation); Mountain View, CA (Elevate MV Pilot); NY (Creatives ReBuild New York's Guaranteed Income for Artists); Oakland County, MI; TX (Central Texas Strength-Based Approach Program)

**Jain Family Institute** (JFI) builds pilots, designs policy, and conducts research on guaranteed income alongside international partners in government, philanthropy, and academia. JFI primarily partners with policymakers, local government officials (mayors, state representatives and senators, economic development teams within cities, etc), academics, and foundations to provide research expertise and local insights on all aspects of guaranteed income policy. Their areas of knowledge include pilot and research design, strategy, operationalization, and implementation; assembly of academic advisory boards; consulting on cash transfer legislation, policy, and media; and analysis.

<https://www.jainfamilyinstitute.org/our-work/guaranteed-income>

## Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg School of Public Health

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**Previous partnerships:** Baltimore, MD (Baltimore's Young Families Success Fund)

**Lorraine T. Dean**, ScD, is a social epidemiologist who examines how privilege and disadvantage influence chronic disease. With the resource backing of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Urban Health Institute, and Johns Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Dean is able to support guaranteed income pilots in the Baltimore area. She also serves on the *Baltimore Guaranteed Income Steering Committee*.

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**Previous partnerships:** Chula Vista, CA (Hilltop High School); Santa Clara County, CA (County of Santa Clara's Basic Income Pilot); CA (UCSF BEAM pilot)

**MyPath** engineers effective models by designing, testing and scaling models that support cities, youth employment programs and financial institutions to build economic pathways for youth. Their engineering process is rooted in values of youth participation, the power of human relationships and technology, and ongoing data collection.

<https://mypathus.org>

## **Social Policy Research Associates**

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**Previous partnerships:** Marin County, CA (Marin Community Foundation's Guaranteed Income Demonstration Project, "MOMentum"); Sonoma County, CA (Sonoma County Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot, "First 5 Sonoma")

**Social Policy Research Associates** (SPR) provides a wide range of evaluation, technical assistance, and facilitation and training services. They partner with clients to improve policies, strategies, and programs. The SPR team has in-depth expertise in a wide range of methodologies, intervention strategies, and fields. They have decades of experience working with diverse populations in education, philanthropy, and workforce initiatives.

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**Previous partnerships:** Little Rock, AR

The **Southern Public Health and Criminal Justice Research Center** is committed to using community-engaged, action-oriented research and training to eradicate racial, economic and public health inequities related to criminal justice involvement. They have extensive expertise in evaluation (using both quantitative and qualitative data), study and program evaluation design, data collection, management, analytics, and beyond.

<https://publichealth.uams.edu/departmentsandunits/centers/spac>

## Urban Indian Health Institute

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**Previous partnerships:** Seattle, WA (Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services)

**Urban Indian Health Institute** offers services and information to help organizations better understand the health status and health disparities of the urban American Indian and Alaska Native population. Their work supports program planning, research, reports, grant writing, and advocacy.

<https://www.uihi.org>

## Urban Institute

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**Previous partnerships:** Arlington County, VA; Austin, TX; CA state-wide; Montgomery County, MD; Washington, DC; Nationwide (Kresge Shared Prosperity Initiative)

The **Urban Institute** is a nonprofit research organization that provides data and evidence to help advance upward mobility and equity. They serve changemakers who seek to strengthen decision making, create inclusive economic growth, and improve the well-being of families and communities.

<https://www.urban.org>