

# Foundations of Evidence-Based Policy

- Development and testing of effective social programs
- Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) as best but not only test of program impacts
- Capacity to conduct RCTs
- Establishment of Institute of Education Sciences
- Clearinghouses with information about evidence-based programs
- Obama evidence-based initiatives
- OMB emphasis on evaluation by agencies
- “Nudge” unit in White House
- Growth of Pay for Success programs
- Results First initiative by Pew and MacArthur
- Ryan/Murray Commission on Evidence-Based Policy
- Financial support from government and foundations
- Support for evidence-based policy in new presidential administration

# Rossi's Iron Law: An Update

- Nurse-Family Partnership (home visiting programs)
- Carrera Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program
- Career Academies
- KIPP schools
- CUNY's Accelerated Study in Associate Programs
- H&R Block College Financial Aid Application Assistance
- Small Schools of Choice
- Triple P System
- Transitional Care Model
- Sawhill's Social Genome Model

# Challenges to Future of Evidence-Based Policy

- Role of RCTs
- Implementation science lagging
- Taking programs to scale
- When a program fails, what's next?
- Innovation vs. evidence
- Shortage of effective programs