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### **INVEST IN WHAT WORKS**

Dear Chairmen Cochran and Rogers, Vice Chairman Mikulski and Ranking Democratic Member Lowey:

We are writing to urge you to include the attached “Invest in What Works” provisions in the Appropriations Committees’ fiscal year 2016 bills and reports for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and, Related Agencies; U.S. Departments of Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies; U.S. Departments of Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies; and U.S. Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Agencies. To provide you with a complete picture of our evidence and evaluation agenda, we have also included for your information requests for mandatory funding at the end.

America is facing enormous social and economic shifts, budget constraints at all levels of government, significant demographic changes, and an increasingly globally competitive workforce. While the recently enacted fiscal year 2015 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act includes an unprecedented commitment to evidence and evaluation, we must continue to focus on improving the ways in which federal taxpayer dollars are spent. While the Administration’s fiscal year 2016 budget request proposes an even greater investment in what works including but not limited to proposals in this letter, we must continue to ensure that scarce federal resources are invested in the most effective and efficient programs in fiscal year 2016 and beyond.

We thank you for the positive steps you have taken toward building a strong evidence-based, results-driven policy agenda and we encourage you to reaffirm that commitment to improving outcomes for all Americans by incorporating the attached “Invest in What Works” recommendations in the fiscal year 2016 appropriations bills and Committee reports.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,

AdvancED  
Alliance College-Ready Public Schools  
America's Promise  
Ascend at the Aspen Institute  
Aspire Public Schools  
BELL  
Breakthrough Schools  
Capital Impact Partners  
Cascade Philanthropy Advisors  
Center for Employment Opportunities  
Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns  
Hopkins University  
Citizen Schools  
City Year  
Communities in Schools  
Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC)  
CSH  
Democrats for Education Reform  
Education Northwest  
Education Reform Now Advocacy  
Forum for Youth Investment  
Gestalt Community Schools  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Green Dot Public Schools  
GreenLight Fund  
IDEA Public Schools  
KIPP  
Knowledge Alliance  
LIFT  
LISC

Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas  
Mile High United Way  
Morino Institute  
National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform  
New Profit, Inc.  
New Teacher Center  
Nurse Family Partnership  
REDF  
Results for America  
Salt Lake County (UT)  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
SRI International  
StriveTogether  
Success for All Foundation  
Teach For America  
Teach Plus  
The SEED Foundation  
Third Sector Capital Partners  
Turnaround for Children  
U.S. Soccer Foundation  
United Way of Greenville County (SC)  
United Way for Southeastern Michigan  
Uplift Education  
Urban Alliance  
Venture Philanthropy Partners  
WestEd  
Year Up  
YES Prep Public Schools  
Youth Villages

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**INVEST IN WHAT WORKS  
FY16 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**WIOA Pay for Performance - Recommended Report Language**

*Pay for Performance.* - The Committee is pleased with the Pay for Performance authority contained in the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). This authority will create a new funding approach to deliver workforce development services to WIOA participants, particularly populations that are the most difficult to serve. The Committee believes Pay for Performance is a promising, innovative approach to using data, evidence, and evaluation to improve workforce development outcomes for the most vulnerable citizens. The Committee directs the Department to provide technical assistance to states and localities to help them utilize Pay for Performance strategies.

**General Provision**

**Evaluations - Recommended Report Language**

*Program Evaluations.* - The Committee recommends bill language that sets aside 1.0 percent of discretionary appropriations for all Department agencies to be used by the Chief Evaluation Office for program evaluations. The Committee bill also recommends that the Department provide an evaluation plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees no later than 15 days prior to any transfer of funds.

**Evaluations - Recommended Bill Language**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. (a) The Secretary shall reserve 1 percent from each appropriation made available in this Act identified in subsection (b) in order to carry out evaluations of any of the programs or activities that are funded under such accounts. Any funds reserved under this section shall be transferred to "Departmental Management" for use by the Office of the Chief Evaluation Officer within the Department of Labor, and shall be available for obligation through September 30, 2017: Provided, That such funds shall only be available if the Chief Evaluation Officer of the Department of Labor submits a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate describing the evaluations to be carried out 15 days in advance of any transfer. (b) The accounts referred to in subsection (a) are: "Training and Employment Services", "Job Corps", "Community Service Employment for Older Americans", "State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations", "Employee Benefits Security Administration", "Office of Workers' Compensation Programs", "Wage and Hour Division", "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs", "Office of Labor Management Standards", "Occupational Safety and Health Administration", "Mine Safety and Health Administration", funding made available to the "Bureau of International Affairs" and "Women's Bureau" within the "Departmental Management, Salaries and Expenses" account, and "Veterans Employment and Training."

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### MIECHV - Recommended Report Language

*Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV).* - The Committee encourages ACF and HRSA to continue their collaboration and partnerships to improve health and development outcomes for at-risk pregnant women, parents, and young children through evidence-based home visiting programs.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### CMHSBG - Recommended Report Language

*Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.* - The Committee recommends that at least five percent of the funds for the Community Mental Health Block Grant program be set aside for evidence-based programs that address the needs of individuals with early serious mental illness, including psychotic disorders. The Committee further recommends that in implementing this set-aside that SAMHSA is expected to continue its collaboration with NIMH to ensure that funds are used only for programs showing strong evidence of effectiveness. The Committee further directs the Administrator of the SAMHSA to exempt the Mental Health Block Grant and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant from being used as a source for the PHS evaluation set aside in fiscal year 2016.

#### CMHSBG - Recommended Bill Language

Provided further, That States shall expend at least 5 percent of the amount each receives for carrying out section 1911 of the PHS Act to support evidence-based mental health prevention and treatment practices to address the needs of individuals with early 32 serious mental illness, including psychotic disorders, regardless of the age of the individual at onset: Provided further, That none of the funds provided for section 1911 of the PHS Act shall be subject to section 241 of such Act.

### Administration for Children and Families - Children and Family Services

#### Head Start - Recommended Report Language

*Head Start -- Designation Renewal System.* - Within the total for Head Start, the Committee recommendation includes \$25,000,000 for the Head Start Designation Renewal System.

#### Head Start - Recommended Bill Language

Provided further, That of the amount provided for making payments under the Head Start Act, \$25,000,000 shall be available for allocation by the Secretary to supplement activities described in paragraphs (7)(B) and (9) of section 641(c) of such Act under the Designation Renewal System, established under the authority of sections 641(c)(7), 645A(b)(12) and 645A(d) of such Act.

#### Children's Research and Technical Assistance – Recommended Report Language

*Children's Research and Technical Assistance.* – The Committee bill repeats a general provision, contained in the FY'15 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, which transfers \$15,000,000 from the Contingency Fund to welfare research to support the cost of developing and evaluating innovative approaches for reducing welfare dependency and increasing the well-being of minor children.

### Children’s Research and Technical Assistance – Recommended Bill Language

SEC. \_\_\_\_ (b) Of the amount made available by Public Law 113–235 for section 403(b) of the Social Security Act for fiscal year 2016— (1) \$15,000,000 is hereby transferred and made available to carry out section 413(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 613(h)).

### Statistical Access to National Directory for New Hires-Recommended Report Language

*National Directory of New Hires.*- The Committee recommends allowing select Federal statistical and evaluation units to access the HHS's National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) dataset of Unemployment Insurance earnings data for statistical purposes, consistent with privacy and confidentiality protections. Statistical purposes may include evaluating Federal job training and other programs that would impact earnings and allow an agency using the NDNH to create job training service provider "scorecards" based on participant employment and earnings outcomes, consistent with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Education for the Disadvantaged

#### ESEA Titles I and II - Recommended Report Language

*ESEA Titles I and II allocations.*- The Committee has included new bill language which requires the Secretary to direct states to set aside 1% of their Title I and Title II allocations (prior to distributing them to local school districts) and award these funds on a competitive basis to local school districts that submit applications with plans to improve student achievement and graduation rates among disadvantaged students. These competitive grants should be targeted to the twenty-five percent of local school districts in the state with the highest concentration of students living in poverty through a tiered-evidence funding framework as defined by the Department’s General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).

### School Improvement Programs

#### SEED - Recommended Report Language

*Supporting Effective Educator Development grants (SEED).* - The Committee recommends the Secretary to set aside 5% of the total appropriation for Improving Teacher Quality State Grants for SEED. The Department makes grants to national nonprofit organizations to support teacher and school leader enhancement projects with evidence of effectiveness and conducts related national leadership activities.

### Innovation and Improvement

#### Investing in Innovation - Recommended Report Language

*Investing in Innovation.* - The Committee recommends \$300,000,000 for the Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund for competitive grants to replicate education programs that have high levels of effectiveness and to develop and test promising new ideas. Of the increased amount, \$50,000,000 is set aside to pursue development of breakthrough educational technology and tools that result in improvements for all students (especially those from low-income backgrounds) by increasing educational achievement and attainment for students in both traditional and non-traditional learning environments. The Committee bill continues language from last year which specifies that up to 5 percent of the i3 funds may be used for technical assistance and evaluation activities and that the Secretary may renew a grant for additional one year periods if the grantee is meeting its performance targets, up to a total award period of 6 years. The Committee directs the Department to provide continuation grants to certain current i3 grantees that are demonstrating strong interim outcomes but have not had sufficient time to achieve their program goals. This would allow such grantees to receive additional i3 dollars to continue their evaluation and effective implementation of

their evidence-based, grant-funded activities and achieve the longer-term outcomes proposed as the purpose of their programs.

Grants for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools - Recommended Report Language

*Grants for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools.*- The Committee recommends that \$100,000,000 be set aside for competitive grants to charter management organizations based on their proven track records of success in significantly increasing academic achievement and attainment for all students, their ability to provide sound financial and business management plans, and their willingness to offer transparent plans for closing schools that do not meet high standards of performance.

Leveraging What Works - Recommended Report Language

*Leveraging What Works.*- The Committee recommends \$100,000,000 for a new Leveraging What Works pilot that would make competitive grants for LEAs that agree to use a portion of their Federal formula grant funds, in combination with State and local resources, to implement new or existing evidence-based interventions, based on at least moderate evidence of effectiveness, that address local needs. LEAs would agree to annually report on per-pupil expenditures and student outcomes in a manner that supports the calculation of return on investment for selected interventions.

**Special Education**

IDEA - Recommended Report Language

*Results-Driven Accountability Grants.* – The Committee recommends that up to \$10,000,000 of the funds made available for section 611 of the IDEA be made available to States to identify and implement promising evidence based reforms that will improve service delivery for children with disabilities while also building state and local capacity to continue to improve outcomes for children with disabilities.

IDEA - Recommended Bill Language

Provided further, That the Secretary may reserve up to \$10,000,000 of the funds made available for section 663 of the IDEA to support:(1) grants to States, outlying areas, freely associated states, and the Secretary of the Interior to carry out activities identified in their State Systemic Improvement Plans to improve results for children with disabilities birth through age 21 under Parts B and C of the IDEA; and (2) related activities for carrying out and assessing the performance of those grants.

IDEA - Recommended Report Language

*Pay for Success - IDEA Award.* - The Committee bill includes language that permits the Secretary to reserve up to \$15,000,000 of the funds appropriated for the Grants for Infants and Families program to support Pay for Success projects designed to increase early screening, identification, early intervention, and other services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and at-risk infants and toddlers who do not qualify for Part C services in their State.

IDEA - Recommended Bill Language

Provided, That notwithstanding section 643 of the IDEA, the Secretary may reserve up to \$15,000,000 of the funds appropriated under section 644 of the IDEA for performance-based awards to public or private non-profit entities for Pay for Success projects to increase early screening and early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and early screening, evaluation, early intervention, and other services to at-risk infants and toddlers who may otherwise not qualify for services under Part C of the IDEA in their State: Provided further, That with respect to the previous proviso, any funds obligated for such projects shall remain available until expended.

## **Higher Education**

### **First in the World - Recommended Report Language**

*Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) - First in the World (FITW).* - The Committee recommends \$200,000,000 for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE). Of the \$200,000,000, the Committee recommends that \$195,000,000 be used to make new FITW awards, including large grants to implement initially proven strategies at the broadest level of scale and to rigorously evaluate such strategies. The committee also recommends that the remaining \$5,000,000 be used for technical assistance to help FITW grantees conduct project evaluations.

## **General Provision**

### **Evaluations - Recommended Report Language**

*Evaluations.* - The Committee recommends bill language that clarifies the Department's authority to use 1% of all discretionary appropriations provided in this Act for Department agencies, with the exception of Pell Grants, for evaluation purposes consistent with the terms and conditions in this Act applicable to such office. The funds are in addition to other dollars that are specifically designated for evaluation purpose. The Committee also includes language, which permits funds to be pooled across all education agencies to conduct evaluations without respect to the source of funds for those activities. The Committee further recommends that the Department provide an evaluation plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees not later than 15 days prior to any transfer of funds.

### **Evaluations - Recommended Bill Language**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. The Secretary shall reserve 1.0 percent of all discretionary appropriations under this Act, with the exception of subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *Provided*, That funds shall be used to carry out evaluations of any programs or activities funded under such accounts without respect to the source of funds for those activities: *Provided further*, That these funds are in addition to any other funds provided for this purpose: *Provided further*, That not later than 15 days prior to the initial obligation of funds reserved under this section, the Secretary shall submit an evaluation plan to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the House Committees on Appropriations and Education and the Workforce which identifies the source and amount of funds reserved under this section, the impact on program grantees if funds are withheld, and the programs to be evaluated with such funds.

## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **Innovation, Demonstration, and Assistance Activities**

### **Social Innovation Fund - Recommended Report Language**

*Social Innovation Fund.* - The Committee recommends \$80,000,000 for the Social Innovation Fund. The recommendation includes language that sets aside up to 20% of these funds for Pay for Success Projects. The Committee directs the Agency to provide renewal grants to current SIF grantees that are demonstrating significant interim outcomes but have not had sufficient time to achieve their program goals. This would allow such grantees to receive additional SIF dollars to continue their evaluation and effective implementation of their evidence-based, grant-funded activities and achieve the longer-term outcomes proposed as the purpose of their programs. This is consistent with the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which permits the renewal of grants for an additional 5-year period. The Committee further directs the Agency to permit current SIF grantees to be eligible to apply for additional SIF funds for projects not currently funded by SIF.

### Social Innovation Fund - Recommended Bill Language

\$80,000,000 shall be available for expenses to carry out section 198K of the 1990 Act; Provided further, That for the purposes of carrying out the 1990 Act, satisfying the requirements in section 122(c)(1)(D) may include a determination of need by the local community: Provided further, That not to exceed 20 percent of funds made available under section 198K of the 1990 Act may be used for Social Innovation Fund Pilot Program-related performance-based awards for Pay for Success projects and shall remain available through September 30, 2017: Provided further, That, with respect to the previous proviso, any funds obligated for such projects shall remain available for disbursement until expended, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 1552(a): Provided further, That any funds deobligated from projects under section 198K of the 1990 Act shall immediately be available for activities authorized under section 198K of such Act.

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### Performance Partnerships Pilots - Recommended Report Language

*Performance Partnership Pilot.* - The Committee continues a general provision establishing up to ten performance partnership pilots designed to improve outcomes for disconnected youth. These pilots may be used to prevent youth from disconnecting from school or work, provide education, training, employment, and other related social services. All federal agencies throughout this Act may use a portion of their discretionary funds to participate in Performance Partnership Pilots.

### Performance Partnerships Pilots - Recommended Bill Language

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . (a) Federal agencies may use Federal discretionary funds that are made available in this Act to carry out up to 10 Performance Partnership Pilots. Such Pilots shall: (1) be designed to improve outcomes for disconnected youth, and (2) involve Federal programs targeted on disconnected youth, or designed to prevent youth from disconnecting from school or work, that provide education, training, employment, and other related social services. Such Pilots shall be governed by the provisions of section 526 of division H of Public Law 113–76, except that in carrying out such Pilots section 526 shall be applied by substituting "fiscal year 2016" for "fiscal year 2015" in the title of subsection (b) and by substituting "September 30, 2020" for "September 30, 2019" each place it appears. (b) In addition, Federal agencies may use Federal discretionary funds that are made available in this Act to participate in Performance Partnership Pilots that are being carried out pursuant to the authority provided by section 526 of division H of Public Law 113–76, and section 524 of division G of Public Law 113–235.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

### Second Chance - Recommended Report Language

*Second Chance Act Offender Re-entry Programs - Pay for Success Initiatives.* - The Committee recommends that up to \$30,000,000 made available for the Second Chance Act Offender Re-entry Program be used for performance-based awards for Pay for Success projects, of which \$10,000,000 shall be for Pay for Success projects implementing the Permanent Supportive Housing Model.

### Second Chance - Recommended Bill Language

Provided, That up to \$30,000,000 of funds made available in this paragraph may be used for performance-based awards for Pay for Success projects, of which up to \$10,000,000 shall be for Pay for Success projects implementing the Permanent Supportive Housing Model: Provided further, That, with respect to the previous proviso, any funds obligated for such projects shall remain available for disbursement until expended, notwithstanding 31 U.S.C. 1552(a): Provided further, That, with respect to the first proviso (or any other similar projects funded in prior

appropriations), any deobligated funds from such projects shall immediately be available for activities authorized under the Second Chance Act of 2007 (Public Law 110–199).

### **General Provision**

#### **Performance Partnership Pilots- Recommended Report Language**

*Performance Partnership Pilots.* - The Committee recommends bill language which permits the Department to use federal discretionary funds through the Office of Justice Programs to participate with other Federal agencies in carrying out Performance Partnership Pilots.

#### **Performance Partnership Pilots - Recommended Bill Language**

SEC. 216. Discretionary funds that are made available in this Act for the Office of Justice Programs may be used to participate in Performance Partnership Pilots authorized under section 526 of division H of Public Law 113–76, section 524 of division G of Public Law 113–235, and such authorities as are enacted for Performance Partnership Pilots in an appropriations act for fiscal year 2016.

## **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **Bureau of the Census**

#### **Ryan-Murray Evidence-based Policy Commission - Recommended Report Language**

*Ryan-Murray Evidence-based Policy Commission.* – The Committee recommends \$10,000,000 to create an Administrative Records Clearinghouse that will expedite the acquisition of federal and federally-sponsored administrative data sources, improve data documentation and linkage techniques, and leverage and extend existing systems for governance, privacy protection, and secure access to these data. Funding also supports the cost of administering a Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking that will provide for the administration of a Commission of experts responsible for making recommendations about data inventory, data infrastructure, outcomes measurement protocols, data linkages, legal and administrative barriers, data sharing, funding, researcher access, confidentiality, privacy, and strategies to increase program effectiveness. The Commission will have representatives with expertise in academic research, database management, privacy, and program administration. Federal Statistical System agency heads and OMB will advise and consult with the Commission on their respective areas of expertise and responsibility.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Project-based Rental Assistance - Recommended Report Language**

*Multifamily Performance-Based Energy Conservation Demonstration.* - The Committee bill includes new language that authorizes the Secretary to conduct a demonstration to test a performance-based model program that facilitates financing of energy and water conservation improvements in assisted multifamily housing with the intent to reduce utility costs.

#### **Project-based Rental Assistance - Recommended Bill Language**

SEC. 230. MULTIFAMILY PERFORMANCE-BASED ENERGY CONSERVATION DEMONSTRATION. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this demonstration is to authorize the Secretary of the Department of Housing and

Urban Development (hereinafter referred to as "the Secretary") to test a performance-based model program that facilitates financing General Provisions 53-33 of energy and water conservation improvements in assisted multifamily housing with the intent of reducing the utility costs of such housing. (b) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—In accordance with the provisions of this section, the Secretary may execute performance-based agreements in fiscal years 2016 through 2018 to provide energy and water conservation improvements for up to 20,000 units in eligible multifamily properties. The Secretary may use funds made available under the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance" for such agreements in each fiscal year that such agreements are executed or in effect. (c) BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—The demonstration shall be budget neutral, so that the utility costs subsidized by the Secretary and the performance payments under the performance-based agreements for the participating properties are not more than the utility costs subsidized by the Secretary would have been for such properties in the absence of this demonstration. (d) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.— (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may execute performance-based agreements under this section with entities that provide services or that arrange for the provision of services and, upon receipt of payments under the agreement, disburse such payments in accordance with the agreement. (2) SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The Secretary may select eligible entities by competition or a formula based on an eligibility threshold. (e) TERMS OF PERFORMANCE-BASED AGREEMENTS.—A performance-based agreement under this section shall include— (1) the period that the agreement will be in effect and during which payments may be made, which may be a term of up to 12 years; (2) the performance measures that will serve as payment thresholds during the term of the agreement; (3) an audit protocol for the properties covered by the agreement; (4) a requirement that payments shall be contingent on realized cost savings associated with reduced utility consumption in the participating properties; and (5) such other requirements and terms as determined to be appropriate by the Secretary. (f) IMPLEMENTATION.—This section shall be implemented in accordance with such procedures, terms, requirements, and conditions as the Secretary shall, by notice, provide. (g) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the use of the authority under this section every 5 years after the execution of the first agreement under this section and within 2 years of the expiration of the last agreement executed under this section, and report such findings to Congress. Explanation of this Section: Authorizes the Secretary to conduct a demonstration to test a performance-based model program that facilitates financing of energy and water conservation improvements in assisted multifamily housing with the intent to reduce utility costs.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED AGENCIES**

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

#### **United States Agency for International Development**

##### **DIV - Recommended Report Language**

*Development Innovation Ventures (DIV)*. - The Committee includes \$22,400,000 for DIV to invest in innovations that have the potential to change millions of lives in developing countries.

### **SUPPORT FOR MANDATORY PROGRAMS**

To provide you with a complete picture of our evidence and evaluation requests, we have also included for your information requests for mandatory funding that we support, while recognizing these programs fall outside the purview of your committee.

#### **MIECHV**

The Invest in What Works Coalition supports the Administration's FY16 budget request of \$500,000,000 in mandatory funding in FY'16 and \$15,000,000,000 through FY'25 to extend and expand MIECHV, which permits

states to provide voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services to women during pregnancy and to parents with young children.

### **Social Services Block Grant Program**

The Invest in What Works Coalition supports the provision in the Administration's FY'16 budget request which would allow the HHS Secretary to set aside up to 1 percent of Social Services Block Grant mandatory funds for research and evaluation.

### **Upward Mobility Pilots**

The Invest in What Works Coalition supports the Administration's FY16 budget request of \$1,500,000,000 over a 5 year period to allow states, localities or consortia of the two to blend funding across four block grants, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Social Services Block Grant and Community Services Block Grant, as well as HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Community Development Block Grant, that share a common goal of promoting opportunity and reducing poverty. In exchange for more accountability for results, state and localities would be able to use the funds beyond the current allowable purposes of these programs to implement evidence-based or promising strategies for helping individuals succeed in the labor market and improving economic mobility, children's outcomes, and the ability of communities to expand opportunity.

### **Pay for Success**

The Invest in What Works Coalition supports the Administration's FY16 budget request of \$300,000,000 for a new Pay for Success (PFS) program within the U.S. Department of the Treasury. This program will support the growing number of State and local governments seeking to establish PFS projects that leverage private investment to provide preventive social services that improve the outcomes for families and communities while generating government savings. The program will encourage innovation and accelerate the use of evidence-based approaches by lowering and sharing the risk associated with initial private investments and by enabling state and local governments to attract additional investment in services that result in Federal, State, and local government savings. The program will provide credit enhancements and results-based payments to eligible intermediaries.