

# NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

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“Right now, Washington measures success by how much it spends, not by how much it helps people. This commission will help change government’s old ways of thinking and make better use of the data we get so that we can make more of a difference in people’s lives.”

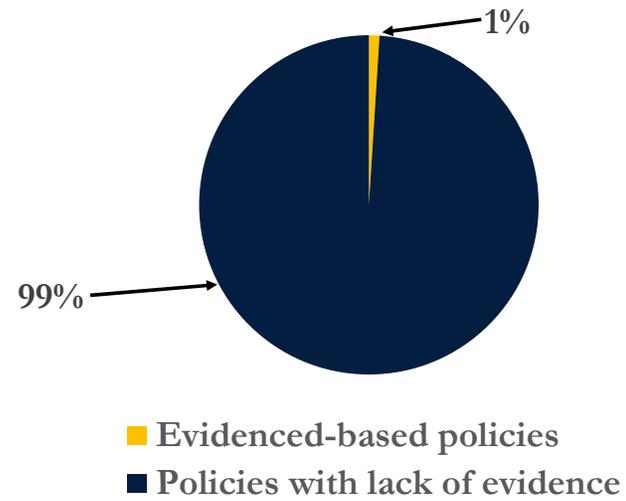
--Speaker Paul Ryan



# Federal spending on social programs



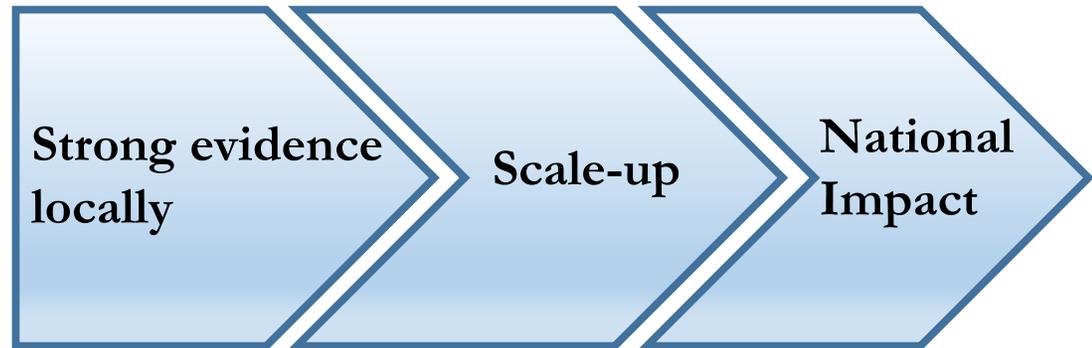
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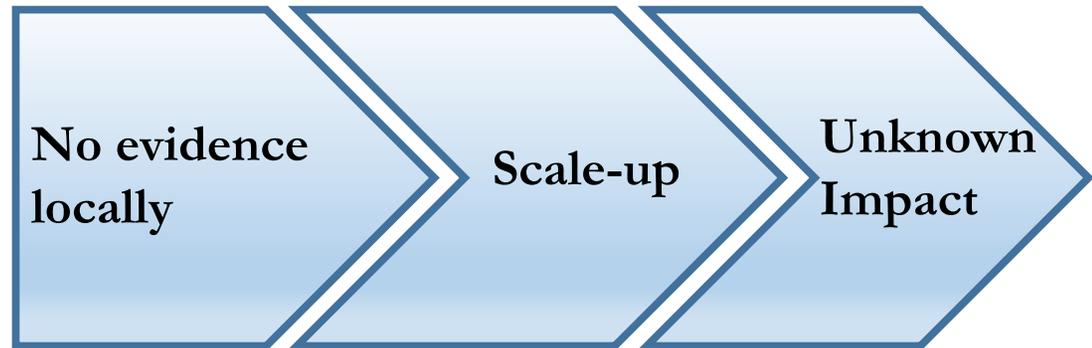
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**ECONOMIC POLICY**

# The impact of homelessness prevention programs on homelessness

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## Obstacles to evidence-based programs

- **Funding:** resources to measure impact are limited
- **Data:** information on outcomes is limited
- **Best practices:** Hard to replicate effective programs



# Many programs persist without evidence

## Refugee Resettlement



- Nonprofits help resettle thousands of refugees each year (70,000 in 2014)
- Program costs exceed \$250 million annually
- Virtually no information on how refugees fare beyond 6 months



## How the CEP can help

1. **Incentivize impact measurement:** encourage social service providers to test their programs
2. **Make administrative data accessible:** standardize process by which social service providers link to admin data
3. **Facilitate dissemination of best practices:** Help providers learn about and implement proven programs

