Discussion Questions

Variation in CCDF Family-Friendly Administrative Practices Panel
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- Why does local practice deviate from policy?
  - Does CCDBG reauthorization address this?

- How does program design address local variation?
  - Monitoring practices/audits; communication with staff.

- How should we think about tradeoffs between greater standardization vs. front line flexibility & discretion?
  - Framed here as negative, but positive in other contexts.
  - Should goal be to minimize variation or maximize appropriate service delivery
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- What are solutions to minimizing local variation (when it is detrimental) and maximizing it (when it is positive)?
  - Rule simplification, does it increase or decrease variation
  - Will small changes lead to detectable changes in practice?

- What are the capacity needs of local offices to support research on administrative practices & outcomes
  - Do they collect data for research in this area?