**Challenges of Conducting and Using Policy-Relevant Research**

**Description**
Building from last year, this keynote panel provided an overview and specific examples of the challenges of informing policy with our research. The goal was to ground the meeting as a learning community that can grapple with these issues.

**Moderator**
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**Panelists**
- Marty Zaslow, Child Trends
- Bobbie Weber, Oregon State University
- Barbara Goodson, Abt Associates
- Cherie Kotilinik, Minnesota Child Care Assistance Program
- Harriet Dichter, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

**Issues**
- How can researchers best engage government officials and key agency actors in planning and conducting research?
- What techniques can researchers use in constructing and disseminating research reports to encourage their use by policy audiences?
- How does the shifting nature of political audiences affect the use of research findings, and how can researchers effectively respond?
- Researchers typically operate on a longer time frame than policy audiences desire. What strategies support high quality longer term studies while simultaneously meeting the shorter term information needs of policy audiences?

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**Discussion Notes**
There were no notes from this session.

End of Session

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