

## Questions for Upcoming Research

### Early Childhood Education

Should kindergarten be mandatory? What are the developmental and social implications of starting school earlier/and or mandatory kindergarten? How do we know when children are ready for kindergarten programs? How does mandatory kindergarten, and early childhood education connect to truancy, absenteeism and education later in life?

What are current best practices related to early childhood education in Rhode Island?

What is the role of home-based services?

How can longitudinal data be used to better understand early childhood education outcomes in RI?

How can we obtain a better understanding of the cognitive and neurological development of children in order to better provide early education programs that are most impactful? How do we best use our state dollars to improve our early childhood programs?

How does early childhood education connect to college readiness, acceptance, graduation rates?

What are other states doing as it relates to early childhood education and connections to college?

How do our curricula compare to the best practice states? What makes us unique?

What is being done to curb suspensions? What are other states doing as far as statewide policies, or individual districts for student discipline?

How does student attendance and discipline affect college entry readiness?