



**USING EVIDENCE TO  
STRENGTHEN SELF-SUFFICIENCY**



## Solving Economic & Social Challenges in a Complex World

Stable housing, educational opportunities and secure employment are the anchors to a prosperous and healthy society. For more than 50 years, Abt Associates has changed lives for the better, producing rigorous research and implementing evidence-based solutions. Find out how our work supports policymakers and practitioners to address complex social issues with innovation and technical excellence.

“Abt staff are highly qualified and experienced with the technical and practical aspects of conducting strong evaluations and have provided clear and high-quality technical assistance.”

—Recent Department of Education client



## EDUCATION

Abt Associates was founded on the premise that research and evidence can change lives for the better. Today, Abt’s Education practice helps policymakers and practitioners identify, understand, and apply the evidence that matters in education.

### *Postsecondary Readiness*

Abt is conducting randomized controlled trials of the impacts of strategies to promote postsecondary readiness among high school students participating in two federal college access programs, GEAR UP and Upward Bound.

### *Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities*

Abt conducted a cross-national evidence review of the benefits of inclusive education for students with and without disabilities. The final report presented a systematic review of 280 studies from 25 countries.

### *Supporting School-Based Partnerships*

Abt developed a comprehensive, multi-modal toolkit that helps schools create and cultivate partnerships with teachers, district staff, community organizations and parents. The toolkit provides sample agendas, templates, and other materials that can help schools and partners get started immediately.

Our **PEG**   
**EVALUATION** Found  
**90%** of **PEG STUDENTS**—  
mostly in very poor  
families—developed early math and  
literacy skills on par with their peers  
nationally.

# WORKFORCE, INCOME & FOOD SECURITY

Our high-profile studies have shaped U.S. policies and programs affecting low-skilled job seekers, children and families, and at-risk youth. We deliver quality solutions to challenges related to workforce development and career pathways, income and work supports, food security and nutrition assistance, among others.

## *Evaluating Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG)*

Abt is evaluating HPOG, a federal workforce program that trains low-income adults for careers in high paying healthcare jobs and helps address the shortage of skilled healthcare workers. To date more than 33,000 Americans have enrolled in a program.

## *Assessing Social Security Disability Benefits*

Data show that some Social Security Disability recipients want to work but are restricted due to program and policy requirements. Under a new study, Abt is examining whether a program that lowers restrictions helps to encourage disability recipients to return to work.

## *Studying the Effects of Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs*

Once programs that prevent teen pregnancy are said to work, do they continue to work for those who replicate them? We are determining the effectiveness of such programs once they have been repeated, leading to critical analysis on these risk-taking reduction programs.



“The quality of the work done by Abt is at a very high level. They are leading experts on the topic of career pathways.”

—Recent Department of Labor feedback

Our evaluation of the **Summer EBT program for Children** found an extra \$60 per child per month **reduced**

**very low food insecurity** among children by **33%** and increased fruit & vegetable intake by **19%**.





“This study really is a landmark study in our long quest to eliminate homelessness in America.”

—Former HUD Secretary Julian Castro describing the Family Options study conducted by Abt Associates

## HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

Stable housing determines well-being. We understand the issues. Our research and technical assistance focus on housing security through asset building, homeownership and rental assistance; preventing and ending homelessness for all people; and fostering community development.

### *Finding the Best Interventions for Homeless Families*

For the Family Options Study, we randomly assigned housing access options to more than 2,280 families experiencing homelessness in 12 communities, and followed them for three years, to determine what works best, and how to keep them in stable homes.

### *Evaluating Housing Counseling Programs for First-Time Homebuyers*

Does pre-purchase homeownership counseling for first-time homebuyers help? This study will illuminate whether counseling programs can improve first-time homebuyers' mortgage literacy, credit scores, and understanding of the action steps necessary to keep their homes.

### *Developing Annual National Counts of Homelessness*

Since 2007, Abt has produced annual counts of homelessness to Congress. The counts, both a one-night and a year-long count, offer the best understanding of national, state and local homelessness among families, individuals, veterans and disconnected youth.

1,484,574

people  
experienced

sheltered homelessness  
in 2015. That's more  
people than can fit in all  
MLB stadiums.





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## About Abt Associates

Abt Associates is a mission-driven, global leader in research, evaluation and technical assistance in the fields of social, economic, health and environmental policy and international development. Known for its rigorous approach to solving complex challenges, Abt Associates is regularly ranked as one of the top 20 global research firms and one of the top 40 international development innovators. The company has multiple offices in the U.S. and program offices in more than 60 countries.

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### SELECT CLIENTS

- Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- Corporation for National and Community Services
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Labor
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- National Institutes of Health
- Social Security Administration
- State and local governments

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