

# Research and Evaluation

## Breakout Session Three

### Objective

To discuss how to share and interpret data, test theories and scale. This discussion will focus on how research is being used across the city to inform policy, practice and investment in scale. For instance, the District is currently conducting an independent evaluation of its Quality Improvement Network (QIN).

### Panelists

- **Nisha Sachdev**, Senior Director of Evaluation at the Bainum Family Foundation (Facilitator)
- **Brenda Jones-Harden**, Professor at the University of Maryland's College of Education
- **Pyper Davis**, Executive Director at Educare DC

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## Questions to Consider

- How can philanthropy and direct-service programs develop partnerships with research institutions to evaluate demonstration projects/pilots?
- How do community-based programs evaluate their direct services and continuously improve?
- What partnerships need to be forged to collect and analyze data to inform decisions and shape next steps?