What We Do

The Lab @ DC is a new entity in the Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia Government. We conduct applied research projects to generate timely, relevant, and high-quality evidence that informs the District’s most important decisions. We integrate evaluation into government action so that testing, iterating, and improving becomes standard practice. The Lab @ DC stimulates and provides capacity related to four general functions:

1. Translate evidence from academic and private sector research into concrete policy and program interventions;
2. Connect and analyze administrative data; and
3. Conduct high-quality evaluations—including randomized evaluations and rapid, iterative experimentation—to continually test and improve policy.
4. Establish a network of practitioners, actively engaged in working groups, listservs, and related, to facilitate information-sharing, networking, and project collaborations.

Who We Are

The Lab @ DC is housed out of the Office of the City Administrator, closely integrated with the Office of Performance Management (OPM) and connected with a wide range of agencies. The Lab also works in partnership with a network of universities and research centers. We are, by design, diverse in training and experience. We have PhDs in psychology, mathematics, sociology, economics, and public policy; a JD, an MD, a MPH; and MAs in public administration, policy management, and bioethics. There are decades of collective applied experience from universities, private and nonprofit firms, the military, and several government agencies.

How to Partner

Have questions? Contact us at the.lab@dc.gov. Interested in receiving updates about our latest work, opportunities to work together on a project, and invitations to our The Lunch @ DC speaker series? Sign up today: bit.ly/2l7Vpyc.