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Current Projects

Exploring Data Practices in Child Welfare to Advance Equity
In partnership with Mathematica and the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Brevard is exploring current and promising practices that child welfare agencies and their partners use to advance equity and provide support for underserved populations. The project aims to understand how and to what extent data is used to explore equity in service delivery and child and family outcomes, to identify barriers or problematic practices, and to explore child welfare agencies' and partners' efforts to reduce barriers across the continuum of child welfare services. The project also aims to better understand and build the capacity for child welfare agencies and their partners to promote equity for children and families in underserved communities. This work has been funded by the federal Administration for Children and Families.

Testing the Impact of Evidence-Based Interventions on Child Welfare Outcomes
In partnership with the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, Chapin Hall, and the Juvenile Protective Association, Brevard is assisting in testing the impact of several promising evidence-based interventions on child safety, placement prevention, and child well-being. She is also leading a racial equity sub-study to identify any racial differences in clinical participation and outcomes among children and youth at risk of out-of-home placement. This project is part of a national effort to reduce the number of children entering foster care and consistent with a 2021 federal executive order calling for state agencies to understand how data are used to identify practice barriers and assess equity in service delivery and child and family outcomes.