The Cutler Institute assists policymakers in defining and clarifying the issues they face, tailoring evidence-based policy solutions to their real world circumstances, and helping them understand how policy and practice changes will impact clients, partners, and communities. We bring a broad range of expertise to our policy work, including: knowledge of policy in a variety of fields; policy and legal analysis; evidence-informed decision making; practice model development, and the ability to engage stakeholders and vulnerable populations in our work.

How we work with our partners

- Engage all stakeholders in policy/program initiatives.
- Identify best and promising practices.
- Identify statutory implications, solutions, and requirements.
- Inform policy and practice development with end-user input.
- Develop an evidence-informed framework for understanding policy implications and options.
- Tailor practice changes to real world circumstances.
- Design systems to implement policy changes.
- Develop assessment tools and policy/practice manuals.

A SUCCESS STORY  Improving Health Outcomes for Children (IHOC) Partnership

The Cutler Institute, the states of Maine and Vermont, the University of Vermont, and Maine Quality Counts for Kids work together to improve the health of children by increasing preventive screening and early identification and treatment of childhood health issues. Cutler Institute staff convene a broad range of stakeholders from the policy, technology, and healthcare arenas to improve how child health care services are provided, measured, and paid for. Our staff provide expertise in project management, policy analysis, child health metrics, and evaluation. IHOC has shown great results: participating primary care practices increased immunization rates from 74% to nearly 80% after one year; and developmental screening rates for children in participating practices more than doubled for ages one to three and more than tripled for two-year-olds after only six months.
Our more than 130 experienced staff take pride in our collaborative partnering with clients throughout the nation, from state and federal agencies to the private sector. With advanced degrees and decades of experience in areas of policy, social work, law, education, business administration, and public health, the Cutler Institute’s staff provide global, multidisciplinary approaches and resources to complex issues.

Using research and policy analysis, training and technical assistance, as well as program development and implementation, the Cutler Institute’s practical approach helps to translate best practices into everyday practice for government and community agencies.

Our primary research areas include children, youth, and families; disability and aging; justice policy; and population health and health policy.

Our staff are committed to working closely with each client — no matter the scope of the project — to examine the root of an issue and provide sustainable solutions that help leaders and organizations further their mission and vision. This scope of services and attention to both client and community solutions is unique to the Cutler Institute.