

## **Research and Accountability**

### **DEFINITION**

...the use of and participation in research to analyze situations, explore options, understand possible outcomes and is then able to justify decisions from a sound knowledge base.

### **BELIEFS**

- Evaluation identifies ways to improve action.
- Culturally appropriate assessment is both critical and complex.
- Sharing information spreads learning and collaboration.

### **KNOWLEDGE**

- Qualitative and quantitative evaluation techniques and applications.
- The ECD research that supports best practice and systemic change.
- How ECD policy changes affect local supports and services.
- Who holds relevant ECD data and how to access it.

### **SKILLS**

- Work with ECD stakeholders to identify needs, gaps and community assets.
- Use research to collaboratively identify priorities as well as to refine and improve action.
- Apply community capacity evaluation data to improve the activities of the Community Collaborative.
- Translate ECD research to be relevant for different audiences.
- Design and implement evaluation frameworks including measuring and monitoring outcomes.

#### **And working towards:**

- Writing reports that include references to literature and practice-based findings.
- Creating governance structures for effective outcomes
- Promoting innovation and risk management