

Handout 4: Research Question 1 Description

Question: Do local leaders understand the connections among available data, results, and their inferences and actions?

Sub-questions:

- ? What are the differences between state data users and non-users? Ways they use data, inferences made, programs implemented, and so on?
- ? In the judgment of local users, are state staff providing the necessary data for district staff to make decisions that meet their needs?
- ? In what ways are district staff making connections across non-academic and academic outcomes?
- ? How do district staff perceive their role in changing non-academic outcomes (such as health outcomes)?

Activity 1.1	Activity 1.2
<p>Lead survey development across states by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an item pool based on priority constructs that can be used across states. • Designing state-specific survey questions to meet unique needs of each partner. • Supporting sample selection. <p>Support states in identifying tools and resources used for decisionmaking</p> <p>Support protocol development with non-users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide consultation on sampling frames and methods. 	<p>Identify data users and non-users to whom the interview will be administered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design questions that examine leaders' use/non-use of data tools for decisionmaking • Support states in identifying interview sample • Conduct interviews and analyze data <p>Develop communication and dissemination plan</p>
<p>Potential Products:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Brief about data use for continuous improvement 	<p>Product:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two-page brief describing survey results. 2) Two-page brief describing interview results. 3) Written communication and dissemination plan. 4) Inventory of tools and resources