

## Glossary of Terms

**Abecedarian Program:** experimental preschool program serving low-income, primarily African American children in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; full-day, year-round program from infancy to age 5; 104 of the 111 original infants were included in the age 21 follow-up.

<http://www.aypf.org/publications/nomoreisle/PDF/47-50.pdf>

**Benefit-Cost Ratio:** the benefit-cost ratio equals the present value of the benefits of the program divided by the present value of the costs. Present value means that future costs and benefits have been discounted so that all dollar amounts have the same value, e.g. "all costs and benefits expressed in 2007 dollars." Discounting is performed using the interest rate.

<http://www.ensc.sfu.ca/undergrad/courses/ENSC301/Unit7/lecture7.html>

**Chicago Child Parent Centers (CPC):** a center-based early intervention that provides comprehensive educational and family-support services to economically disadvantaged children from preschool to early elementary school.

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cls/Program.htm>

**Chicago Longitudinal Study:** study started in 1986 to determine the effects of government funded kindergarten programs (Child Parent Centers) for 1,539 children in Chicago Public Schools.

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/cls/>

**Consortium for Longitudinal Studies:** cooperative effort to assess the long-term effects of early childhood education on children from low-income families.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICWebPortal/>

**Cross-sectional Study:** a cross-sectional study uses data from a single point in time.

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/timedim.php>

**Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS):** the ECLS Program provides national data on children's status at birth and at various points thereafter.

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/>

**Grade Retention:** term for when a child must repeat a grade in school

**Infant Health and Development Program:** program to test the efficacy of early interventions to enhance the cognitive, behavioral, and health status of low birth weight, premature infants; pediatric follow-up care; home visits; parent support groups; educational program in child development centers.

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/abstract/89/3/454>

**Longitudinal Study:** a study that uses data from at least two points in time.

<http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/timedim.php>

**Meta-Analysis:** a statistical technique that combines information from different studies to find an overall estimate of the effect of a treatment.

<http://www.tufts.edu/~gdallal/meta.htm>

**Perry Preschool:** program began in 1962 with 123 low-income African American children; preschool program for 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week; 1.5 hours for home visits each week; monthly parent meetings; follow-up data gathered through age 40.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/181725.pdf>