

From: Mike Puma (b)(6)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 10:27 AM
To: info@whatworks.ed.gov
Subject: Head Start Impact Study

I just received an embargoed copy of the Quick Review of our study. We are totally confused by the warning regarding conflicting sample size information. It's important that this get resolved before this gets published on the WWC web site. Can you please let us know ASAP the source of the confusion?

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From: What Works
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 7:49 AM
To: ZZ NJ Mike Puma
Subject: What Works Clearinghouse Quick Review of Study
Attachments: QR153_HeadStart_DC.pdf

Dear Dr. Puma:

We are emailing to inform you that a revised What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) quick review of your report, "Head Start Impact Study: Final Report," will be posted on the WWC website Tuesday, December 14, 2010. As part of this process, we are sharing with you a courtesy copy of the quick review (attached). **This quick review is embargoed until Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 10am Eastern Time and cannot be circulated until that time.**

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Sincerely,

The What Works Clearinghouse Team

From: Michael Ponza
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Camilla Heid
Cc: ZZ NJ Mike Puma; Ronna Cook; Bell Steve; Scott Cody; Jill Constantine; Debbie Reed; Sakari Morvey; Mark Dynarski
Subject: Re: Head Start QR -- Attrition Issue

Thank you we will take a look and resolve as appropriate This goes through our independent quality review team
Sent from my iPod

On Jul 20, 2010, at 10:56 AM, "Camilla Heid" <HEIDC1@WESTAT.com> wrote:

Hi Michael,

Attached are the Ns by year, age cohort, and treatment/control status. Puerto Rico is not included in these numbers. Also included are bullet points as to why we do not believe that the attrition rates are high. Let me know if you have questions.

Camilla

From: Michael Ponza [mailto:MPonza@mathematica-mpr.com]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 7:18 PM
To: Camilla Heid; ZZ NJ Mike Puma
Cc: Ronna Cook; Bell Steve; Scott Cody; Jill Constantine; Debbie Reed; Sakari Morvey; Mark Dynarski
Subject: RE: Head Start QR -- Attrition Issue

Hi Camilla,

Yes, we always felt that methods w/ Exhibit 2.9 was an approximation.

Do you know and can you provide to us the number of Puerto Rican students randomly assigned and confirm that Puerto Rican students are NOT included in the main impact analyses represented in the online impact tables?

