

# 2005 Key Events & Activities

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- MicroFranchise Development Initiative (MFDI)
- ESR Conference Transformation
- Learning Labs
- ESR Student Association
- *Small Fortunes: Microcredit and the Future of Poverty*
- Single Moms Initiative
- *Advances in Economic Self-Reliance*



# CESR Goals

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Help millions of families throughout the world become economically self-reliant.

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By helping practitioners to be more effective and deliver better interventions to these families through action research.

- To create the **ESR Model**
- Carried through **Effective Practitioners**
- Using innovative **Interventions**
- While measuring proven **Family Impact**

# ESR Network

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Practitioners



Action  
Research

Researchers

Sponsors





# ESR Conference Purposes

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- Developing better theories to help those in poverty and improvidence
- Developing better practices to help those in poverty and improvidence
- Sharing and linking those theories and practices
- Developing contacts and networks to collaborate after the conference



# ESR Theories and Practices Difficult

Finding anti-poverty theories and practices that work over time is difficult because:

- Political and Environmental Uncertainties
- Changes in Government Policies and Programs
- Changes in Cultural and Economic Systems
- Changes in Community Patterns
- Changes in Family Patterns
- Changes in Individual wants and needs

So ... We need to continually be evaluating our theories and practice—thus the conference.

# Conference Questions

- 1) How does this idea/program affect the psychological, social, and economic well-being of those in poverty? (WeD study, U. of Bath)
- 2) How does this idea/program strengthen families? (Fragile Families study, Princeton)
- 3) How does this idea/program strengthen the “helping relationship” between practitioners and their clients who are in poverty? (Schein)
- 4) How will what I’ve heard change the way I do my work?

