

**SRCD SOCIAL POLICY REPORT
TOPIC PROPOSAL FORM**

1. For each author: Name, title or position, and primary organizational affiliation(s)

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2. Corresponding author: Contact information (Email address, phone number, website URL)

3. Working title of proposed SPR:

To maximize accessibility to non-researcher audiences, we encourage prospective authors to use the SPR title to signal your principal policy consideration(s), e.g., *Community-Based Doulas: A Proven Solution to Improve Prenatal Outcomes*

4. Topic to be addressed:

a. Brief description of topic (Maximum 100 words)

b. Brief explanation of policy context (Maximum 100 words)

- Why are you addressing this topic (to what extent do the research findings you will share address social policy)?
- Why are you addressing this topic *now*? What is new and/or timely?
- Who is your anticipated target audience? In other words, whom do you anticipate can *act* on your policy considerations (for example, human services agency staff, legislators, school board members, county commissioners, members of Congress)? Please define your target audience as specifically as possible.

5. Please populate the table below to describe your policy consideration(s) and the research findings on which you base the policy considerations. See examples below.

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Bulleted list of main research findings that support the policy consideration(s)

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<p>Example 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong research evidence supports the expansion of community-based doula services for improving perinatal outcomes in minoritized communities	<p>Example 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community-based doulas increase attendance at medical appointments and childbirth education classes• Community-based doulas improve birth outcomes such as low birth weight, lower rates of pre-term birth• Community-based doulas help foster nurturing and responsive child-parent interactions such as dialogic reading at age 3 months
<p>Example 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong research evidence supports the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) child tax credit as a mechanism for reducing child poverty	<p>Example 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child poverty fell to record low levels in 2021• The degree of child poverty reduction varied by factors such as individual states' costs of living
<p>Example 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong research findings point to the need to address the teacher shortage in the State of California	<p>Example 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The supply of new teachers in California is at a 12-year low• Enrollment in educator preparation programs dropped by more than 70 percent over the last decade and has fallen below the number of estimated hires by school districts around the state

6. Optional: Briefly describe next steps for research to improve policy considerations in this area.

7. Optional: Briefly describe additional considerations for program/practice development.

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