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Gary VanLandingham directs the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative, which is working to help state and local governments transform their budget process through a cutting edge approach that enables policymakers to identify and compare the long-term return on investment they would achieve through alternative policy choices. Participating governments have used Results First to eliminate ineffective programs and target funds to evidence-based interventions that have a proven track record of achieving strong outcomes for citizens.

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