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Mapping the Research Priorities of Nonprofit Sector Research Centers:  
Implications for Nonprofit Human Services Research

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## Abstract

The number of nonprofit sector research centers has expanded significantly over the past decade, however little work has examined this emerging set of institutions. This current research contributes to our understanding of the field of nonprofit sector research centers through an assessment of their research priorities and initiatives. Such information provides a more comprehensive description of the scope and contours of these increasingly institutionalized knowledge development activities. The resulting conceptual map is then utilized to outline potential areas of research specifically relevant to nonprofit human service organizations.