

The trouble with facts is that there are so many of them.

- Samuel McChord Crothers

The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: a look at evidence-based practices for serving families of infants and toddlers experiencing trauma, healthy marriage programs and career advancement services, a new brief overview of the FPTRQ project, methods for handling missing data, research on early adversity, trauma, and toxic stress through the lens of resilience, Financial Capability Month, a grant opportunity, & more.

Featured Research and Reports



Evidence-Based and Promising Practices for Serving Families of Infants and Toddlers Experiencing Trauma

Interventions to help infants and toddlers rebound from experiences of trauma are most successful when they include a parent component. [Read this brief](#) to learn

more about the impact of trauma on infants and toddlers, and the intervention strategies that could protect them from the adverse consequences of traumatic experiences.



Lessons Learned from Healthy Marriage Programs that Integrate Job & Career Advancement Services

How do Healthy Marriage grantees integrate job and career advancement services for parenting couples into their programs? What role do these services play in meeting the needs of couples? Learn more by [reading the brief](#).



Measuring the Quality of Relationships between Families & Early Childhood Providers/Teachers

[Explore a brief overview](#) of the Family and Provider/Teacher Relationship Quality project that developed five measures of relationship quality between families and the providers/teachers who care for their young children. Learn about the measures, where to access them, and their potential uses.



Methods for Handling Missing Data to Generate Accurate Estimates of Child Care Center Attendance

Proper linking of child care dosage to developmental outcomes requires accurate data on attendance. Unfortunately, missing data can compromise the reliability and validity of child care center attendance estimates. [Explore this report](#) to learn more about analytic methods for handling missing data that can produce the most accurate estimates of attendance.

How Can Understanding Human Development Help Improve Programs for Children & Families?

A growing cluster of research on early adversity, trauma, and toxic stress underscores the importance of reducing stressors on the children and families ACF serves and helping them cope with these experiences. [Read our latest post in The Family Room Blog](#) to learn how looking at this research through the lens of resilience can help us

understand why some individuals beat the odds, adapt, and thrive in the face of adversity. We can also start to identify promising strategies for promoting these protective factors.

April is National Financial Capability Month

Financial Capability Month is a great time to highlight some of ACF's activities and resources related to developing financial capability among the people we serve. OPRE's ongoing [evaluation of the Assets for Independence Program](#) is exploring the impact of program participation on savings, savings patterns, and asset purchases by low-income individuals and families. Additionally, our recent brief on [financial literacy and asset building programs supporting youth transitioning out of foster care](#) is another great resource. For more on ACF's work to build financial capability [read this recent piece in The Family Room Blog](#).

Family Strengthening Research Scholars Grant Opportunity

The Family Strengthening Research Scholars grant program is an opportunity created to support dissertation research on healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood issues affecting underserved/understudied populations. Designed to inform policy decisions, program administration solutions, and future intervention research, this grant opportunity is also an effort to encourage the mentoring of exceptional doctoral students. [Visit the grant page for additional information](#) on this grant opportunity.

Meeting to Explore Transparency and Reproducibility in Federal Program Evaluation

OPRE Director Naomi Goldstein will give the opening remarks at the Transparency and Reproducibility Standards Meeting in Washington, DC on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The meeting's focus is the exploration of ways to make program evaluations and all research more accurate and informative. Registration is free and limited to the first 100 registrants so secure your spot by [registering here](#).

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NEW [The Family and Provider/Teacher Relationship Quality Measures: Filling Gaps for Research and Practice](#)

NEW [Services for Families of Infants and Toddlers Experiencing Trauma: A Research-to-Practice Brief](#)

[A Resource Guide for Head Start Programs: Moving Beyond a Culture of Compliance to a Culture of Continuous Improvement](#)

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