

## The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: Findings on homeless families & the social safety net, tribal home visiting, adolescence & self-regulation, employment & training to help low-income families, & career pathways programs. Plus, an event announcement, funding opportunity, & social media spotlight.

## Featured Research and Reports

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### Exploring Homeless Families' Connection to the Social Safety Net

How do homeless families compare with other low-income families in their connection to the benefits and services of the social safety net? [Explore our findings](#) on rates of participation in key social safety net programs including TANF, publicly funded health insurance, SNAP, SSI, SSDI, WIC, & center-based childcare.

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### A Look at the Tribal Home Visiting Program

Since 2010, the Tribal Home Visiting Program has expanded home visiting services in tribal communities, serving 1,523 families and providing nearly 20,000 home visits. [Explore this report to learn](#) the story of program implementation, highlighting successes and areas of improvement.

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### Sharing Research about Adolescence & Self-Regulation

What are the best strategies for sharing scientific findings about self-regulation during adolescence? The challenges associated with communicating about these topics are substantial. [Explore this report](#) that explains them and presents approaches for more effective communication about self-regulation during adolescence.

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## Occupations Available to Low-Income Families with Short-Term Education or Training

What are some promising occupations achievable through short-term education or training for low-income families in your state? [Explore these analyses of promising occupations](#) expected to experience growth and that require less than a bachelor's degree to enter.

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## Using Labor Market Information with TANF Clients

What is labor market information and how can it be useful in working with TANF clients? [Explore this report](#), which provides the basic information about labor market information, including what it is, who produces the data, uses for the data, as well as key distinctions between types of data.

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## Connecting TANF Recipients with Good Jobs

What resources can state and local TANF agencies use to connect TANF recipients and low-income families with good jobs? [Explore this resource guide](#), which includes research studies, technical assistance resources, client assessments, and data sets related to education and employment.

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## Challenges Faced by Participants in Career Pathways Program

What do participants in career pathways programs evaluated in the Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education (PACE) study perceive as their challenges and difficulties in completing the program? [Explore findings from qualitative interviews with 84 participants](#) to find answers to that question.

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## Motivations & Thoughts on Success among Participants in Career Pathways Programs

What are participants' motivations for enrolling in career pathways programs evaluated in the Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education (PACE) study? [Explore findings from qualitative interviews with 84 participants to learn answers to that question](#), as well as how participants define success and view their chances of being successful.

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## Supports Received by Participants in Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education Study

What supports did participants in the program perceive to be most important to them? In qualitative interviews, nearly all participants noted that tuition support and no-cost programming was crucial to their ability to participate in the career pathways program. Explore findings from interviews with 84 participants to find out more and [learn about other important supports for participants](#).

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## RSVP: Newseum Event with our Deputy Assistant Secretary Naomi Goldstein, OMB Director Shaun Donovan, & Other Federal Agencies

On April 18, Results for America will release the **2016 Federal Invest in What Works Index**, celebrating the progress made by ACF and six other federal agencies in evidence-based policies and programs. White House OMB Director Shaun Donovan will be the keynote speaker along with former White House leaders and others. [RSVP today](#).

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## Early Care and Education Research Scholars Grants Funding Now Available

Are you a doctoral student working on dissertation research in child care policy issues or in partnership with Head Start programs and with faculty mentors? If so, apply for either the [Child Care](#) or [Head Start](#) Early Care and Education Research Scholars Research Grants today.

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## Social Media Spotlight



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## Recently Released Reports

NEW [Are Homeless Families Connected to the Social Safety Net?](#)

NEW [Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting: A Report to Congress](#)

NEW [Communicating Scientific Findings About Adolescence and Self-Regulation: Challenges and Opportunities](#)

NEW [Promising Occupations Achievable Through Short-term Education or Training for Low-Income Families](#)

NEW [Resources for Connecting TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Families to Good Jobs](#)

NEW [Using Data to Connect TANF Clients to Good Jobs: An Opportunity to Foster WIOA Partnerships](#)

NEW [Finances, Family, Materials, and Time: Career Pathways Participants' Perceived Challenges](#)

NEW [Nothing Can Stop Me: Career Pathways Participants' Motivations and Thoughts on Success](#)

NEW [Programmatic and Other Supports Accessed by Career Pathways Participants](#)

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## Plain Language Tip

### Use Simple Words and Phrases

Simple words help you express your message clearly.

Instead of: forfeit

Try: "give up" or "lose"

For more plain language tips, go to [plainlanguage.gov](http://plainlanguage.gov).

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