



"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

- Benjamin Franklin

The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: We share a look at findings from the first nationally representative survey of center-based early care and education programs, the design of the large scale impact study of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants program, two reports on design options for evaluation of Head Start coaching programs, and more.

Featured Research and Reports



New Insights from Our Comprehensive look at Center-Based Early Care & Education Programs

Over 70% of center-based early care and education programs in the U.S. report at least some government funding, and public funding makes up one of the top two sources of revenue for more than a third of programs. These findings represent just two of the new insights explored in this first nationally representative, [in-depth portrait of center-based early care and education programs in over 20 years.](#)



Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Impact Study Design Report

Few large-scale impact studies of career pathways efforts exist, and none exist that test the impact of specific program components. The HPOG Impact Study fills this gap. The study is designed to answer questions about overall HPOG program effectiveness and explore how variations in program services affect impacts, including identifying which elements of career pathways programs contribute most to advancing the labor market success of participants. Learn more about the study when you [read the design report.](#)

Design Options for Evaluation of Head Start Coaching

What research design options are recommended for getting inside the "black box" of coaching practices in Head Start? [Read this report](#) on a proposed study design to evaluate specific dimensions of coaching that may impact teacher and classroom practices in Head Start and other early care and education settings to learn more.

Review of Methods for Evaluating Components of Social Interventions

How can evaluators, policymakers, program administrators, and others estimate the effects of individual components of a social intervention? We explore this question by discussing five experimental designs with the potential to explain the effects of coaching components in Head Start. Learn the details of the designs that showed the strongest promise for evaluating the effects of components of social interventions by [reading the report.](#)

OPRE's Contribution to Evidence-Based Policy-Making Highlighted in New Book

In their new book on evidence-based policy-making, *Show Me the Evidence*, Ron Haskins and Greg Margolis, note, "OPRE was well suited for the evaluation role because of its long history of rigorous evaluation, including work on welfare reform, early childhood education, and child welfare." They also mention our Director, Naomi

Goldstein, as one of a handful of executive agency officials who provided critical leadership. Explore our work on [teen pregnancy prevention](#) and [home visiting](#) to learn more about our role in two of the initiatives discussed in the book.

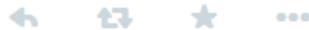
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NEW [Design Options for an Evaluation of Head Start Coaching: Review of Methods for Evaluating Components of Social Interventions](#)

NEW [Characteristics of Center-based Early Care and Education Programs: Initial Findings from the National Survey of Early Care and Education \(NSECE\)](#)

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