

## The Latest from OPRE...

In this Issue: Lessons learned from the design of an Early Head Start study, the latest data on Child Care and Development Fund policies across the country, a look at the evaluation of 9 career pathways programs, & Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education programs serving youth; a call for studies of home visiting program models, 2 new distinct online resources for our work in employment, a conference announcement, & much more.

## Featured Research and Reports

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### Design Options for Future Early Head Start Research

What have we learned from the design of the first round of Baby FACES, and how can future descriptive studies of Early Head Start build on past work? [Explore the ways in which future research on Early Head Start](#) can address information needs for research, policy, and practice, as well as a discussion of the methodological strengths, limitations, and challenges experienced in the first round of Baby FACES.



### Child Care Subsidy Policies: Key Aspects of Child Care & Development Fund Policies across States & Time

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) provides federal money to States, Territories, and Tribes to subsidize the cost of child care for lower-income families. Detailed policies vary widely across jurisdictions. Discover key differences in CCDF-funded programs as of October 1, 2014, along with changes in policies from 2010 to 2014 when you... [Read The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables.](#)

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## Planned Impact Analyses for Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education

The Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education evaluation is testing the impacts of nine programs, each involving a different configuration of career pathways design components. [Explore this report](#) to learn more about the programs, the characteristics of the sample enrolled, and the hypotheses the evaluation will test.

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### Exploring Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs for Youth

What are the characteristics of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education programs serving youth, characteristics of youth served, and the most commonly used curricula, program goals, and expected outcomes? [Explore this fact sheet](#), which summarizes key findings from program grantees from 2011 through 2015 to find out.

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### 2016 Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE) Call for Studies

HomVEE seeks studies for a comprehensive review of the evidence base for home visiting program models. This Call for Studies is particularly aimed at identifying studies not previously reviewed by the HomVEE team including unpublished manuscripts (past or recent), conference papers, or new publications (currently in press) that are not included in databases searched for this review. [Visit the HomVEE Website to learn more about the Call for Studies.](#)

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**EMPLOYMENT STRATEGIES**  
for Low-Income Adults *Evidence Review*

## New Interactive Resource Assesses Research on Employment Strategies for Low-Income Adults

The new [Employment Strategies for Low-Income Adults Evidence Review](#) website is an easy-to-use, searchable database to aid in identifying effective strategies to help workers find and keep jobs. Exploring this site will provide you a transparent and systematic assessment of 305 studies of employment and training programs, with a high, moderate, or low rating assigned to each study based on the strength of the evidence it presents for the effectiveness of a program. The site also describes the

# CAREER Pathways

## **Career-pathways.org: A new Go-To Resource for Info on Our Career Pathways Research**

We are pleased to announce the launch of [career-pathways.org](http://career-pathways.org), a new hub for information about all of our career pathways research, including the Pathways to Advancing Careers and Education (PACE) study and the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) research portfolio. At this new website, you can find information about the studies and the programs being evaluated, as well as stay up-to-date on news and upcoming reports. This go-to resource provides a one-stop shop for information about our career pathways research portfolio.

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## **The Administration for Children and Families presents the National Research Conference on Early Childhood**

Head Start's National Research Conference is now [ACF's National Research Conference on Early Childhood \(NRCEC\)](#). Since 1991, the conference has provided professional recognition for the research field examining the needs of low-income families with young children and the evidence-base for effective program services. The new name for the conference is our effort to encourage participation of the broader early childhood research field. The upcoming conference will be July 11-13, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington DC.

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## Recently Released Reports

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**NEW** [The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables: Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2014](#)

**NEW** [Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education \(PACE\) Technical Supplement to the Evaluation Design Report: Impact Analysis Plan](#)

**NEW** [A Snapshot of Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Programs for Youth](#)

[Disadvantaged Youth: Ongoing Research and Program Evaluation Efforts](#)

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### Use Simple Words and Phrases

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