

The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: Recommended measures for assessing healthy marriage & relationship education programs, a look at thirteen subsidized employment programs & nine career pathways programs, profiles of county-administered TANF programs, a framework for implementing early childhood programs & the design of an evaluation of teen pregnancy prevention programs, & more.

Featured Research and Reports



Recommended Measures for Assessing Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education Program Outcomes

What measures do we recommend for assessing healthy marriage and relationship education programs for parents in complex and families and adolescents? [Explore these summaries](#) of the recommended items and measures and their companion "tip sheets" to learn more about collecting data from these populations.



Understanding the Next Generation of Subsidized Employment Programs

How can subsidized employment programs improve outcomes for individuals considered "hard-to-employ"? Two projects- theSubsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstrationevaluation and the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration evaluation

- aim to answer this question by studying programs in thirteen sites. [Explore the full report](#) to learn more about these two projects, as well as some preliminary findings about implementation of the demonstrations.



Evaluating the Effectiveness of Nine Careers Pathways Programs

Career pathways are an emerging framework for programs aimed at promoting education, training and skills, and improving economic self-sufficiency. The Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education evaluation is testing 9 innovative career pathways programs including an impact study, an implementation study, and a cost-benefit study for each program. [Read this report](#) to learn more about the career pathways framework, and the components, design and data for the evaluation.



A Description of County-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs

Half of all families receiving cash assistance from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program receive assistance through a county-administered TANF program. But what does "county-administered" actually mean? [Explore this report](#), which profiles TANF programs in California, Colorado, Minnesota, and North Dakota, to learn more about state-supervised, county-administered programs and their technical assistance needs.



A Stage-Based Framework for Implementing Early Childhood Programs and Systems

What are the four stages that can contribute to the effective implementation of evidence-based early childhood programs and practices? [Explore the stage-based implementation framework](#) in this brief to learn more about the four separate stages and the three core elements that exist across each of these stages.



Designing Impact Evaluations of Four Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs

We are working to improve our understanding of what works to reduce teen pregnancy by assessing impacts of four PREP-funded programs on adolescent sexual behaviors and pregnancy rates. [Read this new brief](#) to learn more about the design of the impact evaluation study.



Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) | June 1–3, 2016

Spring Brings New Beginnings for OPRE Conference

During this time of year, we are usually finalizing plans for the Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference (WREC), typically held the week of Memorial Day. However, during the 2014 WREC, we announced our plans to move to a biennial schedule and next gather in 2016. This year, instead of planning a conference, we tackled another major task - selecting a new name to better reflect the range of topics and issues featured at the conference. We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) will be held June 1-3, 2016 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC. Learn more about the 2016 RECS at our new website: recsconference.net , and stay tuned to our [RECS](#) [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages for conference updates, including the Call for Proposals to be released soon! We look forward to seeing you in 2016.

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NEW [Testing the Next Generation of Subsidized Employment Programs: An Introduction to the Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration and the Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration](#)

NEW [Pathways for Advancing Careers and Education Evaluation Design Report](#)

NEW [A Descriptive Study of County-Versus State-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs](#)

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