

I was brought up to believe that the only thing worth doing was to add to the sum of accurate information in the world.

- Margaret Mead

The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: We share findings from reports on home visiting for families with young children, services for youth aging out of foster care, & services for fathers leaving prison, as well as a look at TANF & Workforce Investment Act coordination, a tool to measure caregiver-child interactions, the work of our divisions in the past year, & much more.

Featured Research and Reports



Evaluating Home Visiting Programs: New Report Builds the Foundation for Understanding Implementation & Impacts

Our first look at a program to expand availability of evidence-based home visiting services in states and territories details their efforts to reach low-income families in at-risk communities across the country. [Explore the report](#) to learn more about states' needs assessments, as well as characteristics of the families, staff, local programs, and models participating in the study.



Planning Future Evaluations of Independent Living Programs for Youth in Foster Care

Youth aging out of foster care move through the transition to adulthood with different personal assets and characteristics, as well as different resources and supports. [Read our brief](#) on the development of the next generation of evaluation activities under the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program to learn more about the needs of these youth and the types of programs that can help them. Additional briefs highlight [education](#), [financial literacy and asset building](#), and [employment](#) programs for youth transitioning out of foster care.



Grantees of Community-Centered Ex-Prisoner Reentry Project Work with Fathers to Strengthen Families

Across six states, grantees working with ex-prisoners used activities like counseling, parental and relationship education, financial planning, job search assistance, and subsidized and transitional employment opportunities; with the goal to help stabilize fathers and their families, move them toward self-sufficiency, and reduce recidivism. Learn more about the grantees and their work when you [read the full report](#).



The Supports, Strategies, & Considerations that Influence TANF & Workforce Investment Act Coordination

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Workforce Investment Act programs both provide employment and training services to a targeted population of low-income individuals. How do these programs coordinate at the state and local level? [Read this report](#) and accompanying brief to explore the results of interviews on coordination in 8 states and 11 localities. You will also learn about 12 strategies for coordination that the study sites use.



New Quality of Caregiver-Child Interactions for Infants and Toddlers Tool

Do child care providers respond to infants and toddlers in their care in ways that promote social-emotional, cognitive, language, and literacy development? [Read our report on the new Quality of Caregiver-Child Interactions for Infants and Toddlers tool](#) to learn more about how it can help answer that question.

Learn about OPRE's Work Across our Three Divisions

What were the major research investments of our [Division of Family Strengthening](#) in 2014? What issues drive the work of our [Division of Child and Family Development](#)? What major projects did our [Division of Economic Independence](#) fund? Explore each division's annual report to learn more about their work and accomplishments in fiscal year 2014.

Opportunities and Challenges in Evidence-based Social Policy

What are some of the challenges facing the high-quality implementation of national evidence-based social programs and how can they be addressed? [Read the latest issue of Social Policy Report](#) from the Society for Research in Child Development to explore these questions in an article written by the Director of our Division of Family Strengthening, Lauren Supplee, and co-author Allison Metz.

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NEW [The Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation: Early Findings on the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program - A Report to Congress](#)

NEW [Early Implementation Findings from Responsible Fatherhood Reentry Projects](#)

NEW [Preparing for a Next Generation Evaluation of Independent Living Programs for Youth in Foster Care - Project Overview](#)

- [Supporting Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care - Issue Brief 1: Education Programs \(Brief\)](#)
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- [Supporting Youth Transitioning out of Foster Care - Issue Brief 3: Employment Programs \(Brief\)](#)

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