The Latest From OPRE...

In this issue you will find highlights from two recently released reports and our Director’s participation in a congressional hearing, details on a fellowship opportunity, and a Social Media Spotlight...

Portfolio of Research in Welfare and Family Self Sufficiency: Fiscal Year 2013

From studies of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants to the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency project, we work to expand knowledge on the effectiveness of employment and training related programs for low-income individuals and to investigate innovative approaches to improve service delivery.
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We developed this portfolio to share and describe the breadth of our investments in ongoing projects and provide brief overviews of past projects. The portfolio is divided into four sections (TANF and the Safety Net, Employment and the Labor Market, and Education and Training, Cross Cutting Research) and covers our funded projects in this area for Fiscal Year 2013.

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Coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services: Early Implementation

Fourteen tribes and tribal organizations are working to coordinate Tribal TANF and child welfare services while delivering them in a way that is responsive to the needs of their communities, all via grants awarded by the ACF Office of Family Assistance. This report of their first year working to improve service coordination and delivery between the two programs explores the progress made in achieving both goals. That progress includes coordination in the form of interagency planning groups and joint case staffing, to providing responsive services in the form of parenting education programs such as Positive Indian Parenting and Powerful Native Families. Produced by James Bell Associates, Inc. in collaboration with
OPRE Director Testifies Before House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

On January 9th our Director, Naomi Goldstein, testified before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health. In her testimony, she described three ACF programs: the Health Profession Opportunity Grants, Abstinence Education, and Personal Responsibility Education. She described the programs’ accomplishments, the evidence on which they are based, and evaluations underway. She also spoke about ACF’s collaboration with the Health Resources and Services Administration on the evaluation of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program. Recent reports on these programs include:

- Health Profession Opportunity Grants: Year Two Annual Report
- The Personal Responsibility Education Program: Launching a Nationwide Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Effort
- Revised Design for the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation
Summer Research Fellowship with the National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families

The National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families, established via cooperative agreement between OPRE, Child Trends, Abt Associates, and university partners to help inform how programs and policy can better serve Hispanic children and families, is pleased to announce a new Summer Research Fellowship program for summer 2014. This 12-week program is open to those currently enrolled in graduate programs (Master's, Ph.D) and will provide students with the opportunity to carry out policy-research in an applied setting, and in ways that can impact both policy and programs serving Hispanic children and families. Applications are currently being accepted for the program so be sure to submit applications by the deadline of March 7th, 2014.

> Detailed Fellowship Information

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Recently Released Reports

NEW The Descriptive Study of Head Start Early Learning Mentor Coach Grant Initiative: Final Report and Appendices

NEW INQUIRE Data Toolkit

NEW Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program: Year Two Annual Report

NEW Coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services: Early Implementation

NEW Portfolio of Research in Welfare and Family Self Sufficiency: Fiscal Year 2013

Social Media Spotlight

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Are you thinking of how you might improve your Head Start coaching program?

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Our new brief, Putting the Pieces Together, presents key dimensions of coaching to consider when developing a coaching model.
1.usa.gov/1mYICEn

What dimensions of coaching do you consider when developing your Head Start coaching program?

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