

The Latest from OPRE...

In this issue: six new publications on topics ranging from early care & education centers participating in Head Start or public pre-k and using behavioral economics to increase on-time child care subsidy renewals, to healthcare career pathways programs and fathers in home visiting programs, plus journal articles on methods to help unpack the "black box" of programs, services, and policies, and more.

Featured Research and Reports



National Survey of Early Care & Education

Which Early Care & Education Centers Participate in Head Start or Public Pre-K?

What can data from the NSECE tell us about characteristics of early care and education centers that participate in Head Start and publicly-funded pre-k? To find out, [explore findings from this report](#), including information about numbers and types of centers and the communities where centers are located.



Increasing the Number of Clients who Renew Child Care Subsidies on Time

What role can childcare providers play in helping clients renew their child care subsidies on time? [This study](#) from the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (BIAS) project and Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) explored the impact of three types of interventions on improving subsidy renewal rates.



Learn about our Division of Economic Independence's Work in 2015

What major projects did our Division of Economic Independence fund in 2015? [Check out this annual report](#) to learn more about work in five areas: TANF, employment and the labor market, education and training, behavioral science, and cross-cutting research.



Health Profession Opportunity Grants Program Grantees Use of Performance Information

[How do HPOG grantees use the Performance Reporting System](#) and other sources of performance information to

manage their programs, identify areas in need of change, and make programmatic improvements?



Serving & Engaging Fathers in Home Visiting Programs

Increased attention is being given to the practice of engaging fathers in early childhood home visiting programs.

What strategies do home visiting programs use to engage fathers, what challenges do they face, and what are the potential benefits of participating? [Explore these findings to discover answers to those questions.](#)



Serving Young Fathers in Home Visiting Programs

What are the experiences of early childhood home visiting programs attempting to engage young fathers? [Explore this](#)

[brief](#) to learn about young fathers' motivations for participating, the unique challenges that young fathers present, and the strategies that staff use to serve this population.

Unpacking the "Black Box" of Social Programs and Policies: OPRE in Special Forum in American Journal of Evaluation

[A special forum](#) in the American Journal of Evaluation highlights papers based on a 2014 OPRE meeting on methods to help unpack the "black box" of programs, services, and policies. Learn about research designs and methods that can help us understand not just whether a program or policy worked, but how and why it worked and how it can be improved.

You can find more about our work on innovative research methods at www.opremethodsmeeting.org

Social Media Spotlight



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Recently Released Reports

New [Which Early Care and Education Centers Participate in Head Start or Public Pre-Kindergarten?](#)

New [Engaging Providers and Clients: Using Behavioral Economics to Increase On-Time Child Care Subsidy Renewals](#)

New [Portfolio of Research in Welfare and Family Self-Sufficiency: Fiscal Year 2015](#)

New [Using Performance Information to Manage Health Professions Training Programs](#)

New [Approaches to Father Engagement and Fathers' Experiences in Home Visiting Programs](#)

New [Serving Young Fathers in Home Visiting Programs: Highlights from a Research Study](#)

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