Happy New Year From OPRE...

In our first issue of the new year, we highlight a recently released report on the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation, two forecasted grant opportunities, and our Social Media Spotlight...

Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start (MIHOPE-SS): First Annual Report

This report introduces and describes MIHOPE-SS, a study designed to examine the effects of home visiting programs on birth outcomes and maternal and infant health and health care as a part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns initiative. The first of four for MIHOPE-SS, this report is the result of a collaborative evaluation effort by CMS, the Administration for Children and Families, and the Health Resources and Services...
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Administration. The report introduces and describes the design of MIHOPE-SS and examines the similarities and differences between the two home visiting models included in MIHOPE-SS - Healthy Families America and Nurse-Family Partnership. MDRC produced the report in collaboration with James Bell Associates, Temple University College of Education, and Johns Hopkins University.

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Two New Potential Grant Opportunities Announced:

**Family Strengthening Research Scholars & Secondary Analyses of Strengthening Families Datasets**

The Family Strengthening Research Scholars grant program is an OPRE, ACF, HHS opportunity created in an effort to support dissertation research on healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood policy issues affecting underserved/understudied populations, such as low-income families and minority populations. Designed to inform policy decisions, program administration solutions, and future intervention research, this grant opportunity is also an effort to encourage the mentoring of exceptional doctoral students.

The Secondary Analyses of Strengthening Families Datasets grant program is an
opportunity to conduct data analysis using the Building Strong Families, Supporting Healthy Marriage, and Community Healthy Marriage Initiative datasets. Research conducted under this grant should address topics on strengthening families and improving the lives of children and parents, as well as promoting economic stability. For those interested in this opportunity, a demonstrated familiarity with and understanding of the datasets is a plus. Those selected for this grant will also participate in a unified effort with fellow grantees to advance research focused on strengthening families.

Visit the HHS Grants Forecast page for additional information on these and other potential grant opportunities across our topic areas.

Recently Released Reports

NEW Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start (MIHOPE-SS): First Annual Report

Child Care Decision-Making Literature Review

The CCDF Policies Database Book of Tables: Key Cross-State Variations in CCDF Policies as of October 1, 2012

Welfare Rules Databook: State TANF Policies as of July 2012

Say What You Mean and Mean What You Say: Terminology Agnosticism in Child Care Questionnaires
Social Media Spotlight

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