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Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE).

June is National LGBT Pride Month

June is National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, which was announced via this [Presidential Proclamation](#).

OPRE recently began work on a [project](#) to identify data gaps and better understand the human service needs of low-income and at-risk LGBT families, children, individuals, and communities.

Earlier this year OPRE also released a research brief entitled "[The Economic Well-Being of LGB Youth Transitioning Out of Foster Care](#)." This brief is part of the larger OPRE [Youth Demonstration Development project](#), which reviewed research on youth development and successful transition to adulthood.

Other News

Fatherhood Research

With Father's Day recently observed, it's a good time to describe current and planned activities related to responsible fatherhood that OPRE is undertaking in collaboration with the ACF [Office of Family Assistance](#).

[The Parents and Children Together \(PACT\)](#) project, awarded to Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., is evaluating selected Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage grant programs. The project employs multiple evaluation strategies - including impact,

The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) studies Administration for Children and Families (ACF) programs and the populations they serve through rigorous research and evaluation projects. These include evaluations of existing programs, evaluations of innovative approaches to helping low-income children and families, research syntheses and descriptive and exploratory studies.

implementation, and qualitative approaches - to describe and evaluate the grant programs. The impact evaluation will utilize a random assignment evaluation design to assess effectiveness. The implementation evaluation will detail grantee activities - how they are implemented, their participants, the contexts in which they are operated, and their operating practices. The qualitative evaluation will obtain data on the factors that influence the experiences, choices, and behavior of fathers or couples served, including their experiences with the programs themselves.

OPRE is soliciting grant applications for a [Responsible Fatherhood Research Network](#).

16th Annual OPRE Welfare Research Conference

The 16th Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference (WREC) was held May 29-31 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. This was a record breaking year for the WREC - there were 685 in person attendees and 560 live stream viewers, both setting new records!

The WREC was featured in the publication *Youth Today* in an article titled "[Researchers Share Findings on Youth Needs, Programs at National Conference](#)."

If you were unable to attend this year's conference and would like to access information related to the presentations, please visit: <http://www.wrconference.net/>

OPRE Division Director Presents at SPR Conference

Lauren Supplee, Director of the OPRE Division of Family Strengthening, presented at the 2013 [Society for Prevention Research](#) (SPR) meeting on funding opportunities at ACF for prevention scientists and opportunities at OPRE to support early career scientists. Along with other federal partners, OPRE provides support for the SPR. SPR's annual meeting was held in San Francisco May 28-31 with the theme of "The Science of Prevention: Building a Comprehensive National Strategy for Well-Being." SPR is multi-disciplinary society with research covering topics such as preventing obesity, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, violence, academic failure and other outcomes through interventions aimed at early childhood, youth and adults. Over 800 multi-disciplinary prevention scientists attended the 2013 meeting to present on a variety of topics from etiology, efficacy, effectiveness, implementation and scale-up of evidence-based programs.

CDC Evaluation Fellowship Program Seeking

Applicants for 2013-2014 Class

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) seeks applicants for the 2013-14 class of the CDC Evaluation Fellowship Program. This is the third year of this initiative, and the program expects to select 6-10 Fellows. Fellows will work under the leadership of CDC's Chief Evaluation Officer; they will be assigned to specific CDC host programs, developing and implementing program evaluations and studies for/with those programs. Host programs will compete for Fellows, to ensure the projects will enhance the knowledge base of the program and the professional development of the Fellow. In addition, Fellows take on periodic small evaluation projects and assist with cross-agency evaluation efforts. The ideal candidate has a PhD in evaluation, behavioral or social sciences, public health, or other relevant discipline plus some experience with applied evaluation projects. To apply, submit your resume/CV by June 28, 2013.

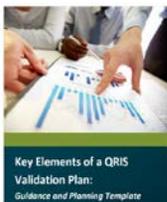
[Click here for more details about the Fellowship, stipends, qualifications, and deadlines.](#)

Recently Released Reports

The Intersection of Welfare and Disability: Early Findings from the TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project

This report is the first from the [TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project](#). It offers a unique look at the overlap between TANF and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, using merged data files from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The report also draws on field observations from TANF and SSI program sites in four states. The study is being conducted by MDRC in partnership with MEF Associates and TransCen. Mary Farrell and Johanna Walter authored the report.

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Key Elements of a QRIS Validation Plan

Quality Rating and Improvement Systems' administrators are seeking resources and technical assistance for sorting out the goals and methods associated with different validation questions and approaches. OPRE released this practical tool that states and evaluators can use to develop QRIS

validation efforts. Kathryn Tout and Rebecca Starr wrote the template, which was produced by Child Trends as part of the [Child Care and Early Education Policy and Research Analysis and Technical Expertise Project](#).

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Three Briefs on Applications of Implementation Science to Early Care and Education Research and Practice

Members of the Implementation Science Workgroup sponsored by OPRE produced three research briefs focused on applying emerging ideas from implementation science to early childhood care and education research and practice. The briefs in the series focus on defining key implementation science concepts, understanding the interplay between program quality and quantity, implementation dosage, and measuring implementation at different systems levels.

The brief *Intervention Dosage in Early Childhood Care and Education* is authored by Barbara A. Wasik, Shira Kolnik Mattera, Chrishana M. Lloyd, and Kimberly Boller. The brief *Measuring the Quality and Quantity of Implementation in Early Childhood Interventions* is authored by Jason Downer and Noreen Yazejian. And, the brief *Measuring Implementation of Early Childhood Interventions at Multiple System Levels* is authored by Diane Paulsell, Ann Austin, and Maegan Lokteff. Child Trends produced the briefs.

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