The Latest From OPRE...

In this issue you will find highlights from several recently released reports, info for two webinars, and a Social Media Spotlight...

A First Look at the Head Start CARES Demonstration

The Head Start CARES Demonstration successfully scaled-up three evidence-based strategies to promote preschoolers’ social-emotional development and improved teacher practices. This new report describes the comprehensive model of professional development, technical assistance, and monitoring that supported teachers to implement the enhancements in Head Start classrooms across the country and demonstrates that, with adequate supports, it is possible to implement social-emotional enhancements at scale and as intended. Each strategy improved the specific teacher practices that it emphasized. Produced by MDRC in collaboration with MEF Associates, this report is a part of the Head Start CARES demonstration project.

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Family-Provider Partnerships in Early Care & Education

What makes for a quality partnership between an early care and education provider and the families it serves? This brief explores definitions, expectations, and measures in family and provider partnerships as a means to build consensus about what represents quality in this domain. This exploration aligns the research-based elements of these partnerships with professional and performance standards, as well as professional development competencies and Quality Rating and Improvement System indicators. Produced by Child Trends with co-authors from Bank Street College of Education and the Erikson Institute, this brief is a part of the Child Care and Early Education Policy and Research Analysis Project.

> Read Full Report
Exploring the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and Supplemental Security Income Programs and their Connection

Following up on a report released in June, five new briefs explore the relationship between the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Analyses of matched data from the programs show that only 6% of those applying for SSI received cash assistance from TANF in the year before or after applying for SSI. Thus, the overlap between the clients of the two programs is small. In addition to these data analyses, the briefs describe SSI and TANF procedures for assessing disabilities and three pilot projects designed to improve some aspect of TANF services for clients with disabilities. These briefs, produced by MDRC and MEF Associates, are a result of our work with the ACF Office of Family Assistance in partnership with the Social Security Administration as part of the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project.

> Access Reports Here
Health Profession Opportunity Grants Program Implementation Reports

Two new reports explore the implementation of Health Profession Opportunity Grants in communities across the country. The first report presents an overview of the research design for the National Implementation Evaluation of the program. This evaluation will describe in detail the implementation of the program across 27 grantees. The second report focuses on the implementation and evolution of the program in Tribal communities. This report describes strategies for addressing tribal cultural and programmatic needs.

Webinars: Discussions on How Job Losses Affect Child Well-Being, & Nutrition Programs at Farmers Markets

On March 11, 2014 at 2:00 PM ET, the Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse (SSRC) will hold a webinar exploring the effects of adult job losses on a child’s academic achievement, mental health, and risk-taking behaviors.

> Register Here

Also, On March 25, 2014 at
1:30pm ET, the SSRC will host a webinar to discuss the evolving role of federal nutrition programs at local farmers markets.

> Register Here

**Recently Released Reports**

NEW Design Report: National Implementation Evaluation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) to Serve TANF Recipients and Other Low-Income Individuals

NEW A First Look at the Head Start CARES Demonstration Large-Scale Implementation of Programs to Improve Children’s Social-Emotional Competence

NEW PII Approach: Building Implementation and Evaluation Capacity in Child Welfare

NEW Tribal Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) Program Implementation & Evolution

**Social Media Spotlight**

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Innovative Strategies for Serving #TANF Recipients with #Disabilities in CA, MI, and MN mdrc.org/publication/ta... @OPRE_ACF #talkpoverty

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