



## The Latest from OPRE...

In This Issue: A look at addressing the challenges of using child welfare administrative data in evaluations, the work of our Division of Child & Family Development in 2015, linking administrative data with the Child Care & Development Fund Policies Database, child care & development block grant reauthorization and state policies, the families & programs in the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start Study, the early childhood services needs of American Indian and Alaska Native communities, our research on supporting reentering individuals & their families, & much more.

## Featured Research and Reports

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### Challenges & Strategies for Using Administrative Data in the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) Evaluation

How did the PII evaluation team and grantees address the challenges of using child welfare administrative data throughout various stages of the evaluation? [Explore background information about commonly used child welfare data sets](#), challenges associated with using administrative data, and information about the specific ways in which the evaluation uses administrative data.

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## A Look Back at the Work of our Division of Child & Family Development

What are the major focus areas and research initiatives of our Division of Child & Family Development? [Explore their annual report to learn more](#) about work in early childhood research, childcare, Head Start and Early Head Start, child welfare, and cultural diversity.

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## Linking Administrative Data with Data from the Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) Policies Database

How can linking information on families and children who receive subsidized childcare with detailed policy information from the CCDF Policies Database inform our understanding of the differences in state CCDF policies and the implications for children, families, and providers? [Explore this report to find out](#) .

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## Implications of Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization for State Policies

What might the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act mean for state childcare policies? [Explore these 3 briefs](#) that consider changes to job search policies, requirements for legally unregulated childcare providers, & requirements for ongoing eligibility.

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## Characteristics of Families & Local Programs in Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start Study

What do we know about the families and local home visiting programs participating in the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start study? [Explore this report](#) to learn more about the characteristics of the families and programs, as well as information about program recruitment.

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## Design Options for Assessing the Needs for Early Childhood Services in AI/AN Communities

How can we best understand the needs for early childhood services among American Indian and Alaska Native communities? [Explore this report](#) , which presents three design options for studies to assess needs for early care and education and home visiting among American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.

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## National Reentry Week: Research on Supporting Reentering Individuals & Their Families

The Department of Justice designated April 24th - 30th, 2016 as National Reentry Week to bring attention to the struggles of individuals returning to the community after incarceration. [Read our recent post in the Family Room Blog](#) to learn about the research we are doing on how to better support incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals and their families through ACF programs.

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NEW [Child and Family Development Research -- Fiscal Year 2015](#)

NEW [Researching the CCDF Program by Linking Administrative Data with Data from the CCDF Policies Database: A How-To Guide](#)

NEW [Implications of Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization for State Policies](#)

NEW [An Early Look at Families and Local Programs in the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation-Strong Start](#)

NEW [Early Care, Early Education, and Home Visiting in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities: Design Options for Assessing Early Childhood Needs](#)

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