OPRE staff and sponsored projects at APPAM 2013 Fall Research Conference –

The Office of Planning Research and Evaluation’s (OPRE) staff and many of the organizations we fund to carry out research and evaluation will be participating in the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2013 Fall Research Conference, November 7-9 in Washington, DC.

Look below or click on the links for the dates of the conference for detailed information on all the sessions OPRE and our partnering organizations will participate in during APPAM 2013 Fall Research Conference.

Thursday, November 7, 2013

Mark Fucello of OPRE will serve as a discussant for a panel on Federal Efforts to Assist Vulnerable Youth in the Transition to Adulthood. The panel includes a presentation by Mathematica Policy Research on a Framework for Advancing the Well-being and Self-Sufficiency of At-Risk Youth developed under contract to OPRE.

Time & Location: 9:45 to 11:15 AM, Washington Marriott, West End Ballroom D

Nina Philipsen Hetzner, a Society for Research in Child Development Fellow placed in OPRE, will present on First-Year Maternal Employment and Child Illness At Age Two as part of a panel on Maternal Employment and Child Well-Being. Brendan Kelly of OPRE will serve as discussant for this panel.

Time & Location: 9:45 to 11:15 AM, Washington Marriott, Georgetown I

Laura Peck and Stephen Bell of Abt Associates will participate in a panel on Assessing Social Impacts: Are We Getting Closer To Finding Mediational Pathways, presenting methods developed as part of the Head Start Impact Study under contract to OPRE.

Time & Location: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Washington Marriott, DuPont Ballroom F

A panel on Moderators of the Experimental Impacts of Head Start: Reanalysis of the Head Start Impact Study will feature analyses by independent researchers using Head Start Impact Study data developed and made available for scholars through an OPRE contract.

Time & Location: 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Washington Marriott, DuPont Ballroom H
The panel, *Findings From the Secondary Analysis of Variation in Impacts (SAVI) of Head Start Center* will present findings from analyses of *Head Start Impact Study* data carried out under an OPRE grant to NYU with Harvard University and MDRC. Jennifer Brooks of OPRE will serve as discussant for this panel.

**Time & Location:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Washington Marriott, Georgetown I

MDRC researchers will present findings from the *Employment Retention and Advancement* project and the *TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project* developed under contract to OPRE as part of a panel on *Temporary Assistance For Needy Families Policies and Their Effects*.

**Time & Location:** 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Ritz Carlton, Plaza I

Dan Bloom of MDRC will discuss subsidized employment, presenting work from OPRE’s *Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration*, as part of a panel on *Building Skills In The Workforce*.

**Time & Location:** 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Washington Marriott, Thomas Salon

Molly Irwin of OPRE will chair a panel on *Linking Program Implementation Design: Are We Any Better At Attributing Program Effectiveness?*

**Time & Location:** 3:00 - 4:30 PM, Washington Marriott, DuPont Ballroom H

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**Friday, November 8, 2013**

Amy Madigan of OPRE will chair a panel on *Quality Early Care and Education for Infants and Toddlers: What Is It?* Researchers from Mathematica Policy Research will present findings from the *Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Study* conducted under contract to OPRE.

**Time & Location:** 2:00 - 3:15 PM, Washington Marriott, Georgetown I

Seth Chamberlain of OPRE will chair a panel on *Understanding and Addressing the Human Service Needs of LGBT Youth and Families*. Andrew Burwick of Mathematica Policy Research will present work developed under contract to OPRE in the Research Development Project on Human Service Needs of LGBT Populations.

**Time & Location:** 2:00 - 3:15 PM, Ritz Carlton, Boardroom
Saturday, November 9, 2013

Jennifer Brooks of OPRE will present on The Argument for Linking Performance Management and Evaluation in a System of Evidence-Based Decision Making as part of a panel on **Better Decision-Making Through Better Integration of Performance Measurement, Evaluation and Performance Management**.

**Time & Location:** 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Westin Georgetown, Thomas Boardroom

As part of a panel on **Moving Welfare Recipients Into Work in a Post-Recessionary Environment**, Michelle Derr of Mathematica Policy Research will present on State Strategies Designed to Meet the TANF Work Participation Rate and Increase Employment Among Welfare Recipients, presenting work from an OPRE project. Heather Hahn of the Urban Institute will present on Self-Sufficiency Strategies and Employment Outcomes in Tribal TANF Programs, presenting work from an OPRE project.

**Time & Location:** 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Washington Marriott, DuPont Ballroom H

Brendan Kelly of OPRE will chair a panel on **The Great Recession and Its Impacts On Health**.

**Time & Location:** 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Westin Georgetown, DuPont

Amy Madigan of OPRE will chair a session on **Working Parents in Poverty: Early Care and Education Supports for Low-Income Families With Infants and Toddlers**. The session will include findings from OPRE’s National Survey of Early Care and Education, the Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey, and the Research Center to Support Secondary Analyses of Head Start Impact Study Data.

**Time & Location:** 8:00 - 9:30 AM, Westin Georgetown, Mayfair Court

Brendan Kelly will chair a session on **Understanding “What Works” in Producing Program Impacts: Strategies for Unpacking the “Black Box”**. Researchers from Abt Associates will present work carried out under contract to OPRE as part of the Innovative Strategies to Increase Self-Sufficiency and Health Profession Opportunity Grant evaluation projects. Researchers from MDRC will discuss the Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency project supported by OPRE.

**Time & Location:** 9:45 – 11:15 AM Westin Georgetown, Mayfair Court

Lauren Supplee of OPRE will chair a panel on **Integrating Implementation and Impact Research to Get Inside the Black Box: Innovative Early Childhood Evaluations**.
The panel will feature work from several OPRE projects: Head Start Coaching Study Design, Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation, Head Start Classroom-based Approaches and Resources for Emotion and Social skill promotion

Time & Location: 1:45 –3:15 PM, Washington Marriott, 3015 Madison

Seth Chamberlain of OPRE will chair a panel called Dads Matter: Understanding Low-Income Fathers and Responsible Fatherhood Programs. Reginald Covington of Mathematica Policy Research will present findings from OPRE’s Building Strong Families evaluation.

Time & Location: 3:30-5:00 PM, Westin Georgetown, Mayfair Court