

Students in Early College initiative likelier to go to college, earn a degree

Students enrolled in an Early College high school are much more likely than their peers to enroll in two- and four-year colleges or universities, a new AIR report finds. Eighty percent of Early College students pursued higher education during the multi-year study, compared with 71 percent of comparison students. The ten schools observed were part of the Early College High School Initiative created by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Half of homeless families still lack stable residences after entering housing programs

A study of long-term outcomes for families entering shelters and other housing programs found that more than half still didn't have stable residences after 30 months. Mothers in each family were interviewed three times by The National Center on Family Homelessness—a practice area at AIR—over the study period. Information was collected about income, physical health, trauma history, mental health, children's physical and emotional health, and services received. These women experienced high rates of major depressive symptoms and post-traumatic stress disorder—predictors of residential instability and poor outcomes for children.

"Indicators of School Crime and Safety" examines latest data on bullying

About 28 percent of 12- to 18-year-old students reported having been bullied at school during the academic year and 9 percent reported having been cyber-bullied, according to a new report featuring the latest data on school crime and safety. AIR experts co-produced the report, which the National Center on Education Statistics and the Bureau of Justice Statistics just released. "Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2012" also covers gun access, drug and alcohol use, school security, and other topics.

Report gives first look at transitional kindergarten in California

A new report by AIR found that 89 percent of California school districts offered transitional kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. These districts served 96 percent of California's kindergarten population, so only a small percentage of eligible students were in areas that did not offer the program. Transitional kindergarten is a new grade level that was established under the Kindergarten Readiness Act. This brief is the first of a series highlighting findings from the statewide study.

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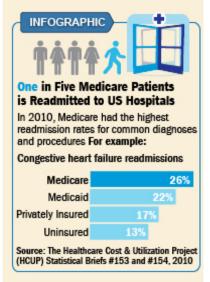
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