Only one in six adults at risk of developing pre-diabetes knows it

About 28 percent of U.S. adults have risk factors that could lead to pre-diabetes, but only one in six know it, according to a new AIR study that found providing services to prevent or delay the disease’s onset could save federal government and private health care providers money. Despite the long-term financial benefits of prevention, health care providers have no incentives to make these services available, according to the report. The analysis was conducted for the Bipartisan Policy Center as part of its Health Care Cost Containment Initiative.

African American teens who experience discrimination report high levels of depression

A study appearing in *Child Development* looks at why perceptions of racial discrimination are related to depressive symptoms among African Americans aged 13 to 18. AIR and University of North Carolina authors found that the tendency to avoid thinking about problems associated with discrimination helps to explain, in part, why African American teens with experiences of perceived racial discrimination often report high levels of depression.

Latest "Condition of Education" report offers new insights into U.S. trends

A team of AIR experts played a major role in writing and producing "The Condition of Education 2013," the annual statistical report released by the National Center for Education Statistics. New in the recent edition is an in-depth look at four topics of current interest. One is kindergarten entry status: about six percent of all kindergartners began school a year behind schedule and, for the most part, late starters outscored on-time and repeating kindergartners in reading, math and science.

New guide’s research-based framework helps leaders improve RTI instruction

With most states implementing response to intervention (RTI) initiatives, AIR experts developed a pocket guide that explains how leaders can use a research-based framework to improve student learning. The guide is a third in a series developed by AIR to help state and local policymakers and practitioners implement Elementary and Secondary Education Act waivers.

Interagency Working Group seeks feedback on plan that addresses issues facing youth

The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs is seeking comments on "Pathways for Youth," a strategic plan that
will help federal departments and agencies address issues faced by youth, especially those who are most vulnerable and are disconnected from school, work or family. Interested parties can review the draft and provide feedback via a comment box on the "Pathways for Youth" web page.