

Study: Zambia's cash transfer program yields dramatic benefits for children



A two-year randomized control trial evaluating Zambia's social cash transfer program found dramatic improvements in the amount of food and clothing going to children in high-poverty families. Also, the total value of crops produced by households receiving aid rose by 50 percent. AIR experts looked at more than 2,500 households in remote districts with highest rates of extreme poverty and mortality among young children. Since 2010, Zambia's government has been providing households that have at least one child under age five an unconditional cash transfer of \$12 a month.

After three decades of education reform, are we still "A Nation at Risk"?



In 1983, the National Commission on Excellence in Education issued "A Nation at Risk," a report that laid bare the state of American education and exposed what that meant for individuals and the country. Seven of AIR's education experts, ranging from psychometricians to human development specialists, weigh in on the report's impact and explore where education is today.

Losing financial aid weakens students' engagement with college



A National Center for Analysis of Longitudinal Data in Education Research (CALDER) working paper co-authored by an AIR expert finds that not renewing students' merit scholarships can increase the likelihood they will leave college without a degree. The authors noted that this and their other findings bear on scholarship-retention policies. Data were collected from four cohorts of Tennessee public college students.

Infographics show more skills training needed by adults in the United States



AIR's "Tapping the Potential," a collection of state profiles, illustrates the need for further literacy, numeracy and skills training for adults in the U.S. Infographics for each state and the

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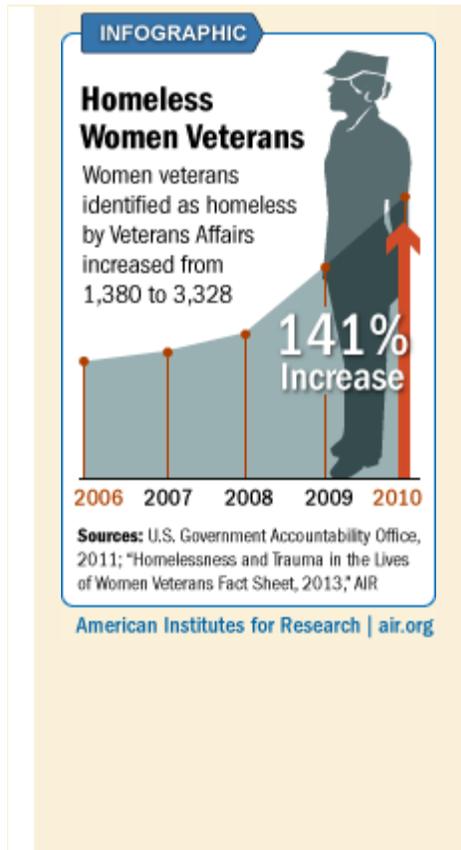
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country show how many adults lack a high school credential or English language proficiency and their corresponding labor force participation rates. The profiles are part of AIR's work with the U.S. Department of Education to interpret findings from the Program for International Assessment of Adult Competencies survey and demonstrate the need for adult education and expanded instructional resources.

Ahead of World AIDS Day 2013, AIR continues to raise awareness



AIR is marking World AIDS Day, December 1, by deepening its commitment to raising awareness about the disease. AIR continues work on two major initiatives: *Shine the Light!* and *Act Against AIDS*.



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