

What to Look for in a Preschool



While the national conversation on early childhood education zeroes in on access, AIR experts are emphasizing the importance of quality. Read what questions everyone—from parents to lawmakers—should ask when looking at a preschool program.

AIR a Key Partner in the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health



Marking when it first warned the public about the health dangers of tobacco use, the Office of the Surgeon General published *The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress*. AIR continued its partnership with the office and the Centers for Disease Prevention by developing and preparing the report, which notes that cigarette smoking accounts for more than 20 million premature deaths in the U.S. since 1964.

Which Student Characteristics Predict Postsecondary Success?



The College and Career Readiness and Success Center at AIR has identified student skills and behaviors that predict future academic and workplace success. This research brief for policymakers and practitioners points to such factors as achieving literacy by third grade, maintaining a 3.0+ GPA and attending school regularly.

Virginia Tech Teams Up With AIR to Explore Use of Big Data in Social Sciences



AIR and Virginia Tech are partnering to develop new approaches to combining, manipulating and understanding “big data.” A kick-off colloquium at AIR explored ways big data analytics can deepen understanding of the connections between education and the workforce. The next conversation will probe how big data analytics can improve service delivery and what it takes to develop better education and workforce policy.

IN THE MEDIA

The Yellow School Bus: A Model for Equity

Principal Researcher Peter Cookson Jr. shares his ideas on how to democratize public education.

[Education Week, 1/7/14](#)

Survey Measures Cancer Patients' Experience of Care

Institute Fellow Steven Garfinkel talks about a survey instrument AIR developed with the Mayo Clinic.

[Oncology Times, 12/25/13](#)

The 2013 Influence List

The paper recognizes Vice President Mark Schneider's work “push[ing] colleges to prove the return on students' investments.”

[The Chronicle of Higher Education, 12/9/13](#)

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Are We Still A Nation at Risk?

Institute Fellow **Bea Birman** examines how a 1983 report led to higher standards for students and a bigger role for federal policies in schools.

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New Resource Offers Tips to Support Well-Being of LGBTQ Youth



A new guide helps educators and community members support the health and well-being of children and youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and/or two-spirit. These youths experience

higher levels of harassment and violence—including physical and sexual abuse. AIR is the lead author of the guide, developed by a national working group and supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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