

**YOUNG PARENTS DEMONSTRATION GRANT NET IMPACT STUDY –
FIRST FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEWS FOR ROUND I AND II GRANTEES**

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Project Summary: The Young Parents Demonstration (YPD) Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) to test innovative strategies that can improve the skills and education of young parents and, ultimately their employment and earnings. The YPD initiative is designed to provide educational and occupational skills training that fosters family economic self-sufficiency to young parents (both mothers and fathers) and expectant parents 16 to 24 years of age. The YPD projects serve young parents including, as applicable, those in high-risk categories such as victims of child abuse, children of incarcerated parents, court-involved youth, youth at risk of court involvement, homeless and runaway youth, Native American youth, migrant youth, youth in or aging out of foster care, and youth with disabilities. The YPD program grantees are required to develop a “bump-up” intervention that provides an additional level above and beyond the existing level of services specifically intended to increase an individual’s education, job training and employment. With a 50/50 chance of being in either group, individuals enrolling in the program are randomly assigned to treatment (bump-up) and control groups. Those individuals assigned to the treatment, or “bump-up,” group receive the additional services, while individuals assigned to the control group receive the existing services offered by the grantee. A key factor in the bump-up design is having a single, persistent intervention for the treatment group that is substantially different from what the control group receives. Each of the grantees is implementing one of the following bump-up interventions: (1) professional staff mentoring/navigation or (2) occupation-specific training.

Capital Research Corporation is prime contractor of a seven-year random assignment net impact evaluation of the Young Parents Demonstration (YPD) for USDOL/ETA. The firm is working closely with and directing staff at The Urban Institute, Abt Associates, Abt-SRBI, and George Washington University. The CRC research team has been involved in planning and implementing randomization of YPD participants into treatment and control groups at 17 sites spread across the nation. Early in the demonstration effort, the research team developed an automated Participant Tracking System (PTS) to randomly assign at-risk parenting youth to treatment and control groups, as well as collect data on each participant for the evaluation effort (including demographic characteristics, types of services received, and employment/education outcomes). As part of the project, the study team has designed and implemented an 18-month follow-up telephone surveys, which are being conducted with about 1,600 participants across four Round 3 YPD sites. Additionally, the study team conducted site visits to 17 Round 1, 2, and 3 YPD sites to train staff and assist with initiation of random assignment, and later, to document start-up and implementation of YPD sites (as part of the process/implementation study). Finally, the study team has worked closely with DOL on drafting the OMB clearance package to gain approval for data collection, as well as a request for UI wage record data (collected as part of the “New Hires” dataset maintained by DHHS-ACF).