

**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. Under this task order, the research team is particularly focused on conduct of a 6-month follow-up survey with program participants with 1,600 YPD participants, analysis of Directory of New Hires wage record data, and development of a final evaluation report.

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