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## Ashweeta Patnaik Will Represent RMC at June Department of Labor TAACCCT Conference

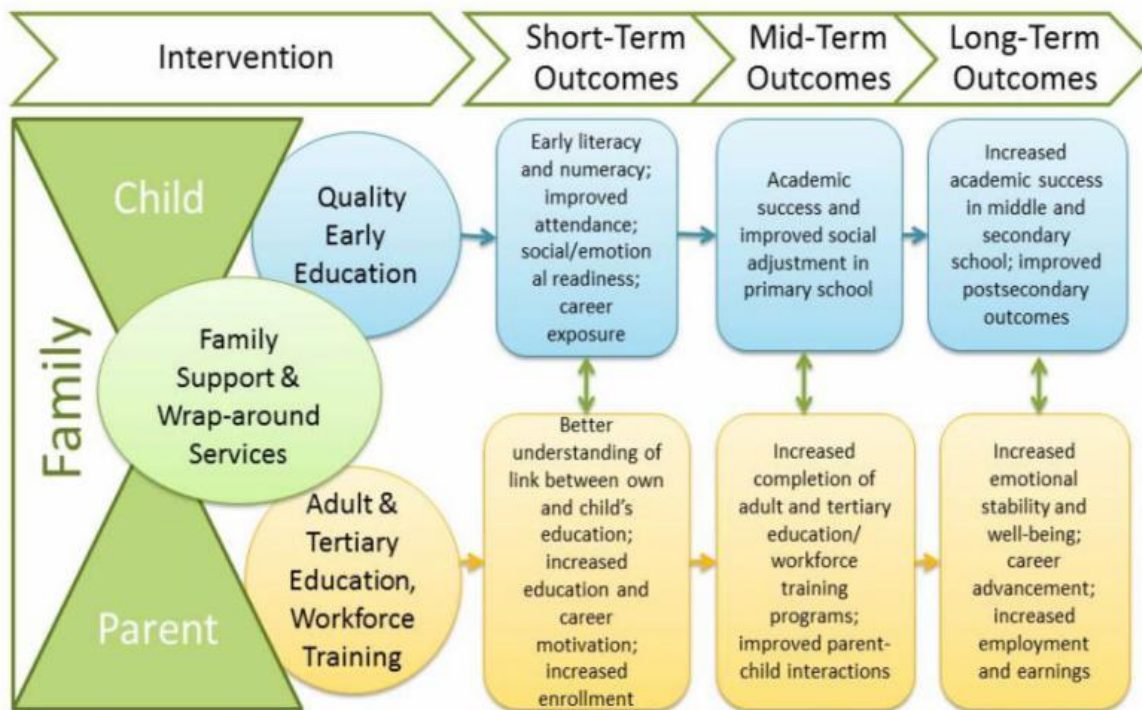


RMC Social Science Research Associate, [Ashweeta Patnaik](#), will be attending the [Trade Adjustment Act Community College Career Training \(TAACCCT\) Round 4 Conference](#) convening in Washington, D.C. on June 9-11 as the third party evaluation representative for the AR TAACCCT grant. She will be participating in roundtables led by subject matter experts on measuring employer engagement, comparison group design, student records, unemployment insurance wage records, and collecting and analyzing qualitative data. Sessions will also include emerging research in the field and early findings from prior rounds of TAACCCT grantee evaluations as well as technical advice from experts about key evaluation methodologies. Discussions at the event aim to inform the evaluations currently underway for two other TAACCCT grants - the GCIT TAACCCT grant in Mississippi & Louisiana, and the Tulsa TAACCCT grant in Oklahoma.

# Cynthia Juniper Discusses Pre-K Initiative with Governor Abbott's Staff

As a member of the [Texans Care for Children](#) Early Childhood Alliance, RMC Social Science Research Associate, Cynthia Juniper, participated in two meetings with Governor Abbott's staff to discuss reports and research relevant to the Governor's quality Pre-K initiative. Cynthia also attended a presentation by Ron Haskins regarding the Obama administration's use of evidence to guide program initiatives and public policy with a strong ongoing program evaluation component.

# Chris King Presents Two-Generation Strategies to JobPath in Tucson, Arizona



Chase-Lansdale et al. (April 2011), Smith & Coffey (2014)

On April 28, Dr. Chris King presented *Promise of Two-Generation Anti-poverty Strategies: Existing and Emerging Evidence* to JobPath, a sectoral training initiative of Tucson Interfaith Community Services. The presentation featured new lessons being learned from 2-Gen strategies in other states as well as current best practices for implementing and sustaining 2-Gen frameworks.

## Presents CareerAdvance® Research at HPOG Conference in D.C.



On April 23-24, Dr. Chris King presented Tulsa CareerAdvance® research with the Northwestern University Institute of Policy Research at the United States Department of Health and Human Services Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) University Partners Conference in Washington, D.C. University Partnership grantees at the annual conference discussed emerging evidence from multiple sites and programs.

## Daniel Schroeder and Ashweeta Patnaik Show Emerging Data to Economic Research Service in D.C.



On April 22, RMC researchers [Daniel Schroeder](#) and [Ashweeta Patnaik](#) met with sponsors and research partners at USDA Economic Research Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. to discuss a book emerging from their multi-state administrative data research project, [ADARE-SNAP](#), on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Unemployment Insurance as components of the safety net.

## Heldrich Center Releases New Video on Transforming U.S. Workforce Development Policies



The John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University has released a video promoting interviews with national and international scholars and experts addressing workforce challenges in the United States. Dr. Chris King is featured at 18:35 recommending employer-based training solutions and emphasizing the importance of local sector strategies. A summary of the Aligning Employers and Workforce Development Strategies panel from last October's *Transforming US Workforce Development Policies for the 21st Century* workforce development conference can be found [here](#).

## Greg Cumpton Attends Big Data Charrette in North Carolina



On April 13th, the Center's Associate Director, Greg Cumpton, traveled to Durham, North Carolina to participate in the convening of a [Big Data charrette](#) with leading academics, industry leaders, and non-profits from across the South. The [National Science Foundation](#) convened the meeting in an effort to develop a Big Data Innovation Ecosystem for the region, where public and private data may be shared securely and accurately across organizations in an effort to drive more effective solutions in education, healthcare, and emergency planning.

## **Chris King Joins Conversation in D.C. for the Release of the Aspen Institute Two-Generation Anthology**



On April 7, RMC Research Scientist Dr. Christopher King joined other Ascend Fellows and leading experts for the release of *Two Generations. One Future: An Anthology from the Ascend Fellowship* to discuss national programs, policies, and promising research helping children, parents and families achieve educational success and economic security. The release included best practices for influencing local, state, and federal two-generation policies as well as building beneficial partnerships in the public and private two-generation fields. You can download individual essays or learn more about the project [here](#).

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