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This biweekly digest is just one of many efforts to lift up the good work happening across the asset-building field. We seek to amplify your successes, findings, and challenges, and welcome your input about ways to help you do so. We look forward to everyone's partnership. Contact us at AssetBuilding@policylink.org.

Reich: Inequality Reaching a Tipping Point



This [CBS News article](#) discusses Robert Reich's new film *Inequality for All*, in which the former Secretary of Labor under the Clinton administration explains why the economic recovery hasn't been felt by the majority of Americans. According to Reich, the economy is slow because of "inadequate aggregate demand." Yet another symptom of the wealth gap: resources so concentrated in the hands of a few – leaving so little in the hands of the many – literally stifling economic growth. [More news at the ACCESS Newsroom.](#)

Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Requests Proposals for In-Kind Technical Assistance Grants



The [Cities for Financial Empowerment Coalition](#), started in 2008 by mayors Michael R. Bloomberg of New York and Gavin Newsom of San Francisco, provides leadership and guidance on how cities can galvanize resources and focus attention on critical financial empowerment issues. The CFE Fund offers robust technical assistance and capacity-building resources that will serve as support for the field at large and promote replication in additional cities. [View technical assistance RFP here.](#) Stay current with information and opportunities

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9/30 Webinar: What We Give Our Kids: Is Child Support Debt Creating a Legacy of Debt for Black Fathers?



Child support enforcement policies create a unique and devastating type of debt, undermining the financial security of low-income fathers and their children and families. Particularly for low-income black fathers, these enforcement policies can both limit the ability to secure a sustainable livelihood and prevent them from accumulating assets and, in turn, close the door to future opportunities for their children. This is particularly significant because wealth, not income, is the best indicator of financial stability.

Join the Center for Family Policy and Practice, the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, and PolicyLink for a thought-provoking discussion on how child support debt creates barriers that prevent many black fathers, their children, and families from accumulating assets and becoming financially secure. [Click here to register now.](#) Join the conversation on Twitter! We will be tweeting about the webinar using the hash tag #Childsupportdebt. See you then!

Social Security Works for the United States of America: State Reports 2013



The *Social Security Works for America* series of [50 state reports](#) includes much information that public officials, members of the press, and advocates will find useful. In addition to providing information about the program's history, character, and vitality, as well as compelling, real-life stories, each report includes statistics about the number of people who receive benefits, the types of benefits they receive, and the total amount of funds flowing from these programs into every state, its congressional districts, and counties. [See the overview of Social Security use in all of America here.](#)

Save the Date: CFED Assets Learning Conference



The 2014 [Assets Learning Conference](#), "Platforms for Prosperity," will be held September 17-19, 2014, in Washington, DC. This event will be a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and learn about new developments in the field.

Have a news story or report you'd like to share with others on ACCESS? Email the ACCESS team to add your resources to the library!

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