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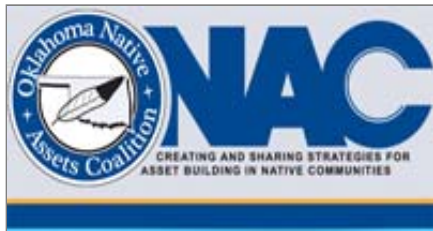


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Welcome to *Inside Access*.

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](mailto:AssetBuilding@policylink.org).

### NEW! Partner Spotlight: Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition (ONAC)



What are asset-building challenges for Native Populations?

How are unique things such as dance regalia important considerations in asset-building programs for Native families?

The Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition is working to help build assets among one of the most under-served populations in our country. *Inside Access* is excited to highlight partner organizations in each issue to give you a sense of their latest work and ways to connect with them.

Get the answers to these questions by checking out the NEW Partner Spotlight on Access!

### New Poll Shows America Is Ready for Equity



PolicyLink and the Center for American Progress released results from a major national poll showing more than 7 in 10 Americans—71 percent—support “new steps to reduce racial and ethnic inequality in America through investments in areas like education, job training, and infrastructure improvement.” This includes 63 percent support among whites. This has important asset-building implications, particularly as we continue to

understand the growing racial wealth gap.

According to the *Jobs, Income and Assets* chapter in *All- In Nation: An America that Works for All*, whites on average, have 20 times the net worth of African Americans and 18 times that of Latinos. The chapter also discusses that remaining in the middle class is a precarious situation for people of color.

While 16 percent of white children born to middle-class parents end up poor, 45 percent of their black middle-class counterparts slip into poverty due not only to lack of assets, but also to owning assets that are less secure.

[Click here to learn more about America's changing demographics](#) and what that means for future public investments.

## Webinar: How the Tax Code Is Driving Inequity and What You Can Do about It.



Thursday, November 7, 2013

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT / 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Please join the [Asset Funders Network](#), [PolicyLink](#), and co-hosts (listed below) for this [upcoming webinar](#) about why tax reform matters and opportunities for change. This webinar is intended to prepare practitioners and advocates for critical

windows of opportunity to engage in tax reform debates and advocate for policies that enable low- and moderate-income families to access a greater share of the benefits.

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**Webinar Co-hosts:** *CFED, The Center for Global Policy Solutions, Center for Social Development, ColorOfChange, The Greenlining Institute, Insight Center for Community Economic Development, Institute on Assets and Social Policy, Institute for Women's Policy Research, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, National Urban League, National Council of La Raza, New America Foundation, Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, PICO National Network, and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center.*

## Recap: Southern Regional Asset Building Coalition Conference



The [Southern Regional Asset Building Coalition](#) recently held its annual conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Over 200 participants attended plenary sessions focused on better understanding rising inequality in the United States, the racial wealth gap, and a special training on [Getting Equity Advocacy Results \(GEAR\)](#).

The [conference](#) served as an opportunity for state coalitions to share best practices and think on how to collaborate, to strategize on how to best achieve wins for their constituents, and get re-energized for upcoming legislative sessions. [Click here to see the Twitter feed of what took place at the conference!](#)

## Webinar: Supporting Children's Futures: Turning Child Support into College Savings

**Tuesday, November 12****11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PT / 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET**

In our September webinar, *Does Child Support Enforcement Leave a Legacy of Debt for Black Fathers and Families*, we learned from the Insight Center about the \$32 billion owed to states in child support debt and its impact on families and communities of color.

Next month, CFED will be furthering the conversation on child support debt by looking into how states could leverage a portion of those funds to open college savings accounts that support asset building for children.

In this webinar, we will hear from two states – Texas and Kansas – that have developed novel approaches to turn lump sum and back child support payments into college savings. Speakers will discuss why and how their states created the connection between child support and college savings, as well as share the results of an evaluation of the Texas program. The webinar will conclude with a discussion of the opportunities for state policy advocates to replicate these efforts in their state.

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