

Inside Access

Financial Security For All



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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.

Partner Spotlight: EARN



What kind of micro-savings products are available for low-income families?

What is the state of CalWorks asset-limits testing?

EARN is working to help low-wage earners learn to save and invest in their families futures. 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.

Check out the NEW Partner Spotlight on Access!

How Much Does Racial Inequality Cost?



This was the question posed in a [recent article](#) on *ThinkProgress.com*, in a review of key takeaways from the newly released W.K. Kellogg Foundation Report entitled [The Business Case for Racial Equity](#). The work emphasizes the ways in which investing in communities of color by addressing disparities in education, imprisonment and health would lead to substantial growth to our economy. The report notes that closing the minority earnings gap would add over \$1 trillion to federal tax revenues.

Many of the the issues discussed have historically limited access to wealth building opportunities that have led to the [growing racial wealth gap](#).

CPPP Releases New Data Tool Measuring Economic Opportunity



The [Texas Regional Opportunity Index \(TROI\)](#), a new interactive data tool released by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, offers the first of its kind one-stop-shop for data measuring the economic health of all Texas counties and regions. Pulling together 65 indicators on economic development, health, nutrition, education, and savings, the TROI offers the most comprehensive look at Texans' ability to build financial security, avoid or lift themselves out of poverty, get a quality education,

and create a prosperous future for their families. The TROI is easy to use and helps communities and policymakers understand their strengths and challenges while also setting goals and benchmarks against other Texas Regions. [Click here to view press release.](#)

It's Webinar Season!



Check out the following webinars in November:

Tuesday, November 12 (11:00 a.m. PT / 2:00 p.m. ET)

[Supporting Children's Futures: Turning Child Support into College Savings](#)

Wednesday, November 20 (11:00 a.m. PT / 2:00 p.m. ET)

[Persuading 7 out of 10 Americans to Support Government](#)

[Action on Financial Security](#)

Also, if you missed today's webinar, "[How the Federal Tax Code is Driving Inequity and What You Can Do About It](#)," [click here to view the archive](#). You can also add your comments and feedback on the Access [discussion forum](#) or follow the Twitter highlights [here](#).

Briefing: Asian American and Pacific Islander Poverty



Wednesday, November 20

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ET

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center (SVC 200-201)

In the wake of the recession, [Asian American and Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) poverty](#) grew faster than most other ethnic groups, increasing by 38 percent from 2007-2011. Panelists will discuss the findings of National CAPACD's recently released

AAPI Poverty Report and the concerning trend of growing poverty in the AAPI community. The briefing will also include a discussion with local community-based organizations to discuss promising strategies for addressing poverty and the broader economic needs in the AAPI community.

[Click here to learn more about this hill briefing and to register for the event.](#)

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