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Happy Holidays!

We hope you've enjoyed receiving this year's biweekly digests and look forward to highlighting more successes and new findings from the asset-building field in 2014.

New Partner Spotlight: Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR)



How can we enhance women's economic security over a lifespan?

What key workforce policy priorities would help advance the financial security of women?

IWPR conducts rigorous research and disseminates its findings to address the needs of women, promote public dialogue, and strengthen families, communities, and societies. [Get the answers to these questions and more in our New Partner Spotlight!](#)

Alameda County Assets Network Releases Consumer Education Tool



The Alameda County Community Asset Network (AC CAN), a countywide asset-building coalition in the San Francisco Bay Area, just released a new toolkit that is a financial education curriculum with a community consciousness. The toolkit uses popular education to develop critical thinking skills regarding the long-term cost and community impact of predatory financial products and services. Toolkit participants become more

informed consumers, keeping more money in their pockets and in local communities. It was recently awarded the 2013 Innovation Award from the [California Asset Building Coalition](#), who found it this year's most promising strategy to reduce poverty.

[Click here](#) to explore the Toolkit.

Job Announcement: San Francisco Office of Financial Empowerment



The groundbreaking Kindergarten to College (K2C) program in San Francisco – a universal college savings program which enrolls 4,500 San Francisco public school children each year – is looking for a Program Manager. The Program Manager is responsible for the implementation, administration, and expansion of K2C.

[Click here to view this posting and to check out more jobs on Access.](#)

Achieving Better Results for Families: A Customer Services Oriented Approach to Child Support Goals



A new report, recently released by the [Center for American Progress](#), reviews the status of families with non-custodial parents and provides recommendations on how to improve child support enforcement policies. Recommendations include using a customer-oriented approach that would increase voluntary participation and improve satisfaction, compliance, and family outcomes.

[Click here to read the report.](#)

Closing the Wealth Gap: Empowering Minority-Owned Businesses to Reach Their Full Potential for Growth and Job Creation



View the written testimony of Signe-Mary McKernan and Caroline Ratcliffe of the Urban Institute before the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. The authors offer five key policy strategies that can be employed to help reduce the racial wealth gap, including improving access to micro-and small-business capital for low-wealth groups, such as African Americans and Hispanics.

[Click here to read their testimony.](#)

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