



Poverty and Economic Security Roundtable
January/February 2010 Resource Digest

Greetings Poverty and Economic Security Roundtable,

There are several events coming up in the next few weeks that may be of interest to you or your organization. A number of reports and resources you may find useful have been published recently as well. Copied below are descriptions of each and links to follow for more detailed information. You can also check out the latest poverty-related news clips from our new [Texans Care for Children website](#). Please feel free to forward any materials you would like to share with the Roundtable in future digests.

Next Roundtable Meeting

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Upcoming Events

January 29, 2010 is EITC Awareness Day

EITC Awareness Day is an event organized by the IRS and its stakeholders to educate the public about EITC and requirements to claim the credit. It is a day designated for issuing press releases and media messages to raise the awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation services among working families. More details about EITC Awareness Day and resources to help you plan an EITC Awareness Day event can be found on the [IRS website](#).

February 9 Tour of Mango Financial Store

The Alliance for Economic Inclusion has been invited to take a tour of the new Mango Store at 1:30 pm on February 9th. The tour will take approximately one hour. If you would like to attend this tour to learn more about this product for the unbanked in Austin, RSVP to Gina Vincent at gvincent@fdic.gov by February 5th. Mango Financial provides access to financial access through prepaid cards. Mango's vision is to provide access to relevant tools that can lead to long-term financial stability. The address of the store and further details will be provided to those that RSVP. Hurry – space is limited.

February 10, 2010 Alliance for Economic Inclusion Meeting

United Way Capital Area

2000 E. Martin Luther King, Jr

Austin

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 am.

At this meeting PreCash will give a detailed look at prepaid cards, the growing financial product for the unbanked. They have a substantial amount of knowledge as to why customers use this product and will share that with us, as well as the dynamics of how the cards work.

If you can attend, RSVP via email to Debra Sweeny at DebSweeny@fdic.gov or call 972-761-2811 by 5 pm on February 8, 2010.

February 21-28, 2010 is America Saves Week

There are many ways to participate in America Saves Week, whether you are an employer, financial institution, non-profit organization, government, military, educators, youth organizations, or media. Visit the America Saves Week website at www.americasavesweek.org to download materials and find out how your organization can take part in encouraging more Americans to save. There are also different resources and materials on the website for individuals to test their savings knowledge, assess savings progress, or take action to save more effectively. Be sure to visit the website and let your clients and partners know about this important week.



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Reports and Resources

Texas Legislature Interim Charges

Between legislative sessions, the Texas Legislature issues interim charges, a list of topics to study to prepare for the next session. You can find a list of the interim charges from both the House and the Senate that pertain to family economic security [on our website](#).

CFED Launches New Website

The Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED) has a new website that offers a wealth of asset-building resources and information for groups to use to help strengthen their local programs. Included on the new website is an updated IDA database, which allows individuals to find an IDA program in their area. Please be sure that your IDA program is listed and that the information is correct if your organization offers this important asset-building opportunity in your area.

Diploma Attainment Among Teen Mothers

This Child Trends national study finds that one in three (34 percent) young women who had been teen mothers did not earn a high school diploma or a GED, compared with only 6 percent of young women who had not had a teen birth. Other findings include: Slightly more than one-half (51%) of teen mothers received a high school diploma by the age of 22, compared with 89 percent of young women who had not given birth during their teen years. A higher proportion of teen mothers earned a GED (15 percent) than did their counterparts who had not experienced a teen birth (5 percent). Black teen mothers are more likely than Hispanic or white teen mothers to earn a diploma or GED by age 22.

Who are America's Poor Children?

There are 2.5 million more children living in poverty today than in 2000, an increase of 21 percent. The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) provides a demographic snapshot of the more than 13 million American children living in families with incomes below the poverty level.

Making Work Supports Work: A Picture of Low-wage Workers in America

Also from NCCP, this report looks at why we need a more robust, comprehensive system of work supports (including child care assistance) to help low-income working families and their children.

Revising Welfare (TANF) in 2010: Goals for Congress to Consider

By September 30, 2010, Congress must take action to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant at a time when the nation's safety net programs are being put to the test with an increasing share of American families in need. The Center for Law & Social Policy has recommendations for helping families in hard times.