

## **Suggested Readings: Exploring New Frontiers for Workforce Development Programs**

### **Persistent Non-Workers Among the Long-Term Unemployed: The Implications of 20 Years of Welfare-to-Work and Workforce Development Research**

[http://www.pmatch.org/fifty\\_percent\\_dec\\_eleven.pdf](http://www.pmatch.org/fifty_percent_dec_eleven.pdf)

- This piece by Toby Herr and Suzanne Wagner of Project Match in Chicago provides a compelling case for why we need to come up with new approaches for helping to build adult capabilities. Warning: this is an important but sobering read.

### **In Brief: Executive Function: Skills for Life and Learning**

[http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/briefs/inbrief\\_series/inbrief\\_executive\\_function/](http://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/briefs/inbrief_series/inbrief_executive_function/)

- This piece provides a short introduction to executive function. The focus is on children, but the same concepts can be applied to adults.

### **Improving Family Stability and Economic Mobility Outcomes for Low-income Families: Mobility Mentoring™ at Crittenton Women's Union**

<http://www.rwjf.org/content/dam/farm/reports/reports/2013/rwjf406407>

- This piece provides a good description of how executive functioning deficits manifest themselves in the lives of disadvantaged adults.

## **Additional Readings:**

### **Teaching Self-Sufficiency through Home Visitation and Life Skills Education**

[http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/PDFs/family\\_support/bnf\\_issbrief3.pdf](http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/publications/PDFs/family_support/bnf_issbrief3.pdf)

- This piece provides rigorous evidence that teaching life skills can improve employment and earnings for very disadvantaged mothers.

### **Defining and Measuring Executive Functions in Adults: Applications for Practice and Policy** by Russell Carlock (attached)

- I have provided this piece for folks who are interested in a more detailed description of executive function, including how it can be assessed using psychometric tests.

### **Central New Mexico Community College Financial Coaching Training Survey: Summary of Findings** by J. Michael Collins, Collin O'Rourke, and Ryan Eisner, Center for Financial Security (attached)

- This piece provides results of a survey of the impact of financial coaching training on participants' knowledge, attitudes and behavior.