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# Supplementary Material for Focus 29.2

This is an electronic supplement to *Focus* containing links to additional readings and videos related to issue 29.2. The full text of *Focus* can be found at http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/focus.htm.

#### Additional materials on "Hard Evidence on Soft Skills"

Video of James J. Heckman's May 16, 2012, Robert J. Lampman Memorial Lecture, "Hard Evidence on Soft Skills": http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/other/lampman/media/2012/LampmanVideo2012.htm

Slide presentation from James J. Heckman's May 16, 2012, Robert J. Lampman Memorial Lecture "Hard Evidence on Soft Skills": <a href="http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/other/lampman/2012Lampman-Heckman.pdf">http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/other/lampman/2012Lampman-Heckman.pdf</a>

Brief video featuring James J. Heckman, "The Hard Facts Behind Soft Skills," from heckmanequation.org: <a href="http://www.heckmanequation.org/content/resource/hard-facts-behind-soft-skills">http://www.heckmanequation.org/content/resource/hard-facts-behind-soft-skills</a>

Paper by James J. Heckman and Tim Kutz. "Hard Evidence on Soft Skills," published in *Labour Economics*, August 2012, on which seminar and article were based: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0927537112000577

National Public Radio story, "Preschool: The Best Job-Training Program" featuring James J. Heckman: <a href="http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2011/08/12/139583385/preschool-the-best-job-training-program">http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2011/08/12/139583385/preschool-the-best-job-training-program</a>

### Additional materials on Year Up

Video of Year Up Founder and CEO Gerald Chertavian's October 3, 2012, New Perspectives in Social Policy Seminar, "Economic Justice *Can* Equal Economic Prosperity": http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/seminars/Videos/2011-2012/2012NewPerspectives-Chertavian.htm

Slide presentation from Gerald Chertavian's October 3, 2012, New Perspectives in Social Policy Seminar, "Economic Justice *Can* Equal Economic Prosperity":

http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/seminars/Presentations/2012-2013/Chertavian-Perspectives2012.pdf

Slide presentation from response of Carolyn Heinrich, Sid Richardson Professor of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, to the Year Up talk:

http://www.irp.wisc.edu/newsevents/seminars/Presentations/2012-2013/HeinrichRepsonse\_Oct%203.pdf

First report from Year Up experimental evaluation conducted by Economic Mobility Corporation, "A Promising Start: Year Up's Initial Impacts on Low-Income Young Adults' Careers": <a href="http://economicmobilitycorp.org/uploads/A Promising Start.pdf">http://economicmobilitycorp.org/uploads/A Promising Start.pdf</a>

Year Up website: <a href="http://www.yearup.org/">http://www.yearup.org/</a>

## Additional readings on value-added measures of teachers

Recent work on value added by participants in the "Value-Added Model: Research and Policy" roundtable held during the Institute for 2012 IRP Summer Research Workshop includes the following:

- Raj Chetty and colleagues, "The Long-Term Impacts of Teachers: Teacher Value-Added and Student Outcomes in Adulthood": <a href="http://obs.rc.fas.harvard.edu/chetty/value\_added.pdf">http://obs.rc.fas.harvard.edu/chetty/value\_added.pdf</a>
- Jesse Rothstein, "Teacher Quality in Educational Production: Tracking, Decay, and Student Achievement": <a href="http://qje.oxfordjournals.org/content/125/1/175.full.pdf">http://qje.oxfordjournals.org/content/125/1/175.full.pdf</a>
- Eric Hanushek, "The Economic Value of Higher Teacher Quality": http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0272775710001718

## Link to "Reducing Poverty through Early Childhood Interventions" IRP Webinar

IRP Associate Director Katherine Magnuson's webinar on early childhood interventions for low-income children: <a href="http://go.wisc.edu/9whd6e">http://go.wisc.edu/9whd6e</a>

Information about the 2012–13 IRP Webinar Series: <a href="http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/media/webinars.htm">http://www.irp.wisc.edu/publications/media/webinars.htm</a>