

## 11% of Undergrads Take Distance Education Courses Only



This year's *Condition of Education* is the first to share data on distance education, which delivers instruction to students via such technologies as online courses, audio conferencing or DVDs. In 2012, 4.6 million undergraduates took distance education courses, with 2 million (or 11 percent of enrollment) doing so exclusively. This report on developments and trends in all levels of U.S. education is a National Center for Education Statistics publication. AIR has played a key role in producing the *Condition of Education* reports since 2000.

## AIR, CDC Develop New Campaign: Start Talking. Stop HIV.



To promote HIV prevention among gay and bisexual men, AIR, on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, launched a national campaign that reflects the challenges of discussing HIV with a sexual partner. The campaign—Start Talking. Stop HIV.—uses practical tools and tips to broach such topics as HIV testing and status and safer sex, including using condoms and engaging in lower-risk sexual behaviors. Nationwide, gay and bisexual men account for more than half of those living with HIV in the United States.

## Training Helps Tribal Workers Understand Child Welfare Legal Proceedings



AIR's new online training guide will help tribe representatives working on behalf of Alaska Native children in the welfare system. Tribal workers often have little choice but to participate in legal proceedings by telephone because of vast distances between tribe locations and courts. This resource offers telephone presentation tips and other pointers toward better advocacy for children in the welfare system. AIR developed the training with the National Indian Child Welfare Association.

## Schools With Strategic Leaders More Likely to Report Improvement

### IN THE NEWS

#### Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

A story on homeless youths cites data from AIR's [National Center on Family Homelessness](#).  
*CNN, 6/3/14*

#### How to Fix Our Broken System of Ranking Colleges

Senior Researcher [Andrew Gillen](#) makes suggestions on how to improve college rankings.  
*The Washington Post, 5/23/14*

#### Spreading the AP Gospel to Nurture Scientists and Engineers

Managing Economist [Dan Sherman](#) describes a STEM initiative's effect on AP exam scores.  
*The New York Times, 5/4/14*

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### IN BRIEF

Senior Managing Economist [Julia Lane](#) will **receive** the 2014 Julius Shiskin Award for Economic Statistics.

A **video** about employment after a burn injury by AIR's [Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center](#) won a Telly Award.

AIR's [National Center on Intensive Intervention](#) guest edited an **issue** of *Teaching Exceptional Children*.



A multi-year study finds that low-performing schools receiving federal grants are likely to improve in more areas if the principal demonstrates strategic leadership skills. The Study of School Turnaround examined a diverse sample of schools receiving School Improvement Grants in its first year of implementation. AIR led the study on behalf of the Institute of Education Sciences.



**Watch** Principal Researcher **Roger Jarjoura** talk about how mentoring can help children with incarcerated parents.

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