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Topics of the four articles this week include federal policy; preschool in Clatsop County, OR; legislation in Idaho; and Third Sector Capital Partners. The Extras section contains information on a new book, a job opportunity, and several TA competitions.

Thank you for reading. Have a great week!

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## Extras

[Events/Book: What Matters: Investing in Results to Build Strong, Vibrant Communities | Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Nonprofit Finance Fund](#)

[Job: Associate Director of Social Entrepreneurship | Social Entrepreneurship at the University of Virginia](#)

[Webinar for TA Competition: Outcomes Rate Card Development Competition | Social Finance](#)

[Reopened TA Competition: Pay for Success Technical Assistance Competition | Institute for Child Success](#)

[TA Competition: Now Accepting Applications for SIF Youth Development Competition | Third Sector Capital Partners](#)

[TA Competition: Scaling Data Integration Request for Proposals | Corporation for Supportive Housing](#)

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**If you read one thing this week...**

[State of Play: Pay for Success and Evidence-](#)

# Based Policy, February/March 2017 (America Forward)

[March 07, 2017](#)

Over the last two years, the Pay for Success and evidence-based policy and practice space have advanced considerably because of both federal and local interest in and support of the effort. Congress and the former Administration advanced legislation and funding opportunities to support the study and implementation of the use of evidence and Pay for Success approaches across a variety of issue areas. States and cities have taken advantage of these new policies and funding opportunities as well as taken a direct lead on integrating a more outcomes-focused approach to what they fund and programs they support.

With 2017 underway, which has included the ushering in of a new Administration and the 115th Congress, efforts continue to advance and support Pay for Success, evidence, and innovation policy and practice. With the first session of this new Congress already underway, America Forward held our first Pay for Success and Evidence-Based Policy Network call recently to discuss the current state of Play+in Pay for Success and evidence-based policy. This post reflects the major updates provided and additional resources needed to access more detail about each major piece of legislation, Administrative initiative or state level effort underway.

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**State-of-Play**

## County commissioners take more time on preschool study (Daily Astorian)

[March 09, 2017](#)

Clatsop County commissioners want more time to consider a universal preschool feasibility study.

In a 3-2 vote, commissioners decided Wednesday not to approve a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education that would fund the study. In more than 1 1/2 hours of deliberations, commissioners' concerns included the possible privatization of preschools and lack of familiarity with the study.

Commissioners agreed to discuss the issue again in two weeks.

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## Statehouse Roundup, 3.8.17: Charter School Bill Sent Out For Changes (Idaho Ed News)

[March 08, 2017](#)

A ~~P~~AY FOR SUCCESS? RESET?

In 2015, the Legislature passed a law that would allow private third-party vendors to launch education programs · and collect

state dollars if their efforts meet state benchmarks.

The Lee Pesky Learning Center surfaced as one prospective vendor. The Boise-based nonprofit said it was interested in applying the model to early learning initiatives.

But two years later, nothing has happened with the Pay for Success concept, because of glitches in that 2015 law. One such glitch: the state doesn't have a dedicated account to deposit money that might someday go to a vendor.

We would like to try to use this, Sen. Bob Nonini, a Coeur d'Alene Republican and Pay for Success advocate, told the Senate Education Committee Wednesday afternoon.

Minutes later, Senate Education endorsed [House Bill 199](#), a bill designed to clean up problems in the initial law. HB 199 goes to the Senate floor. It has already passed the House on a 68-1 vote.

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## Commentary

# Values That Drive Change (Third Sector Capital Partners)

[March 07, 2017](#)

At Third Sector, we believe that our value-based approach is integrally tied to our success. We often find it difficult to explain what we do without also explaining how we do it. Each of our engagements with governments, service providers, funders, and other stakeholders is shaped by our culture, and nothing explains

our culture better than our mission and values.

Third Sector's mission, to accelerate America's transition to a performance-driven social sector, does more than simply set out what we are trying to do. More importantly, it implies three crucial points that inform how we relate to the governments and social service agencies with whom we work.

1. We are advancing a movement that has already started: While our goals are bold, we have an optimistic view of America's social sector and government. We are merely accelerating the evidence and performance-based initiatives that many of our partners are already developing across the country.
2. We are part of an ongoing process: By focusing on a transition, we implicitly acknowledge that our goal is not some distant ideal but continuous improvement. We will not make the perfect the enemy of the good.
3. Private funding is a means to an end: Our mission intentionally makes no mention of the deployment of capital or impact investing. While we believe that social impact bonds, and other creative disbursements of commercial and philanthropic dollars can drive performance within the social sector, it is no more than a means to the end.

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