

AEA/COSSA Science Exhibit

Dr. Janet Currie of Princeton University represented the AEA and COSSA at a Congressional Reception and Science Exhibition “Celebrating 50 Years of Research Progress at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development” in the Cannon Caucus Room on July 12, 2012. Dr. Currie’s science exhibit was on “[The Economics of Child Health: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth.](#)” Her presentation provided evidence regarding the economic effect of health in childhood from the National Longitudinal Surveys. Because of their large sample sizes, the fact that they follow children over time, and the linkage of mothers and children, these surveys are ideal for identifying the medium to long term effects of health conditions. Her [presentation](#) focused on obesity, health at birth, mental health, and child development, and on the ties between these conditions and adult educational attainment, labor force participation and earnings.

