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Non-Cognitive Skills							

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OneGoal Evaluation as Case Study





- "Real-world," non-cognitive skill measures: grades, absences, credits earned, disciplinary infractions
- Predict outcomes?
- Capture "non-cognitive" skills? (Does it matter?)
- Change the results of assessments and evaluations?

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Current	Study					

- Use administrative data from Chicago Public Schools to study:
  - The properties of grades, absences, credits earned, and disciplinary infractions and how to distill measures to "cognitive" and "non-cognitive" factors
  - An evaluation of OneGoal (non-cognitive development program) that shows the importance of using these measures

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These	Other Me	easures Are U	Jseful			

- Capture something besides test scores
- Have high predictive power and incremental predictive power
- Build on work from the CCSR that shows the importance of these measures (Allensworth and Easton, 2007, 2005)

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- Apply insight from Duckworth et al. (2012); Borghans et al. (2011) that have shown that traditional measures of non-cognitive skills are correlated with academic measures
- Removes the cognitive component from these other measures to make them non-cognitive
- Whether "non-cognitive skill" is the best term, these measures are useful additions to achievement test scores



- OneGoal helps disadvantaged students enroll and persist in college by teaching non-cognitive skills
- Improves college enrollment by 10-20 percentage points
- Little evidence of selection based on test scores but much on "non-cognitive" dimensions (grades, absences, credits, discipline)
- 10%-30% of the effects can be explained by improvements in non-cognitive skills (behaviors)

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Broader	r Implica	tions				

- Test scores miss important dimensions of skill
- Non-cognitive skills (or something like them) can be measured using readily available data

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- Data
- Predictive Validities and Measurement Approach
- OneGoal Evaluation as a Case Study

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- Data sources: OneGoal, Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Chicago Police Department (CPD), National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), and American Community Survey (ACS)
- Contains records of all CPS students starting in the 2003–2004 school year through Fall of 2013 (over 200,000 observations)

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Chicago Public So	chool Data				

- Includes detailed records of absences, GPA, achievement test scores (9th, 10th, and 11th grades), credits earned, disciplinary infractions, and race
- Match 99% of OneGoal participants to the administrative data
- Measurement error lower than in NLSY79

Outcomes	Intro	Data	Predictive	Evaluation	Discussion	Appendix	References
	Outco	mes					

- Has information on all arrests in Chicago starting in 1999 from the Chicago Police Department
- Track student enrollment in college using the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC)

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### • Non-cognitive measures are not very correlated with test scores

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#### Figure 2: Correlations between Ninth Grade Measures



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### • Non-cognitive measures predict outcomes that matter

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Ninth-Grade Measure Explore Outcome Test **GPA** Credits Absences Discipline All 0.22 0.79 ACT Score (Grade 11) 0.78 0.05 0.100.02 GPA (Grade 11) 0.49 0.28 0.20 0.05 0.21 0.52 Absences (Grade 11) 0.09 0.22 0.12 0.35 0.03 0.39 Arrested within 4 Years 0.14 0.12 0.10 0.20 0.06 0.10Grad HS within 5 Years 0.11 0.35 0.36 0.23 0.06 0.41 Enroll College within 6 Years 0.15 0.20 0.16 0.12 0.03 0.25 0.17 Grad College within 10 Years 0.17 0.07 0.09 0.01 0.23

Table 1: Predictive Validity  $(R^2)$  from Ninth-Grade Measures on Various Outcomes



- Use absences, credits, GPA, discipline as non-cognitive skill
- Two latent factors explain the data LINK TO SCREE PLOT.
- Apply a factor model to reduce measurement error, improve interpretation, and standardize for other skills



#### Figure 3: Determinants of Task Performance





Figure 4: How to handle correlations between measures?







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The M	easureme	nt System				

For achievement test scores:

$$M_j = \alpha_{C,j} \underbrace{\theta_C}_{\substack{\mathsf{Cognitive} \\ \mathsf{Skill}}} + \varepsilon_j.$$

For credits, absences, grades, discipline:



- Errors and factors are mutually independent
- Identification follows from Williams (2013)
- LINK TO VARIANCE DECOMPOSITION.

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Figure 6: Predictive Validity of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill for High School Graduation



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Figure 8: Predictive Validity of Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill for College Enrollment



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## OneGoal Evaluation as Case Study



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OneGoal Prog	ramming				

- Two-year, daily class taught by a OneGoal-trained CPS teacher, starting in 11th grade
- Improves "college access" (completing financial aid forms, teaching how to write college essays, and discussing college choices)
- Teaches specific non-cognitive skills LINK TO SIMILAR PROGRAMS.
- Mentor relationship lasts throughout the 1st year of college
- OneGoal might select more motivated students



- Demographics: race, cohort, neighborhood characteristics (median income, average employment rate, % of single parent households)
- Cognitive and non-cognitive skills based on 10th grade achievement test scores (Plan Test), grades, absences, credits earned, disciplinary infractions
- Use factor model to correct for measurement error in pre-program academic indicators

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#### Figure 10: Effect of OneGoal on Outcomes (Females)





- Propensity score matching works because of full support within treatment group **LINK TO MATCHING DETAILS.**
- Non-linear parametric models using a two step MLE procedure (integrate out over distribution of factors) **LINK TO MLE DETAILS.**
- Same story if controlling for school fixed effects or using all CPS schools (LINK TO SENSITIVITY.)

• Similar results when using IV difference-in-difference method



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# Evidence of selection on skills

The effect of OneGoal on skills

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Is There	Evidence	of Selection?				

• OneGoal participants have average achievement test scores before entering the program but above average grades, absences, disciplinary infractions, and credits
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Figure 11: Distribution of Pre-Program Cognitive Skills in Tenth Grade for OneGoal Participants and Non-Participants



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Figure 12: Distribution of Pre-Program Cognitive Skills in Tenth Grade for OneGoal Participants and Non-Participants



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Figure 13: Distribution of Pre-Program Non-Cognitive Skills in Tenth Grade for OneGoal Participants and Non-Participants



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Figure 14: Distribution of Pre-Program Non-Cognitive Skills in Tenth Grade for OneGoal Participants and Non-Participants



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Figure 15: Effect of OneGoal on High School Graduation



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How Does	OneGoa	l Work?				

- Evidence of selection on skills
- **2** The effect of OneGoal on skills

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### Figure 17: Decomposition of the Treatment Effect



(a) Males

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## Figure 18: Decomposition of the Treatment Effect



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Summa	ary of Ad	ditional Anal	yses			

- Estimate a similar structure using analogous measures in the NLSY79
- Adding teacher ratings at time of selection does not change the results
- Students with low cognitive skill benefit the most

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# 5 Discussion



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	Conclu	usions					

- Validate measures that are not correlated with test scores but are predictive of outcomes
- The measures improve the accuracy of early evaluations
- The measures are useful controls for selection



- Standardize for incentives and cognitive skills
- In other data sets, they are correlated with traditional non-cognitive measures
- Are they long lasting?
- Is it a problem that they are defined as a residual?



- Do these academic indicators reflect all of the important skills? What else is missing?
- What other incentives or aspects of the situation matter in measurement?
- Are these measures useful if schools are given incentives based on them?
- Should we measure more or measure less?

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- Do applicants with different pre-program skills reap different benefits?
- Estimate the main model, but with skill interactions:

$$Y_{ki} = \beta_{Yk} X_i + \alpha_{Yk} \hat{\theta}_i + \delta_k A_i + \gamma_k \hat{\theta}_i A_i + U_{Yki}.$$

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Figure 19: Treatment Effect on Non-Arrested by Incoming Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill (Males)



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Figure 20: Treatment Effect on Non-Arrested by Incoming Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill (Females)



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Figure 21: Treatment Effect on College Enrollment by Incoming Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill (Males)



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Figure 22: Treatment Effect on College Enrollment by Incoming Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill (Females)



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Fade Out?					

- Previous analysis limited to two years into college due to small sample sizes with all control variables
- Consider unadjusted outcomes to get a sense of whether effects persist until year three of college

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- For five cohorts, we have interview assessments for both denied applicants (N = 75) and accepted applicants (N = 100)
- Rated on "five leadership principles" (ambition, integrity, professionalism, resilience, and resourcefulness)
- Add these assessments to main matching variables to see if story changes

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### Table 2: Estimated Effects When Controlling for Interview Assessments and CPS Measures

Outcome	(0)	(1)
GPA Year 1	-0.12 (0.10)	-0.12 (0.12)
Absences %tile Year 1	0.04 (0.04)	0.09 <sup>**</sup> (0.05)
ACT Score	-0.15 (0.36)	-0.12 (0.41)
Credits Year 1	3.09* (1.34)	4.69*** (1.51)
Discipline Year 1	-0.01 (0.14)	0.05 (0.16)
Number of Arrests Year 1	0.10*** (0.03)	0.10*** (0.03)
Rubric Scores CPS Measures	0	•

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**Sources:** OneGoal. CPS. and CPD administrative data. **Notes:** The table shows the effects of OneGoal for each outcome listed in the left column. The filled circles at the bottom of the table indicate the controls used in the model. "Rubric Scores" is the sum of the Ambition, Integrity, Professionalism, Resilience, and Resourcefulness teacher ratings of leadership. "CPS Measures" include race, gender, a predicted cognitive factor score, and a predicted non-cognitive factor score. The cognitive factor score is based on the subscores from the reading, English rhetoric, English usage, science, algebra, and geometry subtests of the Plan test. The non-cognitive factor score is based on the fall and spring GPAs from tenth grade, percentile rank of absences in tenth grade, credits accumulated in the fall and spring of tenth grade, and total Group 3-6 disciplinary infractions in tenth grade. The non-cognitive measures are also allowed to depend on the cognitive measures. \* 10% significance; \*\* 5% significance; \*\*\* 1% significance.

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Two P	romising	Adolescent N	lodels			

- Provide mentorship and teach non-cognitive skills where they are applied (e.g., workplace) (Kemple and Snipes, 2000; Kemple and Willner, 2008; Roder and Elliot, 2011, 2014)
- Give targeted help in applying to college (e.g., help with financial aid forms and applications) (Bettinger et al., 2012; Carrell and Sacerdote, 2013)

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Other I	nterventi	ons				

- Early childhood programs generally appear more promising than adolescent programs (Heckman and Kautz, 2014)
- Several adolescent programs had short-term effects because they gave only short-term incentives or focused only on academics (Heckman and Kautz, 2014)

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Refere	nce bias					

- Most personality assessments do not anchor their measurements in any objective outcome and use a Likert scale (?)
- German Socio-Economic Panel (GSOEP) survey asks respondents to rate themselves on the following statement: "*I* see myself as someone who tends to be lazy" (Lang et al., 2011)
- People must interpret the definition of *"lazy,"* which likely involves comparing themselves to other people
- Laziness may mean different things to different groups of people
- Within countries, Conscientiousness is positively associated with labor supply

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Figure 24: National Rank in Big Five Conscientiousness and Average Annual Hours Worked



Source: The Conscientiousness ranks come from Schmitt et al. (2007). These measures were taken in 2001 (?). The hours worked estimates come from ?. Notes: Several countries are omitted due to lack of data.

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Referen	ce bias					

#### Figure 25: The Effect of KIPP on Attitudes and School Effort

Outcome	Mean, Lottery Winners	Mean, Non- Winners	Impact of Admission Offer (ITT)	Adjusted Impact of Attendance (TOT)
Count of Extracurricular Activities (Mean)	2.95	2.84	0.11 (0.16)	0.18 (0.25)
Homework				
Student reports having homework on a typical night (proportion)	0.96	0.96	0.00 (0.02)	-0.01 (0.03)
Minutes spent on homework on typical night, student report (mean)	117.63	95.70	21.95** (8.5)	35.01** (12.8)
Minutes spent on homework on typical night, parent report (mean)	118.31	86.17	32.14** (4.6)	53.71** (7.0)
Parent says student typically completes homework (proportion)	0.94	0.93	0.01 (0.02)	0.02 (0.03)
Index of School Engagement (Mean)	3.64	3.64	0.00 (0.03)	0.01 (0.05)
Index of Self Control (Mean)	4.43	4.47	-0.04 (0.05)	-0.07 (0.09)
Index of Academic Self-Concept (Mean)	3.25	3.20	0.05 (0.03)	0.08 (0.05)
Index of Effort and Persistence in School (Mean)	3.46	3.51	-0.05	-0.07

Source: Tuttle et al. (2013). Notes: All impacts in this table are based on regression models that bool all lottery schools and that control for baseline covariates. The means for non-winners are regression adjusted, controlling for the full set of baseline covariates; means for lottery winners are computed by adding the impact estimate to the mean for non-winners. Standard errors are shown in parentheses.

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Grades	depend o	n non-cogni	itive skills			

Figure 26: Decomposing Variance Explained for Achievement Tests and Grades into IQ and Non-Cognitive Skills



Source: Borghans et al. (2011). Notes: Grit is a measure of persistence on tasks (?).

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#### Figure 27: Variance Decomposition of the Measurement System



# (a) Measures

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Scree P	lot					

Figure 28: Scree Plot for Full Measurement System



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#### Figure 29: Ratio of Non-Cognitive Return to Cognitive Return



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Matchin	g Details					

- Estimate propensity scores for participation
- Match treated population to non-participants with similar propensity scores
- Calculate standard errors using methodology proposed by Abadie and Imbens (2012)

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Figure 30: Distribution of Propensity Scores for Participants and Non-Participants (Males)



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Figure 31: Distribution of Propensity Scores for Participants and Non-Participants (Females)



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D is an indicator variable for if someone participates in OneGoal

$$D_i^* = \gamma_1 X_i + \gamma_2 \theta_i + \varepsilon_{D^*}$$
  

$$\varepsilon_{D^*} \sim N(0, 1)$$
  

$$\varepsilon_{D^*} \coprod \varepsilon_k$$
  

$$\varepsilon_{D^*} \coprod \nu_k$$
  

$$\varepsilon_{D^*} \coprod \theta_k$$
  

$$D_i = \mathbf{1}[D^* \ge 0]$$

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Outcom	es					

$$Y_{ki} = \beta_{Yk} X_i + \alpha_{Yk} \theta_i + \delta_k D_i + U_{Yki}.$$

- $D_i$ : whether person *i* was accepted into OneGoal
- $X_i$ : basic demographic characteristics
- $\hat{\theta}_i$ : predicted factor score
- $\delta$ : effect of OneGoal
  - $Y_k$  outcome k,  $\theta_c$  cognitive skill,  $\theta_n$  non-cognitive skill,  $\nu_k$  error for outcome k,  $\beta_{jk}$  factor loading.
  - The factors are distributed normally and  $\theta \perp\!\!\!\perp \nu_k$ ,  $\nu_j \perp\!\!\!\perp \varepsilon_k, \nu_j \perp\!\!\!\perp \nu_k$ , and  $\theta_c \perp\!\!\!\perp \theta_n$ .

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$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_{i} f(\mathbf{Y}_{i}, \mathbf{M}_{i})$$
$$= \prod_{i} \int f_{1}(\mathbf{Y}_{i}|\theta) f_{2}(\mathbf{M}_{i}|\theta)g(\theta)d\theta$$

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Estimat	tion Proc	edure				

- Step 1: Estimate the distribution of the skill factors (?)
- Step 2: Estimate the effects on outcomes conditional on the skill factor distribution
- Step 3: Bootstrap to calculate standard errors

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Figure 33: Sensitivity Check - Effect of OneGoal on Not Arrested by Tenth Grade



### (b) Not Arrested by Y3

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Figure 34: Sensitivity Check - Effect of OneGoal on 4-Year College Enrollment by Year 3



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Potenti	al Outco	mes Framewo	ork			

Adopt the standard potential outcomes framework:

*Y*<sub>1</sub>: Outcome if individual participates in OneGoal

Y<sub>0</sub>: Outcome if individual does not participate in OneGoal

D: Indicator for whether and individual would participate if given

the option (LINK BACK TO PRESENTATION.)

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Potentia	al Outcor	nes Framewo	ork			

$$A = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D = 1 \text{ and } Z = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } D = 0 \text{ or } Z = 0. \end{cases}$$

D: Indicator for whether an individual would participate if eligibleZ: Indicator for whether an individual is eligible for OneGoalA: Indicator for whether an individual is observed to participate

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Using E	Eligibility a	as an Instrur	nent			

- Use eligibility for OneGoal (Z) as an instrument for participation (A); i.e., whether their school offers OneGoal
- Like a randomized experiment where the treatment group can opt for treatment but the control group has no access
- $TT(X, \theta)$  is identified

IntroDataPredictiveEvaluationDiscussionAppendixReferencesApproach 2: Using Eligibility as an Instrument

## $Z \perp (Y_1, Y_0, D) | X, \theta$

# $\Pr\left(D=1|X,\theta,Z=1\right)=\Pr\left(D=1|X,\theta,Z=0\right).$

Under (E-1) and (E-2), Heckman and Vytlacil (2007) show the IV estimator converges to the treatment on the treated:

$$\frac{E[Y|X, \theta, Z = 1] - E[Y|X, \theta, Z = 0]}{E[A|X, \theta, Z = 1] - E[A|X, \theta, Z = 0]} = E[Y_1 - Y_0|X, \theta, D = 1].$$

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Summary	of Past I	Interventions				

- Interventions can shape non-cognitive skills at a variety of ages
- Compared to cognitive skills, non-cognitive skills are malleable through later ages
- There have been fewer high-quality studies of adolescent interventions

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Summar	y of Meas	surement				

- Non-cognitive skills are typically measured using self-reports
- Measurement of any skill can be viewed as performance on a task
- Task performance can depend on multiple skills, incentives, and effort
- Any outcome or behavior that depends on a skill can be used as a measure of that skill



- Evidence from psychology shows that grades, credits, absences, and disciplinary infractions depend on non-cognitive skills
- After accounting for cognitive ability, these can be viewed as measures of non-cognitive skill
- Collapse these measures into a cognitive component based on achievement test scores and a non-cognitive component
- Non-cognitive skill is three times as predictive of who finishes high school

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Evalua	tion of O	neGoal				

- OneGoal aims to help disadvantaged high school students complete college by teaching non-cognitive skills
- Recruits students with high non-cognitive skills
- Show that it increases college enrollment by 10–20 percentage points
- About 15–30 percent of the effect is due to improvements in non-cognitive skills

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Review of I	Intervent	cions				

- Early childhood programs generally appear more promising than adolescent programs (Heckman and Kautz, 2014)
- Several adolescent programs had short-term effects because they gave only short-term incentives or focused only on academics (Heckman and Kautz, 2014)

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**Notes:**  $\Box$  – Does not include intervention component.  $\boxtimes$  – Includes intervention component.  $\bigcirc$  – No effects.  $\bigcirc$  – Positive effects.  $\bigcirc$  – Weakly positive effects.  $\bigcirc$  – Mixed effects (either different studies find different results or only particular sub-populations benefited).  $\otimes$  – Negative effects. "." – Not measured. "Age" – The age at which participants entered the program. For programs that targeted grades, rather than ages, it was assumed that children entered kindergarten at ages 5-6 and each the age range advanced one year for each subsequent grade. "Duration" - Length of the treatment. In cases where the treatment length varied for participants, the longest duration was presented. "Target" - Population that was targeted by the program. SES - socioeconomic status or disadvantage. Behav -Behavior. Schl – School Performance. Crime – local crime rates. IQ – low IQ. "Selection" – The party that acted first in the joining the sample. Prgrm - Evaluation program contacted participants. Refer - Other party referred participants to program. Par - Parent applied to program. Self - Participant applied to program. Schl - School selected participants. Hosp -Hospital referred participants. "Follow-Up" duration of longest follow-up evaluation in years. "Sample" – Largest sample size from the studies examined (rounded to nearest 10). "Home" - Included home visits. "Health" - Included a nutritional component. "Parental" - Involved parents. "On Site" - Took place at an on site location. "Group" - Whether the intervention combined participants in groups. "IQ" - IQ score. "School" - school performance. "Character" – measured character skills. "Education" – educational attainment. "Health" - health (including drug use). "Crime" - crime. "Earnings" - earnings or related outcomes. "Return" - Annual rate of return. "Benefit/Cost" - Estimated benefits divided by costs.

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- Provide mentorship and teach non-cognitive skills where they are applied (e.g., workplace) (Kemple and Snipes, 2000; Kemple and Willner, 2008; Roder and Elliot, 2011, 2014)
- Give targeted help in applying to college (e.g., help with financial aid forms and applications) (Bettinger et al., 2012; Carrell and Sacerdote, 2013)

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### Figure 35: Correlations between Ninth Grade Measures



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### Figure 36: Decomposing GPA into Cognitive and Character Skill



Notes:Absences, tardies, GPA, and number of Level III-LevelVI misconduct reports are measured during the first semester of 9th grade. The Explore test score is the sum of the scores on the math, science, reading, English usage, and English rhetoric portions of the Explore achievement test. The sample is restricted to students who are active during the first and second semester of 9th grade.

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### Figure 37: Predictive Validity of Measures for High School Graduation



Notes: Absences, tardies, GPA, and number of Level III-LevelVI misconduct reports are measured during the first semester of 9th grade. The Explore test score is the sum of the scores on the math, science, reading, English usage, and English rhetoric portions of the Explore achievement test. The sample is restricted to students who are active during the first and second semester of 9th grade. High school graduation is measured within 5 years of entering 9th grade.

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Figure 38: Explained Variance in Measurement System



Notes: Absences, tardies, GPA, and number of Level III-LevelVI misconduct reports are measured during the first semester of 9th grade. The Explore test score is the sum of the scores on the math, science, reading, English usage, and English rhetoric portions of the Explore achievement test. The sample is restricted to students who are active during the first and second semester of 9th grade. High school graduation is measured within 5 years of entering 9th grade.

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Figure 39: (a) The Probability of High School Graduation by Cognitive and Character Skills



Notes: Panel (a) shows the probability of high school graduation as a function of cognitive skill and character skill. Panels (b) and (c) show the probability of high school graduation as a function of each skill, holding the other skill fixed at the median. The dashed lines display the 95% confidence intervals. The confidence intervals are estimated using the delta method. High school graduation is defined as graduating high school within 5 years of first entering 9th grade. The sample is restricted to students who are active during the first and second semester of 9th grade. The final sample size is 10,000 students drawn at random. The distribution of skills is estimated from a measurement system that includes first semester absences, tardies, GPA, number of Level III-LevelVI misconduct reports, and scores on the math, science, reading, English usage, and English rhetoric portions of the Explore achievement test. The model is normalized so that the components of the Explore test only depend on cognitive skill, implicitly defining cognitive skills.

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Unpack	ing the b	oundles				

- Use the NLSY79 to form measures of cognitive and character skills
- Study how different measures and outcomes bundle skills
- Using a single measure to capture multiple outcomes can reduce predictive power

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Figure 40: Predictive Validities of Measures of Cognition and Character in High School Graduation (Explained Variance)



Source:National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979. Notes: Each bar represents the explained variance ( $R^2$ ) from a regression of high school graduation on the variable listed on the x-axis. IQ is pooled across several IQ tests using IQ percentiles. AFQT is adjusted for schooling at the time of the test. GPA is the individual's core-subject GPA from ninth grade. The sample excludes the military over sample.

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### Figure 41: Explained Variance in Measurement System



Notes:National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979.




Notes:National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979. Due to the biennial nature of the survey after 1994, some respondents are not interviewed at age 35, for these individuals age 36 is used. Earnings includes zero-earners and excludes observations over \$200,000 (2005 dollars). Hourly wage excludes observations less than \$3 or over \$200 (2005 dollars). Hourly wage excludes observations less than \$3 or over \$200 (2005 dollars). Hourly wage excludes observations less than \$3 or over \$200 (2005 dollars). Hourly wage excludes observations less than 80 or more than 4000. Jail by age 35 indicates whether the respondent had listed residing in a jail or prison at some point before age 35. Welfare at age 35 indicates whether the respondent received any positive amount of welfare at age 35. Married at age 35 indicates whether the respondent received as Data and the respondent received as Data. degree (or higher) by age 35.



- Story 1: Taking a test requires some amount of effort and achievement tests require more at the moment
- Story 2: Achievement tests partly capture acquired knowledge, which is accumulated as a function of general persistence



- Attempt to address this question by studying the Fragile Families data set
- Use teacher's rating of student persistence as a measure of general persistence
- Standardize the scores on the test using a measure of effort as observed by the interviewer during the test



Figure 43: Predictive Validity of Effort and Teacher's Rating of Persistence by Type of Test



The data come from the nine-year interview in the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. The graph shows the variance explained (R-squared) in the Woodcock Johnson Reading Test, The Woodcock Johnson Math Test, Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-IIIA (PPVT-IIIA), the Woodcock Johnson III tests for reading and math skills, and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-IV (WISC-IV) Digit Span test. "Effort" is measured by the interviewers report of persistence during the test. "Persistence" is measured by the teacher's report of the child's tendency to complete tasks in school.

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## Figure 44: Explained Variance in Fragile Families Measurement System



The data come from the nine-year interview in the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. The graph shows the variance explained (R-squared) in the Woodcock Johnson Reading Test, The Woodcock Johnson Math Test, Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test-IIIA (PPVT-IIIA), the Woodcock Johnson III tests for reading and math skills, and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-IV (WISC-IV) Digit Span test. "Effort" is measured by the interviewers report of persistence during the test. The dedicated measures of character skills are based on teacher reports.

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Source:?, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979.

Notes: Controls: "Raw"—age and region or state of residence; "Abil"—AFQT adjusted for schooling at time of test. Regressions exclude those reporting earning more than \$300,000 or working more than 4,000 hours. The intervals around each bar are standard errors centered around the mean—a measure of sampling variability. All regressions allow for clustered standard errors at the individual level. Intro Data Predictive Evaluation Discussion Appendix References

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Source:?, National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979.

Notes: Controls: "Raw"—age and region or state of residence; "Abil"—AFQT adjusted for schooling at time of test. Regressions exclude those reporting earning more than \$300,000 or working more than 4,000 hours. The intervals around each bar are standard errors centered around the mean—a measure of sampling variability. All regressions allow for clustered standard errors at the individual level.

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Misconduct S	Scores				

Table 3: 9th Grade Measures from Administrative Data

Level	Examples
Level III	Disruptive Behavior on Bus, Fight without
	Injury, Cheating, Bullying, Forgery
Level IV	Extortion, Assault, Vandalism, Theft, Fight
	with Injury
Level V	Aggravated Assault, Gang Act, False Fire
	Alarm, Gross Disobedience to Authority
Level VI	Arson, Bomb Threat, Attempted Murder,
	Battery, Drug Use, Sex Violations, Use of
	Weapon to Harm

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Skill Me	easures fr	om the Frag	ile Families I	Data		

Table 4: Age 9 Measures of Skills

Measure	Cognition	Character
Digit Span (IQ)	Х	Х
PPVT (IQ)	Х	Х
WJT Read (Achievement)	Х	Х
WJT Math (Achievement)	Х	Х
Teacher Rating of Persistence		Х
Teacher Rating of Organization		Х
Teacher Rating of Attentiveness		Х
Teacher Rating of Squirminess		Х
Teacher Rating of Low Attention		Х

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Skill M	easures f	rom the CNL	.SY Data			

Table 5: Age 8-11 Measures of Skills

Measure	Cognition	Character
Forward Digit Span (IQ)	Х	Х
Backward Digit Span (IQ)	Х	Х
PIAT Math (Achievement)	Х	Х
PIAT Comprehension (Achievement)	Х	Х
PIAT Recognition (Achievement)	Х	Х
BPI Focus Problems		Х
BPI Restless		Х
BPI Cries		Х
BPI Demanding		Х
BPI Tense		Х
High School Grad	Х	Х

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Figure 47: Explained Variance in CNLSY Measurement System



Source: CNLSY. Notes: The measures of cognition and character were taken between ages 8 and 11. The Backward and Forward Digit Span tests are tests of working memory. The BPI measures come from the Behavior Problems Index. High school graduation status was measured at age 19.

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Figure 48: The Effect of Cognitive and Character Skills on the Probability of Graduating (a)



Source: CNLSY. Notes: Panel (a) shows the probability of high school graduation as a function of cognitive skill and non-academic skill. Panels (b) and (c) show the probability of high school graduation as a function of each skill, holding the other skill fixed at the median. The dashed lines display the 95% confidence intervals. The confidence intervals are estimated using the delta method. The measures of cognition and character were taken between ages 8 and 11. The Backward and Forward Digit Span tests are tests of working memory. The BPI measures come from the Behavior Problems Index. High school graduation status was measured at age 19.

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