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## Career Brief

Alice Opalka is a research coordinator at the Center on Reinventing Public Education, where she works on projects related to portfolio strategy, cross-sector collaboration, system governance, and more. Before joining CRPE, Alice was an AmeriCorps volunteer coordinator at a children's literacy organization in Los Angeles, and a college access mentor with College Access Now in Seattle. Alice holds a BA in Environmental Analysis from Scripps College, and an MPA from the University of Southern California.

## Professional Experience

May 2016 – Present	Research Coordinator, Center on Reinventing Public Education, University of Washington Bothell, Seattle WA
Summer 2015	Education Pioneers Fellow, Los Angeles, CA
2013 –2014	AmeriCorps College Coach, College Access Now, Seattle WA
2012-2013	AmeriCorps Literacy Program Coordinator, Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA

## Education

2014	Master of Public Administration, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
2012	Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Analysis, Environment & Society, Scripps College, Claremont, CA

## Selected Publications

### Reports

Lake, R., Cobb, T., Sharma, R., and Opalka, A. (2018) "The Slowdown in Bay Area Charter School Growth: Causes and Solutions." Seattle, WA: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

Jochim, A., and Opalka, A. (2017) "The 'City of Firsts' Charts a New Path on Turnarounds." Seattle, WA: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

Yatsko, S., Lake, R., Gill, S., and Opalka, A. (2017) "Bridging the District-Charter Divide to Help More Students Succeed." Seattle, WA: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

Yatsko, S., and Opalka, A. (2016) "Apples to Apples: Common School Performance Frameworks as a Tool for Choice and Accountability." Seattle, WA: Center on Reinventing Public Education.

### **Blogs**

Opalka, A. and Heyward, G. "[Integrating Schools in San Antonio: Start with One. An Interview with Mohammed Choudhury.](#)" February 2018.

Lake, R. and Opalka, A. "[It's Not My Problem! Why Districts and Charter Schools Need to Work Together on the Politics of School Closure.](#)" June 2017.

### **Presentations**

Opalka, Alice. 2018. "Sharing Instructional Practices Between District and Charter Schools: Lessons Learned." Presented at AERA Annual Conference, April 12-17, New York, NY.