

# IAB-Colloquium

## zur Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung

### From Giving Birth to Paid Labour: The Effects of Adult Education for Prime- Aged Mothers

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Women without work after childbirth are at risk of losing their connection to the labour market. However, they may participate in adult education programmes. We analyse the effect of this on the duration to work and on the wage rate, by applying conditional difference-in-differences approaches. We use Swedish matched longitudinal register data sets covering the full population. The Swedish adult education programme is unprecedented in its size, and enrolment is universally available at virtually no cost. We focus on low-skilled women who have recently given birth. We take account of programme accessibility, selection issues, course heterogeneity, the income received during adult education, parental leave, and child care fees. Adult education shows positive effects for the unemployed with respect to both, the employment probability and wages.

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