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June 1, 2011

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Fourteenth Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference. Each year this conference brings together researchers, practitioners and policymakers to discuss well-being and self-sufficiency among low-income families. The conference presents a valuable opportunity to exchange findings and new ideas from the most recent and rigorous research in the field.

We have organized the conference into seven tracks that structure the plenary and breakout sessions:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Employment and Success in the Labor Market
- Supporting Child and Youth Well-Being
- Fatherhood, Relationships and Strengthening Families
- Innovations in Postsecondary Education and Training
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These broad tracks are meant to encompass major areas of current research and to focus conversations throughout the conference. Each track will feature a number of related plenary and breakout sessions. This format will enable attendees to participate in a series of thematically coherent presentations which we hope will stimulate a productive dialogue. As you will see in the Agenda with session descriptions (pages 9–32) and throughout the conference, each theme is associated with a color that will help guide you through the program. In addition, the Track Descriptions (pages 33–53) present a snapshot of conference sessions relevant to each of these seven tracks.

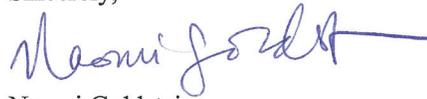
Returning this year is a special feature of the conference, the Emerging Scholars Poster Session. We are pleased to host 13 emerging scholars to present their research. Their research will be presented as part of a networking reception scheduled for Thursday evening. You can find more information about these emerging scholars and their research in the program book. I encourage you to support these scholars and to meet other conference attendees by attending this event.

Several people deserve particular mention for their roles in planning the conference. Our Welfare and Family Self-Sufficiency Research Technical Working Group members worked closely with Seth Chamberlain, Clare DiSalvo, Mark Fucello, Brendan Kelly, Emily Schmitt, Meredith Sparks and Erica Zielewski of OPRE. I thank them all.

This year's collection of speakers, moderators and participants reflects a broad diversity of organizations, expertise and perspectives. In addition to the formal conference sessions, I hope you also will find opportunities for informal exchange of ideas about research, policies and programs. Of particular note in this regard are the facilitated roundtables, scheduled for Thursday afternoon, which will offer an opportunity for informal discussions on topics of interest.

Again, welcome to the conference. I am glad that you are here and I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Naomi Goldstein", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Naomi Goldstein

Director

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation



Overview

About OPRE

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The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) serves as principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of programs designed to improve the economic and social well-being of children and families. In collaboration with ACF program offices and others, OPRE is responsible for ACF performance management, for conducting research and policy analyses and for developing and overseeing research and evaluation projects to assess program performance and inform policy and practice. OPRE also provides guidance, analysis, technical assistance and oversight to ACF programs on strategic planning; performance measurement; research and evaluation methods; statistical, policy and program analysis; and synthesis and dissemination of research and demonstration findings.

A central focus of OPRE's research and evaluation is developing reliable knowledge of the effectiveness of different programmatic strategies in order to inform programmatic and policy choices, with a particular focus on testing innovative approaches used by States and other organizations in major program areas, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Head Start, child care and child welfare. Moving more families from welfare to work; persistence and progression in employment, marriage and family formation; and the well-being and development of children are major focal areas. OPRE includes the Division of Economic Independence and the Division of Child and Family Development. A cross-cutting Performance Management Team leads ACF-wide efforts to plan, monitor and improve program performance.

OPRE's research and evaluation projects are funded primarily through grants and contracts and include collaboration with ACF program offices, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other Federal entities. Examples of current and recent studies are listed below.

- ***Employment-Related Studies and Demonstrations*** address a variety of topics including alternative welfare-to-work strategies, employment retention and advancement. Funded projects in this area include:
 - *Employment, Retention and Advancement Evaluation*
 - *Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation*
 - *Innovative Strategies to Increase Self-Sufficiency*



- *Evaluation of the Health Profession Opportunity Grants*
- *Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration and Evaluation Project*
- *Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse*
- *Work, Family and Health Network*
- **TANF, the Safety Net and Family Economic Stability Projects** include several descriptive studies to further our knowledge of State TANF programs, an innovative study of the overlap between TANF and SSI populations and a synthesis of TANF research, in addition to experimental research on welfare-to-work strategies. Beyond studies of TANF, OPRE seeks to understand how TANF clients access other safety net programs funded by ACF and other Federal, State and local entities. Projects in this area include:
 - *TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project*
 - *TANF Research Synthesis*
 - *Understanding the Child-Only TANF Caseload*
 - *State TANF Policies Database*
 - *Federal-State Partnerships to Build Capacity in the Use of TANF and Related Administrative Data*
 - *TANF University Partnership Research*
 - *Helping Vulnerable Populations Access Public Benefits through Web-based Tools and Outreach*
- **Child Care Projects** investigate the impact of child care subsidy policies and practices on parental employment and children’s development; factors associated with access to, and choice of, child care; and the effectiveness of quality-enhancing initiatives in improving caregiving practices that support children’s developmental outcomes. Major projects in this area include:
 - *Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Project*
 - *Evaluation of Child Care Subsidy Strategies*
 - *Quality Interventions for Early Care and Education*
 - *Quality Features, Dosages and Thresholds and Child Outcomes: Study Design*
 - *Child Care and Development Fund Policies Database*
 - *National Survey of Early Care and Education*
- **Child Welfare Projects** investigate the experiences of children and their families who suffer from, or are at risk of, abuse, neglect and homelessness. Major projects in this area include:
 - *Evaluation of Independent Living Programs*
 - *National Study of Child and Adolescent Well-Being*
 - *Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect*
 - *Permanency Innovations Initiative (Reducing Long-Term Foster Care)*



- **Head Start Studies** include the first nationally representative experimental evaluation of the program, an evaluation of the Early Head Start program, surveys monitoring children's experiences and outcomes in Head Start and Early Head Start, studies of special populations and a range of studies of quality improvement efforts. Major projects in this area include:
 - *Family and Child Experiences Survey*
 - *Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Study*
 - *Head Start CARES (Classroom-based Approaches and Resources for Emotion and Social Skill Promotion)*
 - *Head Start Impact Study and Follow-up*
 - *Head Start University Partnerships: English Language Learners*
 - *Migrant and Seasonal Head Start CARES*
- **Home Visiting Projects** examine evidence-based and promising home visiting programs focused on supporting positive outcomes for families with young children. Major projects in this area include:
 - *Supporting Evidence-Based Home Visitation*
 - *Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Evaluation Design*
 - *Assessing the Evidence: Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness*
- **Strengthening Families Studies** examine the effects of interventions to strengthen families and support parental relationships and healthy marriages. Major projects in this area include:
 - *Building Strong Families*
 - *Supporting Healthy Marriage*
 - *Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative*
 - *Hispanic Healthy Marriage Initiative: Grantee Implementation Evaluation*
 - *Exploration of Low-Income Couples' Decision-Making Processes*
 - *Proven and Promising Responsible Fatherhood and Family Strengthening Initiatives—Evidence Review*
 - *Evaluation of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Approaches*
- **Cross-Cutting and Other Research Projects** include:
 - *Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency*
 - *Center for Early Care and Education Research: Dual Language Learners*
 - *Development of a Measure of the Quality of Caregiver-Child Interactions for Infants and Toddlers*
 - *Youth Demonstration Development Project*



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Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

TRACK LEGEND

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| ■ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | ■ Innovations in Postsecondary Education and Training |
| ■ Employment and Success in the Labor Market | ■ Evaluating Social Programs: Building and Using Evidence |
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| ■ Fatherhood, Relationships and Strengthening Families | |

Time	Event
7:30 a.m.	Registration and Information Desk Open <i>Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families) David A. Hansell (Administration for Children and Families)
8:45 a.m.	■ Plenary: TANF During a Time of High Unemployment and Limited Resources <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Acting Assistant Secretary David A. Hansell (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate a question and answer panel with State and national experts on how TANF programs have responded to circumstances related to the recent recession, including changing caseloads, rising long term unemployment, State budget cuts and the TANF Emergency Fund. Panelists are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Carminati (Vermont Agency of Human Services) • Reagan Miller (Texas Workforce Commission) • LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) • Trent Rhorer (San Francisco Human Services Agency) • Jack Tweedie (National Conference of State Legislatures)
10:00 a.m.	Break

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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10:15 a.m.	<i>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</i>
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■ **TANF Caseloads During the Recent Recession**

Congressional Room

Robert Ek (American Public Human Services Association) will moderate this session on the response of TANF caseloads to the recent economic downturn.

- **Brian Levy** (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) will present on economic and policy factors associated with changes in TANF caseloads and will compare recent TANF caseload changes to caseload changes during previous recessions.
- **Rachel Douglas** (University of Texas–Austin) will discuss how State policies and contexts influence TANF caseload responsiveness to economic changes.
- **Danilo Trisi** (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) will further analyze factors contributing to State differences in the response of caseloads to the recession and will contrast the response of the TANF program to the response of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program.

■ **Job Training as a Means Towards Labor Market Advancement**

Presidential Ballroom

This session will consider the important role that job training plays in labor market advancement. **Julie Kerksick** (Kerksick Consulting, LLC) will moderate this session that highlights efforts in the United States (U.S.) and the United Kingdom (U.K.).

- **James Riccio** (MDRC) will offer final impact results from the U.K. Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) Demonstration.
- **Richard Hendra** (MDRC) will present on the delivery and outcomes of the in-work training support provided in the U.K. ERA Demonstration.
- **Gayle Hamilton** (MDRC) will present lessons on increasing training take-up and completion gleaned from three large projects in the U.S.: the ERA project, New York City's Conditional Cash Transfer demonstration and the Work Advancement and Support Center demonstration.



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Time	Event
10:15 a.m. (continued)	<p data-bbox="451 527 1057 562">■ Evaluation 101: Developing and Using Evidence</p> <p data-bbox="451 573 618 600"><i>Federal Room</i></p> <p data-bbox="451 625 1382 800">This session will offer an interactive opportunity for conference attendees to learn more about the basics of developing and using evidence in social service programming, as well as to ask questions about the evaluation process. Michelle Derr (Mathematica Policy Research) will moderate and guide this interactive discussion session.</p> <ul data-bbox="477 821 1425 1192" style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin Moore (Child Trends) will begin the session by discussing how participants can lay the groundwork for evaluation, including a discussion of why research is important, how to become evidence based and how to anchor research in a theory of change. • Robert Wood (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe the different types of evaluation and how to determine what type of evaluation is best for a program. • Swati Desai (Columbia University) will conclude by providing lessons learned from her experiences conducting evaluations of social service programs in New York City and how study findings were used to inform policy and practice. <p data-bbox="451 1262 1143 1289">■ Alternative Measures to Assess State and Local Poverty</p> <p data-bbox="451 1304 727 1331"><i>South American Room</i></p> <p data-bbox="451 1356 1425 1493">The audience will learn about alternative measures of poverty that have been developed for various State and local areas, as well as how these measures have been applied and utilized. Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will moderate and serve as a discussant.</p> <ul data-bbox="477 1514 1425 1803" style="list-style-type: none"> • Julia Isaacs (Brookings Institution and the University of Wisconsin–Madison) will describe efforts to develop a more comprehensive measure of poverty in Wisconsin and how it has been used to measure the effectiveness of anti-poverty policies in 2009. • Mark Levitan (New York City Center for Economic Opportunity) will offer his point of view on the performance of the safety net during the most recent recession from the perspective of the National Academy of Sciences-type poverty measure created by the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity.



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10:15 a.m. <i>(continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linda Giannarelli (The Urban Institute) will discuss how the variation in States' safety net policies affects families with children, using a poverty definition that approximates the Census Bureau's Supplemental Poverty Measure recommendations. <p>■ Children of Immigrants: Changing Demographics and Implications for Child Policy and Programs</p> <p><i>Senate Room</i></p> <p>As of 2010, nearly one in four children in the U.S. was a child of immigrants. Panelists in this session will offer a broad overview of the current demographics of children of immigrants, discuss the challenges faced by this population in regard to economic self-sufficiency and reflect on the implications for child policy and programs. Randy Capps (Migration Policy Institute) will moderate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donald J. Hernandez (City University of New York) will present a broad overview of the current demographics of children of immigrants.• Ajay Chaudry (The Urban Institute) will discuss the economic well-being of children of immigrants.• Krista Perreira (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill) will discuss health and education outcomes among children of immigrants.
11:30 a.m.	Lunch Break (Please refer to page 99 for local restaurant information)
1:00 p.m.	<p>■ Plenary: Fathers, Their Effect on Family Self-Sufficiency and Federal- and State-Led Responses</p> <p><i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Maria Cancian (University of Wisconsin–Madison), will moderate this plenary session and begin by outlining trends in family structure, father residence and non-residence and their implications for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earl Johnson (Administration for Children and Families) will highlight interventions funded by ACF's Office of Family Assistance.• Vicki Turetsky (Administration for Children and Families) will discuss efforts overseen by ACF's Office of Child Support Enforcement.• Elizabeth Berlin (New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) will provide an example of a State-led response which uses the TANF block grant to fund fatherhood programs.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Time	Event
2:15 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.	<p><i>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</i></p> <p>■ TANF Child-Only Cases <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>The proportion of TANF cases that are child-only has grown significantly over the last decade. Presenters in this conference session will describe the prevalence and characteristics of child-only cases and discuss the implications of these research findings for TANF policy and practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivia Golden (The Urban Institute) will provide an overview of the issue and moderate the session. • Robert Goerge (Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago), Richard Speigman (Child and Family Policy Institute of California) and Jane Mauldon (University of California–Berkeley) will present findings from a year-long study of child-only cases in Illinois, Florida, California and New York City, describing the dynamics and characteristics of these cases and explaining how the different policy and demographic contexts in these four jurisdictions influence issues related to child-only cases. <p>■ New Directions in Transitional and Subsidized Employment Approaches <i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>This panel will investigate the next generation of transitional and subsidized employment approaches. Moderated by Amy Rynell (National Transitional Jobs Network), this session will highlight what is known about transitional employment to date, discuss new evaluation efforts in this area and consider how this model may be adapted in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Redcross (MDRC) will provide an overview of existing knowledge on subsidized and transitional employment programs, including results from the Joyce Foundation’s Re-Entry Demonstration and ACF’s Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration. • Dan Bloom (MDRC) will discuss two new evaluations of the next generation of subsidized and transitional employment—the Employment and Training Administration’s Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration and ACF’s Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration.



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Time	Event
2:30 p.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Howard Rolston (Abt Associates) will serve as discussant and identify opportunities to build on the evidence and adapt these approaches to better serve participants. <p>■ An Introduction to the Career Pathways Framework: An Innovative Approach to Postsecondary Education and Training <i>Federal Room</i></p> <p>The career pathways framework is an approach to education that includes a series of training and employment steps and support services with the goal of helping individuals gain employment in a specific sector and advance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Fein (Abt Associates) will provide an introduction to the framework, covering the emergence of career pathways, key elements of the framework, the theory of career pathways and issues in measuring outcomes.• Ricardo Estrada (Instituto del Progreso Latino) will present on the Carreras En Salud Program, a collaborative career pathways program established to bridge limited English-proficient individuals into Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) positions.• Mark McColloch (Community College of Baltimore County) will discuss innovations in career pathways at the Community College of Baltimore County.• Sara Strammiello Enright (Year Up) will present on Year Up's training program for urban young adults that provides a combination of hands-on skill development, college credits and corporate internships. <p>■ Programs Targeting Fathers and Family Functioning: What Works and What Questions Remain <i>Senate Room</i></p> <p>This session will convene researchers of prominent responsible fatherhood and strengthening families programs, which are fundable via TANF block grants, the Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage discretionary grants and in some States, Federal and State child abuse prevention funds. Robert Wood (Mathematica Policy Research) will facilitate a broad discussion of program components that seem to be associated with program success, as well as what research can help us learn in the future.</p>



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Time	Event
2:30 p.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quinn Moore (Mathematica Policy Research) will present results from a quasi-experimental analysis that estimated effects of the Building Strong Families program on couples who participated in core program services. • Anupa Bir (RTI) will present updates from an evaluation of three Community Healthy Marriage Initiatives. • Sarah Avellar (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss what we know and don't know about programming for low-income fathers based on a systematic review of the research on responsible fatherhood programs. • Carolyn and Philip Cowan (University of California–Berkeley) will present new data from the Supporting Father Involvement project, focused on couples involved in the child welfare system. <p>■ ■ Home Visiting Programs and TANF: A Tool for Promoting Family Economic Stability</p> <p><i>South American Room</i></p> <p>The Affordable Care Act provided an unprecedented opportunity to expand home visiting programs with an emphasis on evidence-based models. Several home visiting programs have been found to have positive impacts on family economic self-sufficiency. Panelists in this session will present the research evidence behind these programs and discuss how State TANF directors are using home visiting programs to promote family economic stability. Lauren Supplee (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Paulsell (Mathematica Policy Research) will provide an overview of a systematic review which identified effective home visiting program models and discuss the program models which were found to have positive impacts on family economic self-sufficiency. • Libby Doggett (Pew Center on the States) will discuss how States across the country are funding home visiting programs with a special focus on use of TANF funds. • Sallie Bond (Florida Department of Children and Families) will discuss how Florida is using TANF funds to support Florida's home visiting program, "Healthy Families Florida."
3:45 p.m.	Break



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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4:00 p.m.	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
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■ ■ Subsidized Employment in the TANF Emergency Fund

Presidential Ballroom

Panelists will discuss various aspects of subsidized employment, a popular use of the TANF Emergency Fund. Moderated by **Mary Farrell** (MEF Associates), this session will highlight findings from studies of the subsidized employment efforts launched under the TANF Emergency Fund, as well as the perspective of a TANF administrator who implemented the effort.

- **LaDonna Pavetti** (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) will present the landscape of subsidized jobs provided for low-income parents and youth that serve as the legacy of the TANF Fund.
- **Linda Rosenberg** (Mathematica Policy Research) will offer highlights of a study looking at the implementation of the TANF Emergency Fund-subsidized summer youth employment programs in 10 sites in Summer 2010.
- **Jennifer Hrycyna** (Illinois Department of Human Services) will describe Illinois' experience in developing and operating a large subsidized employment program funded through the TANF Emergency Fund.

■ Child Care and Family Economic Stability

South American Room

Child care can be an important tool to promote family economic stability. This session will feature two papers that discuss the relationship between child care quality and stability, child care subsidies, child care decision-making and employment. **Susan Jekielek** (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate.

- **Gina Adams** (The Urban Institute) will present on a recent research report on child care instability, how it affects children's development, its relationship to parents' employment and family stability and the implications for subsidy policy.
- **Caroline Carlin** (University of Minnesota) will discuss work on parent decision-making about child care, which explores the relationship between subsidies, employment and child care and draws upon the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort.
- **Martha Zaslow** (Child Trends) will conclude the session with comments on the two presentations.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Time	Event
4:00 p.m. (continued)	<p data-bbox="448 531 1422 594">■ ■ Evaluations of Replications of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs: Moving Towards Evidence-Based Programming</p> <p data-bbox="448 611 618 636"><i>Federal Room</i></p> <p data-bbox="448 657 1422 873">One of the four legislated purposes of TANF is to “prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.” In this session, Diana Tyson (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) will oversee presentations related to the Obama Administration’s Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, which offers an example of using research evidence to identify and fund replications of evidence-based programs.</p> <ul data-bbox="477 894 1422 1381" style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Roper (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) will offer an overview of current teen pregnancy prevention efforts, as well as discuss replication efforts funded by the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program and challenges faced by organizations during replication. • Susan Zief (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss current grantees’ evaluation efforts, including challenges faced by grantees to evaluate replication fidelity. • Lisa Trivits (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) will present Federal plans for evaluating the effectiveness of replications of evidence-based models and critical considerations associated with such evaluations. • Brian Goesling (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss Federal plans for evaluating innovative new programs, as well as offer an overview of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ standards to assess research evidence to determine programs’ effectiveness. <p data-bbox="448 1451 1276 1476">■ Promising Practices in Improving Client Access to Public Benefits</p> <p data-bbox="448 1493 699 1518"><i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p data-bbox="448 1539 1422 1713">Ensuring that clients access needed services is a continual challenge for social service agencies. This session will introduce innovative efforts underway in several States and across several social services programs to address the problem of access to benefits. Scott Cody (Mathematica Policy Research) will moderate and serve as a discussant for this session.</p> <ul data-bbox="477 1734 1422 1875" style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Sama-Miller (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe efforts to conduct a national scan to catalogue State and local initiatives to improve access to public, means-tested benefits, focusing on initiatives that leverage technology and outreach to clients in order to improve the access for eligible clients.



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- **Chauncy Lennon** (Ford Foundation) will review recent research on the impact of work supports on employment for low-income families and describe a recently launched national demonstration project to help eight States design, test and implement more effective, stream-lined and integrated approaches to delivering work supports to families.
- **Alicia Koné** (The Aclara Group) will discuss her experience working in the State of Washington and as a consultant to other States to find new ways of streamlining access to benefits and improving customer service, using information technology and measuring performance.

■ **Supporting Family Functioning and Self-Sufficiency through the Child Support Enforcement System**

Senate Room

The child support enforcement system offers critical support to TANF families. In this session, **Myles Schlank** (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate a panel focused on how the child support enforcement system increases family self-sufficiency, especially for the poorest families, and what can be done to improve the system.

- **Maria Cancian** (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will examine whether the child support system is like “Robin Hood in reverse” and takes from the poor to give to the rich.
- **Elaine Sorensen** (The Urban Institute) will present analyses demonstrating how child support is playing an increasingly important role for poor custodial families.
- **Jane Venohr** (Center for Policy Research) will discuss impacts from three random-assignment evaluations of programs for fathers involved in the child support system, which aimed to increase their access to and visitation of children.



THURSDAY, JUNE 2

TRACK LEGEND

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| ■ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | ■ Innovations in Postsecondary Education and Training |
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8:30 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Announcements <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p>
8:45 a.m.	<p>■ Plenary: The Future of the U.S. Labor Market: A Conversation on Challenges and Next Steps <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will moderate this discussion among several leading public policy researchers who will offer their views on the short- and long-term outlook on the labor market, particularly for low-income individuals, as well as potential policy solutions to support employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Berlin (MDRC) • Rebecca Blank (U.S. Department of Commerce) • Harry Holzer (Georgetown University and The Urban Institute)
10:00 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
10:15 a.m.	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</p> <p>■ Understanding Disconnected Families <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Low-income individuals and families who are not employed or receiving cash public assistance are often referred to as “disconnected.” This conference session, moderated by Don Oellerich (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), will present new data analyses, as well as new qualitative research on the dynamics and well-being of this population.</p>



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10:15 a.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pamela Loprest (The Urban Institute) will present on the dynamics of being disconnected from work and welfare using data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation to examine the size of the disconnected population, the dynamics of spells of disconnectedness and the economic circumstances of disconnected mothers.• Sandra Danziger (University of Michigan) will present highlights from three qualitative studies of disconnected populations in Michigan.• Maria Cancian (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will share findings from a study of disconnected families in Wisconsin, comparing program participation and disconnection among TANF, SNAP and Unemployment Insurance (UI) participants.
	<p>■ ACF Efforts to Evaluate Career Pathways</p> <p><i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>This session will present an overview of ACF’s plans to evaluate multiple innovative career pathways programs through the Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency (ISIS) and Health Profession Opportunity Grants (HPOG) projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Molly Irwin (Administration for Children and Families) will discuss ACF’s interest in the career pathways framework and give a brief overview of ACF’s evaluation strategy, with an emphasis on innovations in measurement.• Alan Werner (Abt Associates) will provide an overview of ACF’s ISIS project, a multisite random assignment evaluation of comprehensive career pathways programs.• Demetra Nightingale (The Urban Institute) will present an overview of the HPOG Implementation, Systems and Outcome Evaluation. This evaluation is one component of ACF’s multipronged evaluation strategy for the HPOG program, which provides funds for programs to provide low-income individuals with opportunities for education and training leading to jobs and advancement in high-demand health care sectors.• Michael Meit (NORC at the University of Chicago) will present an overview of ACF’s Evaluation of Tribal HPOG, with an emphasis on issues of cultural competency in evaluation.



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Time	Event
10:15 a.m. (continued)	<p data-bbox="451 531 1373 600"> ■ Resident and Non-Resident Fathers: Linking Employment to Involvement <i>Senate Room</i> </p> <p data-bbox="451 621 1425 726"> Linda Mellgren (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) will moderate a panel of presentations that outline how fathers are intricately linked to families' self-sufficiency and social service utilization, including TANE. </p> <ul data-bbox="477 747 1425 1115" style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Lerman (The Urban Institute and American University) will use data from an evaluation of three Community Healthy Marriage Initiatives to demonstrate the diversity of low-income fathers, drawing out patterns between the communities and noting their relevance to social service delivery. • Sandra Hofferth (University of Maryland) will examine data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth to describe how changes in employment affect fathers' (and their partners') interactions with their children. • Kimberly Turner (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will use Fragile Families data to illustrate how fathers' different employment situations are associated with different involvement with children. <p data-bbox="451 1167 1146 1241"> ■ ■ Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency <i>Federal Room</i> </p> <p data-bbox="451 1262 1417 1514"> Lisa Gennetian (ideas42) will moderate this interactive introduction to ACF's Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (BIAS) project. Participants will learn about principles from behavioral research and collaboratively brainstorm about their potential applications to ACF program areas including TANE, child support enforcement, child care and child welfare. Session participants will have a chance to brainstorm about how behavioral principles may apply to challenges in their own programs. </p> <ul data-bbox="477 1535 1430 1753" style="list-style-type: none"> • Lashawn Richburg-Hayes (MDRC) will provide an overview of the BIAS Project. • John Balz (ideas42) will provide an overview of behavioral economics principles that may be applicable to ACF programs and populations. • David Butler and JoAnn Hsueh (MDRC) will offer thoughts about applying behavioral economics principles to program areas such as TANE, child support enforcement, child care and child welfare.

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Time	Event
10:15 a.m. (continued)	<p>■ Asset Building for Low-Income Individuals <i>South American Room</i></p> <p>Savings and assets play an important role in supporting the short- and long-term stability of low-income families. This session, moderated by James Gatz (Administration for Children and Families), will feature three presentations focused on asset development for low-income individuals across the life course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signe-Mary McKernan (The Urban Institute) will describe what is known about opportunity and ownership over the life cycle and articulate how policies to combat poverty or build wealth should be considered from a lifetime perspective.• Trina Shanks (University of Michigan) will offer lessons from the Saving for Education, Entrepreneurship and Downpayment (SEED) Demonstration, which sought to test the efficacy of and inform policy for a national system of savings and asset-building accounts for children and youth.• Gregory Mills (The Urban Institute) will discuss recent analyses exploring the role that savings can play in alleviating material hardship for low-income households.
11:30 a.m.	<p>Lunch Break (Please refer to page 99 for local restaurant information)</p>
1:00 p.m.	<p>■ Plenary: Disadvantaged Youth: Supporting Transitions to a Successful Adulthood <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>This broad discussion about disadvantaged youth, the obstacles they face in transitioning to a successful adulthood and current and promising efforts to support them will be moderated by Martha Moorehouse (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Harris (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) and Héctor Cordero-Guzmán (City University of New York) will provide an overview of the challenges disadvantaged youth face in transitioning to a successful adulthood.• Bryan Samuels (Administration for Children and Families) will discuss Federal efforts to support disadvantaged youth.• Woodrow McCutchen (Edna McConnell Clark Foundation) will describe the evidence-based interventions designed to help low-income youth successfully transition to adulthood that are supported by his foundation through a partnership with the Social Innovation Fund.



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Time	Event
2:15 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.	<p>Facilitated Roundtables</p> <p>These informal facilitated discussions will provide an opportunity for attendees to gather and discuss welfare and related issues.</p> <p>■ Sanctions and TANF</p> <p><i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Amanda Sheely</i> (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill) Federal Host: <i>Julie Siegel</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p> <p>■ ■ TANF-WIA Collaboration</p> <p><i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Lauren Eyster</i> (The Urban Institute) <i>Sara Gallagher Williams</i> (U.S. Department of Labor) Federal Host: <i>Michael Dubinsky</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p> <p>■ ■ Job Search Strategies</p> <p><i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>LaDonna Pavetti</i> (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) <i>Frank Gallo</i> (U.S. Department of Labor) Federal Host: <i>Erica Zielewski</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p> <p>■ Work Participation Rate</p> <p><i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Heather Hahn</i> (The Urban Institute) <i>Sheila Zedlewski</i> (The Urban Institute) Federal Host: <i>Peter Germanis</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p> <p>■ Programs for Young Fathers</p> <p><i>Federal Room</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Nigel Vann</i> (National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse) Federal Hosts: <i>John Langrock</i> (Administration for Children and Families) <i>Jennifer Burnszynski</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>



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Time	Event
2:30 p.m. (continued)	<p>■ Serving Two Parent Families and Couples <i>Federal Room</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Heather Zaveri</i> (Mathematica Policy Research) Federal Host: <i>Nancye Campbell</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>
	<p>■ Marriage and Relationship Education Programming for Disadvantaged Populations <i>Federal Room</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Carolyn Cowan</i> (University of California–Berkeley) <i>Philip Cowan</i> (University of California–Berkeley) Federal Host: <i>Clare DiSalvo</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>
	<p>■ Tribal TANF <i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Carol Hafford</i> (NORC at the University of Chicago) Federal Host: <i>Amelia Popham</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>
	<p>■ Refugees and TANF <i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Cheri Harrington</i> (Government Accountability Office) Federal Hosts: <i>Kenneth Tota</i> (Administration for Children and Families) <i>Essey Workie</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>
	<p>■ Homeless Families and TANF <i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>Helen Thatcher</i> (Utah Workforce Services) <i>Sharon McDonald</i> (National Alliance to End Homelessness) Federal Host: <i>Barbara Broman</i> (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)</p>
	<p>■ Research Dissemination Strategies <i>South American Room</i></p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Don Winstead</i> (Don Winstead Consulting, LLC) Federal Host: <i>Ann Rivera</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>



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Time	Event
2:30 p.m. (continued)	<p>■ ■ Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency <i>Senate Room</i></p> <p>Facilitators: <i>John Balz</i> (ideas42) <i>Matthew Darling</i> (ideas42) <i>Lisa Gennetian</i> (ideas42) <i>JoAnn Hsueh</i> (MDRC) <i>Lashawn Richburg-Hayes</i> (MDRC)</p> <p>Federal Hosts: <i>Brendan Kelly</i> (Administration for Children and Families) <i>Emily Schmitt</i> (Administration for Children and Families)</p>
3:30 p.m.	Break
3:45 p.m.	<p><i>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</i></p> <p>■ The TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP): Early Findings <i>Congressional Room</i></p> <p>TSDTP seeks to better understand the relationship between the TANF and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) systems with regard to TANF applicants and recipients who may have a disability. This session, moderated by Elizabeth Lower-Basch (Center for Law and Social Policy), will present early findings from the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Martinez (MDRC) will describe the field findings that led to a conceptual framework for piloting programs for the TANF/SSI target population. • Bret Barden and Johanna Walter (MDRC) will describe the approach to the analysis of merged TANF and SSI data and present emerging findings. These data sources have never been merged in such a systematic way, making the analysis presented a first. <p>■ ■ Higher Education for TANF Recipients <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>In addition to barriers faced generally by low-income people seeking access to higher education and training, TANF recipients must pursue education while complying with work participation requirements. This session, moderated by Johan Uvin (U.S. Department of Education), will explore issues related to higher education for TANF recipients.</p>



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Time	Event
3:45 p.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hope Corman (Rider University) will present an analysis of the effects of welfare reform on vocational education and training among TANF-eligible individuals.• Lesley Turner (Columbia University) will present research on labor market returns to higher education for TANF recipients in Colorado.• Shauna King-Simms (Kentucky Community and Technical College System) will share how Kentucky is facilitating access to higher education for TANF recipients.

■ **Complex Families: The Effects of Re-Partnering and Multiple-Partner Fertility**

Senate Room

Presenters will focus on families formed when fathers and mothers have children with multiple partners and discuss the effects of “multiple partner fertility” on TANF participation and children. **Nancye Campbell** (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate.

- **Terry-Ann Craigie** (Princeton University) will use data from the Fragile Families and Child Well-Being Study (FFCWS) to distinguish between family structure (e.g. parents’ marital status) and family stability (e.g. marriage followed by divorce as opposed to a consistent, single parent), and highlight how these two phenomena may affect child well-being differently.
- **Lindsay Monte** (U.S. Census Bureau) will discuss the implications of multiple partner fertility for household economic well-being and TANF participation, using data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation.
- **Lawrence Berger** (University of Wisconsin–Madison) will examine data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth and discuss how a mother’s re-partnering and new-partner births may affect the non-resident father’s participation in their children’s lives.

■ ■ **Immigrant Families’ Access to Supportive and Stabilizing Services**

South American Room

Despite high levels of work among immigrant families, they often earn significantly less than their native born counterparts and, as a result, may have great need for supportive and stabilizing social services. This session will feature three presentations on immigrants’ access to social services, including TANF, Medicaid, SNAP and Women, Infants and Children (WIC), among others. **Scott Allard** (University of Chicago) will moderate and serve as a discussant for this panel.



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Time	Event
3:45 p.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajay Chaudry (The Urban Institute) will describe the Immigrant Access to Health and Human Services project, which maps and describes the policy context that can affect immigrants' access to health and human services, as well as the well-being of immigrants and their children. • Heather Koball (Mathematica Policy Research) will present results from a current study examining children of immigrants' food insecurity and receipt of SNAP. • Karina Fortuny (The Urban Institute) will discuss analyses that assess the extent to which immigrant and native-born children are eligible for and participating in the WIC and National School Lunch Program caseloads. <p>■ Work, Welfare and Child Well-Being</p> <p><i>Federal Room</i></p> <p>What are the effects of welfare policies on children's development and do these effects vary based on the age of the child? This session, moderated by Clare DiSalvo (Administration for Children and Families) will feature presentations of research studies that address these important questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Thornton Walker (University of Texas–Austin) will present work on how the effects of welfare and employment policies on children's social behavior differ based on the age of the child, drawing on pooled data from five welfare-to-work era employment policy demonstrations. • Kelly Purtell (University of Texas–Austin) will describe work on the process by which family TANF use influences the trajectories of children's development, drawing on data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study–Kindergarten Cohort. • Heather Hill (University of Chicago) will conclude the session with comments on the two presentations.
5:00 p.m.	<p><i>Emerging Scholars Poster Session and Networking Reception</i></p> <p><i>Capital Terrace</i></p> <p>From 5–6 p.m., please join us for a reception on the Capital Terrace, outside the Presidential Ballroom. The reception will be an opportunity to meet fellow conference participants, as well as to view posters summarizing research by emerging scholars—researchers and scholars early in their careers—who were selected to participate in the conference. Emerging scholars will be on hand to answer questions about their work.</p>



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Time	Event
5:00 p.m. (continued)	Lucy Bilaver (Northwestern University) <i>The Impact of Early Maternal Employment on Childhood Obesity</i>
	Marissa Courey (University of Wisconsin–Madison) <i>Future Orientation as a Determinant of Adolescent Human Capital Investment</i>
	Katie Fitzpatrick (U.S. Department of Agriculture) <i>The Role of Media Outreach and Program Modernization in the Growth of the SNAP Caseload</i>
	Josh Good (ICF International) <i>TANF Collaborations with Faith-Based and Community Organizations: How Nationwide Grassroots Partnerships Streamline Family Self-Sufficiency</i>
	Linda Houser (Rutgers University) <i>Child Care Subsidies and Caseworker Discretion in the Post-Reform Era</i>
	Jungwon Huh (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill) <i>Neighborhood Effect on the Length of First Stay on Work First in North Carolina</i>
	Sheila Katz (Sonoma State University) <i>Welfare Mothers Pursuing Higher Education During the Great Recession and Implications for TANF Reauthorization</i>
	Clinton Key (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill) <i>SaveNYC: Applying Behavioral Economic Principles to Encourage Savings</i>
	Caitlin McPherran (Boston College) <i>Mothers, Young Children and Work: Low-Income Mothers' Employment Dynamics</i>
	Ashley Provencher (American University) <i>Effectiveness and Efficiency of Mental Health Services for Children in Foster Care</i>
	Brendan Saloner (Harvard University) <i>The Effect of Public Insurance Eligibility on Material Hardship: Evidence from the Implementation of CHIP</i>
	Amanda Sheely (University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill) <i>The Economic and Political Determinants of Sanctions and Application Denials among California Counties: 2000-2009</i>
	Sarah Williamson (University of Maryland) <i>Examining Outcomes among Pre- and Post-DRA Welfare Leavers</i>



FRIDAY, JUNE 3

TRACK LEGEND

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Employment and Success in the Labor Market
- Supporting Child and Youth Well-Being
- Fatherhood, Relationships and Strengthening Families
- Innovations in Postsecondary Education and Training
- Evaluating Social Programs: Building and Using Evidence
- Strengthening the Safety Net: Supporting and Stabilizing Low-Income Families

Time Event

7:30 a.m. **Registration and Information Desk Open**
Ballroom Foyer

8:30 a.m. ■ **Plenary: Federal Collaboration Around Career Pathways**
Presidential Ballroom

Representatives from the Administration for Children and Families, the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Education will discuss the ways that all three agencies are working to facilitate access to higher education for low-income students, with a focus on efforts related to career pathways. **Mark Fucello** (Administration for Children and Families) will moderate and speakers include:

- **Mark Greenberg** (Administration for Children and Families)
- **Gerri Fiala** (U.S. Department of Labor)
- **Brenda Dann-Messier** (U.S. Department of Education)

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

■ **TANF Performance Measures**
Presidential Ballroom

The primary performance measure in TANF is the Federal work participation rate. However, some States use additional performance measures. This session will explore strategies States are using to measure outcomes and use data to improve performance. **Emily Ball Jabbour** (Administration for Children and Families) will provide overview remarks and moderate the session.

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10:00 a.m. <i>(continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Hahn (The Urban Institute) will present findings from case studies of several State TANF performance systems.• Leslie Crichton (Minnesota Department of Human Services) will present on the Minnesota Self-Support Index.• Helen Thatcher (Utah Department of Workforce Services) will present on using data to improve performance in Utah.

■ Sectoral Strategies to Promote Employment

Congressional Room

This session will feature presentations on sector-based strategies to promote employment for low-income individuals. Moderated by **Michael Qualter** (U.S. Department of Labor), this session will highlight findings from two studies, as well as offer information on an ongoing collaboration to engage States in sector-based employment strategies.

- **Lauren Eyster** (The Urban Institute) will present findings from the High-Growth Job Training Initiative, a national grants program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.
- **Deena Schwartz** and **Stacy Woodruff Bolte** (Public/Private Ventures) will discuss findings from P/PV's Sectoral Employment Impact Study.
- **Martin Simon** (National Governors Association Center for Best Practices) will close the session by describing the Center's collaboration with the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce and National Network of Sector Partners as part of the State Sector Strategies effort.

■ Vulnerable Youth and the Transition to Adulthood: Evidence from Recent Studies

Senate Room

What do we know about interventions designed to help vulnerable youth transition to adulthood? This session will focus on findings from two recent evaluations of such interventions, as well as a current effort to identify conceptual frameworks to guide these types of interventions. **Matthew Stagner** (Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago) will moderate.

- **M. Robin Dion** (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss a project to develop research-based conceptual models for ACF programs serving at-risk youth.



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10:00 a.m. (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Pergamit (The Urban Institute) will present the results of a recent study which evaluated independent living service programs for youth aging out of the foster care system. • Jeffrey Hemmeter (Social Security Administration) will present emerging findings from the Social Security Administration's (SSA) Youth Transition Demonstration, which is rigorously testing interventions for youth who are receiving SSA disability benefits or at risk of receiving them in the future.
	<p>■ ■ Child and Family Stability in a Time of Long-Term Unemployment <i>South American Room</i></p>
	<p>This session will explore the impact that long-term unemployment has on child and family stability and well-being. Jack Tweedie (National Conference of State Legislatures) will moderate this discussion.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gregory Acs and Molly Dahl (Congressional Budget Office) will present findings from an analysis of the role of Unemployment Insurance benefits in supporting family income during the recent recession. • Heather Hill (University of Chicago) will provide a review of what is known about the effects of long-term unemployment on child well-being and stability. • Nancy Cauthen (NKC Consulting) will serve as a discussant for this session drawing on work with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2011 KidsCount report.
	<p>■ ■ The Center for Economic Opportunity and the Social Innovation Fund: Building the Evidence for Effective Solutions to Poverty <i>Federal Room</i></p>
	<p>This session will feature three presentations based on the new collaboration between the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York (MF) and the New York City Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO) around the Social Innovation Fund (SIF). Moderated by Brendan Kelly (Administration for Children and Families), this panel will highlight specific opportunities offered through the SIF, a new public-private investment vehicle designed to identify effective solutions to critical social challenges and support the replication and expansion of these programs by nonprofit organizations.</p>



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10:00 a.m. <i>(continued)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veronica White (New York City Center for Economic Opportunity) will provide an overview of the MF/CEO SIF, which provided an opportunity to expand five economic opportunity program models and demonstrate their effectiveness in diverse urban settings and populations using rigorous evaluation.• Carson Hicks (New York City Center for Economic Opportunity) will provide an in-depth discussion of the SIF Young Adult Program, an education-conditioned internship program for disconnected youth that is being replicated in three cities.• Cathleen Mahon (New York City Department of Consumer Affairs) will discuss the \$aveUSA asset development program, which incentivizes savings among low-income working families.
11:15 a.m.	Break
11:30 a.m.	Invitation to the National Association of Welfare Research Statistics Annual Conference <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Mary Roberto (Colorado Department of Human Services)
11:40 a.m.	■ Plenary: Applying Behavioral Perspectives to Strengthening the Safety Net and Stabilizing Low-Income Families <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> This plenary session, moderated by Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families), will shed light on an emerging interest in using behavioral research perspectives to improve services for vulnerable clients. Featured speakers include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eldar Shafir (Princeton University)• Lisa Gennetian (ideas42)• Julie Kerksick (Kerksick Consulting, LLC)
12:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families)
1:00 p.m.	Conference Adjourns



Track Descriptions

TRACK: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

This track will focus on emerging issues in the TANF program, with a focus on the changed policy and economic context in which the TANF program has operated in recent years.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: TANF During a Time of High Unemployment and Limited Resources	Wednesday, June 1 8:45–10:00 a.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: David A. Hansell, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Speakers: Diana Carminati, <i>Vermont Agency of Human Services</i> Reagan Miller, <i>Texas Workforce Commission</i> LaDonna Pavetti, <i>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</i> Trent Rhorer, <i>San Francisco Human Services Agency</i> Jack Tweedie, <i>National Conference of State Legislatures</i>
TANF Caseloads During the Recent Recession	Wednesday, June 1 10:15–11:30 a.m. Congressional Room	Session moderator: Robert Ek, <i>American Public Human Services Association</i>
		<i>TANF and the Recession: A Multivariate Analysis of State Caseload Responses</i> Speaker: Brian Levy, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Do State Policies Influence Cash Assistance Caseload Responsiveness to Economic Changes?</i> Speaker: Rachel Douglas, <i>University of Texas–Austin</i>
		<i>TANF Responded Unevenly to Increased Need During Downturn</i> Speaker: Danilo Trisi, <i>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</i>
TANF Child-Only Cases	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. Presidential Ballroom	<i>TANF Child-Only Case Characteristics, Dynamics and Context</i> Session moderator: Olivia Golden, <i>The Urban Institute</i> Speakers: Robert Goerge, <i>Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago</i> Richard Speigman, <i>Child and Family Policy Institute of California</i> Jane Mauldon, <i>University of California–Berkeley</i>

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Home Visiting Programs and TANF: A Tool for Promoting Family Economic Stability (Cross-listed with Supporting Child and Youth Well-Being)	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. South American Room	Session moderator: Lauren Supplee, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review</i> Speaker: Diane Paulsell, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>How States Are Funding Home Visiting Using TANF</i> Speaker: Libby Doggett, <i>Pew Center on the States</i>
		<i>Florida’s Experience Using TANF to Support Home Visiting</i> Speaker: Sallie Bond, <i>Florida Department of Children and Families</i>
Subsidized Employment in the TANF Emergency Fund (Cross-listed with Employment and Success in the Labor Market)	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: Mary Farrell, <i>MEF Associates</i>
		<i>Creating Subsidized Jobs for Low-Income Parents and Youth: The Legacy of the TANF Emergency Fund</i> Speaker: LaDonna Pavetti, <i>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</i>
		<i>Highlights of the Implementation of TANF Subsidized Youth Employment Programs in Summer 2010</i> Speaker: Linda Rosenberg, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Illinois’ Experience with Subsidized Employment and the TANF Emergency Fund</i> Speaker: Jennifer Hrycyna, <i>Illinois Department of Human Services</i>
Understanding Disconnected Families	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: Don Oellerich, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Dynamics of Being Disconnected from Work and Welfare</i> Speaker: Pamela Loprest, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>Qualitative Research with Disconnected Populations in Michigan</i> Speaker: Sandra Danziger, <i>University of Michigan</i>



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Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Understanding Disconnected Families (continued)	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Presidential Ballroom	<i>Disconnected from Work and Welfare: The Wisconsin Experience</i> Speaker: Maria Cancian, University of Wisconsin–Madison
The TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP): Early Findings	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Congressional Room	Session moderator: Elizabeth Lower-Basch, Center for Law and Social Policy
		<i>The TANF/SSI Disability Transition Project: Conceptual Framework and Pilot Approach</i> Speaker: John Martinez, MDRC
		<i>Emerging Findings from the Analysis of Merged OFA TANF/SSP and SSI Data</i> Speakers: Bret Barden, MDRC Johanna Walter, MDRC
Higher Education for TANF Recipients (Cross-listed with Innovations in Postsecondary Education and Training)	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: Johan Uvin, U.S. Department of Education
		<i>Effects of Welfare Reform on Vocational Education and Training</i> Speaker: Hope Corman, Rider University
		<i>The Returns to Higher Education for Welfare Recipients: Evidence from Colorado</i> Speaker: Lesley Turner, Columbia University
		<i>Facilitating Access to Higher Education for TANF Recipients in Kentucky</i> Speaker: Shauna King-Simms, Kentucky Community and Technical College System



TRACK: TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
TANF Performance Measures	Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Emily Ball Jabbour, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>Case Studies of State TANF Performance Systems</i> Speaker: Heather Hahn, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>The Minnesota Self-Support Index</i> Speaker: Leslie Crichton, <i>Minnesota Department of Human Services</i>
		<i>Using Data to Improve Performance in Utah</i> Speaker: Helen Thatcher, <i>Utah Department of Workforce Services</i>

There will also be facilitated discussions related to TANF during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables in the Agenda (pages 23–24). Relevant discussions include:

- Sanctions and TANF
- TANF-WIA Collaboration
- Job Search Strategies
- Work Participation Rate
- Tribal TANF
- Refugees and TANF
- Homeless Families and TANF

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TRACK: EMPLOYMENT AND SUCCESS IN THE LABOR MARKET

Stable employment can be a pathway out of poverty for many low-income individuals. This track explores the notion of employment and success in the labor market with a particular focus on strategies to support employment for hard-to-employ and vulnerable populations.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: The Future of the U.S. Labor Market: A Conversation on Challenges and Next Steps	Thursday, June 2 8:45–10:00 a.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Timothy Smeeding, <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i> Speakers: Gordon Berlin, <i>MDRC</i> Rebecca Blank, <i>U.S. Department of Commerce</i> Harry Holzer, <i>Georgetown University and The Urban Institute</i>
Job Training as a Means Towards Labor Market Advancement	Wednesday, June 1 10:15–11:30 a.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Julie Kerksick, <i>Kerksick Consulting, LLC</i>
		<i>Final Impacts of the United Kingdom’s Employment Retention and Advancement Demonstration</i> Speaker: James Riccio, <i>MDRC</i>
		<i>The Delivery and Outcomes of the In-Work Training Support Provided in the U.K. ERA Demonstration</i> Speaker: Richard Hendra, <i>MDRC</i>
		<i>Lessons on Training from Three U.S. Employment Programs</i> Speaker: Gayle Hamilton, <i>MDRC</i>
New Directions in Transitional and Subsidized Employment Approaches	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. <i>Congressional Room</i>	Session moderator: Amy Rynell, <i>National Transitional Jobs Network</i>
		<i>Transitional and Subsidized Employment: A Review of Existing Knowledge</i> Speaker: Cindy Redcross, <i>MDRC</i>
		<i>New Evaluations in Subsidized and Transitional Employment</i> Speaker: Dan Bloom, <i>MDRC</i>
		<i>Discussant Remarks</i> Speaker: Howard Rolston, <i>Abt Associates</i>



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Subsidized Employment in the TANF Emergency Fund (Cross-listed with TANF)	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Mary Farrell, <i>MEF Associates</i>
		<i>Creating Subsidized Jobs for Low-Income Parents and Youth: The Legacy of the TANF Emergency Fund</i> Speaker: LaDonna Pavetti, <i>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</i>
		<i>Highlights of the Implementation of TANF Subsidized Youth Employment Programs in Summer 2010</i> Speaker: Linda Rosenberg, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Illinois' Experience with Subsidized Employment and the TANF Emergency Fund</i> Speaker: Jennifer Hrycyna, <i>Illinois Department of Human Services</i>
Sectoral Strategies to Promote Employment	Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. <i>Congressional Room</i>	Session moderator: Michael Qualter, <i>U.S. Department of Labor</i>
		<i>Findings from the High-Growth Job Training Initiative</i> Speaker: Lauren Eyster, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>Tuning In to Local Labor Markets: Findings from the Sectoral Employment Impact Study</i> Speaker: Deena Schwartz and Stacy Woodruff Bolte, <i>Public/Private Ventures</i>
		<i>State Sector Strategies Initiative: An Innovative Partnership to Support Sector-Based Approaches</i> Speaker: Martin Simon, <i>National Governors Association Center for Best Practices</i>

There will also be facilitated discussions related to Employment and Success in the Labor Market during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 2, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.). More information is provided in the Agenda (page 23). Relevant discussions include TANF-WIA Collaboration and Job Search Strategies.



TRACK: SUPPORTING CHILD AND YOUTH WELL-BEING

This track explores ways to support child and youth well-being in the context of promoting family economic security. The plenary session will feature a broad discussion about helping disadvantaged youth successfully transition to an economically self-sufficient adulthood. Breakout sessions will highlight a range of important topics, including the implications of changing demographics on child policy and programs, how home visiting programs can promote family economic stability, the relationship between child care and employment, the impact of welfare policies on child well-being and evidence from recent studies on vulnerable youth and the transition to adulthood.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: Disadvantaged Youth: Supporting Transitions to a Successful Adulthood	Thursday, June 2 1:00–2:15 p.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: Martha Moorehouse, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i> Speakers: David Harris, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i> Héctor Cordero-Guzmán, <i>City University of New York</i> Bryan Samuels, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Woodrow McCutchen, <i>Edna McConnell Clark Foundation</i>
Children of Immigrants: Changing Demographics and Implications for Child Policy and Programs	Wednesday, June 1 10:15–11:30 a.m. Senate Room	Session moderator: Randy Capps, <i>Migration Policy Institute</i>
		<i>Changing Demographics: Children in Immigrant Families</i> Speaker: Donald J. Hernandez, <i>City University of New York</i>
		<i>The Economic Well-Being of Children of Immigrants</i> Speaker: Ajay Chaudry, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>Health and Education Outcomes Among Children of Immigrants</i> Speaker: Krista Perreira, <i>University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill</i>
Home Visiting Programs and TANF: A Tool for Promoting Family Economic Stability (Cross-listed with TANF)	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. South American Room	Session moderator: Lauren Supplee, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>The Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review</i> Speaker: Diane Paulsell, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>



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Home Visiting Programs and TANF: A Tool for Promoting Family Economic Stability (continued)	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. South American Room	<i>How States Are Funding Home Visiting Using TANF</i> Speaker: Libby Doggett, Pew Center on the States
		<i>Florida’s Experience Using TANF to Support Home Visiting</i> Speaker: Sallie Bond, Florida Department of Children and Families
Child Care and Family Economic Stability	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. South American Room	Session moderator: Susan Jekielek, Administration for Children and Families
		<i>Child Care Instability: Definitions, Context and Policy Implications</i> Speaker: Gina Adams, The Urban Institute
		<i>Exploring Parent Decision-Making: Subsidies, Employment and Child Care</i> Speaker: Caroline Carlin, University of Minnesota
		<i>Discussant Remarks</i> Speaker: Martha Zaslow, Child Trends
Evaluations of Replications of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs: Moving Towards Evidence-Based Programming (Cross-listed with Evaluating Social Programs)	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. Federal Room	Session moderator: Diana Tyson, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
		<i>Replicating Evidence-Based Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Programs: A Case Study</i> Speaker: Allison Roper, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
		<i>Grantee-Led Evaluations of Replications</i> Speaker: Susan Zief, Mathematica Policy Research
		<i>Federal-Led Evaluations of Replications</i> Speaker: Lisa Trivits, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



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Evaluations of Replications of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs: Moving Towards Evidence-Based Programming (continued)	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. Federal Room	<i>Federal-Led Evaluations of Innovations and Federal Standards for Effectiveness</i> Speaker: Brian Goesling, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
Work, Welfare and Child Well-Being	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Federal Room	Session moderator: Clare DiSalvo, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>Developmental Differences in the Effects of Welfare and Employment Policies on Children’s Social Behavior</i> Speaker: Jessica Thornton Walker, <i>University of Texas–Austin</i>
		<i>Family TANF Use and Trajectories of Children’s Development: Patterns and Processes</i> Speaker: Kelly Purtell, <i>University of Texas–Austin</i>
		<i>Discussant Remarks</i> Speaker: Heather Hill, <i>University of Chicago</i>
Immigrant Families’ Access to Supportive and Stabilizing Services (Cross-listed with Strengthening the Safety Net)	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. South American Room	Session moderator: Scott Allard, <i>University of Chicago</i>
		<i>Immigrant Access to Health and Human Services</i> Speaker: Ajay Chaudry, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>Children of Immigrants’ Receipt of SNAP</i> Speaker: Heather Koball, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Effects of Immigration on WIC and National School Lunch Program Caseloads</i> Speaker: Karina Fortuny, <i>The Urban Institute</i>

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Vulnerable Youth and the Transition to Adulthood: Evidence from Recent Studies	Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. Senate Room	Session moderator: Matthew Stagner, <i>Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago</i>
		<i>Developing Research-Based Conceptual Models for ACF Programs Serving At-Risk Youth</i> Speaker: M. Robin Dion, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Evaluating Independent Living Services: Findings from the Multisite Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs</i> Speaker: Michael Pergamit, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>The Social Security Administration’s Youth Transition Demonstration: Emerging Findings</i> Speaker: Jeffrey Hemmeter, <i>Social Security Administration</i>
Child and Family Stability in a Time of Long-Term Unemployment (Cross-listed with Strengthening the Safety Net)	Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. South American Room	Session moderator: Jack Tweedie, <i>National Conference of State Legislatures</i>
		<i>Unemployment Insurance Benefits and the Family Income of the Unemployed</i> Speaker: Gregory Acs and Molly Dahl, <i>Congressional Budget Office</i>
		<i>Long-Term Unemployment and Child Well-Being: What Do We Know?</i> Speaker: Heather Hill, <i>University of Chicago</i>
		<i>Discussant Remarks</i> Speaker: Nancy Cauthen, <i>NKC Consulting</i>

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TRACK: FATHERHOOD, RELATIONSHIPS AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Family self-sufficiency and TANF participation can be influenced, both positively and negatively, by the involvement of fathers. Research evidence indicates that decreased family income and parental involvement, which can occur from a family dissolution or the absence of a father, can lead to worse outcomes for children. This track features research linking father involvement in terms of both time and financial resources to family self-sufficiency and social services participation. It also highlights Federal- and State-level attempts to address this issue via direct intervention with fathers, including programming funded by TANF.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: Fathers, Their Effect on Family Self-Sufficiency and Federal- and State-Led Responses	Wednesday, June 1, 1:00–2:15 p.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Maria Cancian, <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i> Speakers: Earl Johnson, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Vicki Turetsky, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Elizabeth Berlin, <i>New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance</i>
Programs Targeting Fathers and Family Functioning: What Works and What Questions Remain	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. <i>Senate Room</i>	Session moderator: Robert Wood, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>The Building Strong Families Program’s Effects on Couples Who Attended Group Relationship Skills Sessions: A Special Analysis of 15-Month Data</i> Speaker: Quinn Moore, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Updates on the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative Evaluation</i> Speaker: Anupa Bir, <i>RTI</i>
		<i>Examining the Research Evidence on Responsible Fatherhood and Strengthening Families</i> Speaker: Sarah Avellar, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Supporting Father Involvement: New Results of a Couples Group for Families Involved in the Child Welfare System</i> Speaker: Carolyn and Philip Cowan, <i>University of California–Berkeley</i>



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Supporting Family Functioning and Self-Sufficiency through the Child Support Enforcement System	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. Senate Room	Session moderator: Myles Schlank, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>Robin Hood in Reverse? Does Child Support Take from the Poor and Give to the Rich?</i>
		Speaker: Maria Cancian, <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>
		<i>Child Support Plays an Increasingly Important Role for Poor Custodial Families</i>
		Speaker: Elaine Sorensen, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
		<i>Addressing Access and Visitation Problems in Child Support Agencies</i>
		Speaker: Jane Venohr, <i>Center for Policy Research</i>
Resident and Non-Resident Fathers: Linking Employment to Involvement	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Senate Room	Session moderator: Linda Mellgren, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Men in Low-Income Communities: Patterns and Relevance to Service Delivery</i>
		Speaker: Robert Lerman, <i>The Urban Institute and American University</i>
		<i>Does Change in Young Men’s Employment Influence Fathering?</i>
		Speaker: Sandra Hofferth, <i>University of Maryland</i>
		<i>Hand in Hand: Employment Conditions and Fathers’ Involvement</i>
		Speaker: Kimberly Turner, <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>
Complex Families: The Effects of Re-Partnering and Multiple-Partner Fertility	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Senate Room	Session moderator: Nancye Campbell, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>Family Structure, Family Stability and Early Child Well-Being</i>
		Speaker: Terry-Ann Craigie, <i>Princeton University</i>



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Complex Families: The Effects of Re-Partnering and Multiple-Partner Fertility (continued)	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Senate Room	<i>Fertility and the Family: Multiple Partner Fertility and Well-Being in the SIPP</i> Speaker: Lindsay Monte, U.S. Census Bureau
		<i>Maternal Re-Partnering and New-Partner Fertility: Associations with Nonresident Father Investments in Children</i> Speaker: Lawrence Berger, University of Wisconsin–Madison

There will also be facilitated discussions related to Fatherhood, Relationships and Strengthening Families during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.). More information is provided in the Agenda (pages 23–24). Relevant discussions include:

- Programs for Young Fathers
- Serving Two-Parent Families and Couples
- Marriage and Relationship Education Programming for Disadvantaged Populations



TRACK: INNOVATIONS IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Postsecondary education and training can play an important role in helping individuals obtain jobs with good wages and achieve economic self-sufficiency. But many low-income individuals and TANF recipients face barriers to pursuing postsecondary education and training. This track explores innovations in facilitating access to higher education for low-income individuals and TANF recipients, with a special focus on the career pathways framework.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: Federal Collaboration Around Career Pathways	Friday, June 3 8:30–9:45 a.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Mark Fucello, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Speakers: Mark Greenberg, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Gerri Fiala, <i>U.S. Department of Labor</i> Brenda Dann-Messier, <i>U.S. Department of Education</i>
An Introduction to the Career Pathways Framework: An Innovative Approach to Postsecondary Education and Training	Wednesday, June 1 2:30–3:45 p.m. <i>Federal Room</i>	Session moderator: David Fein, <i>Abt Associates</i>
		<i>Carreras en Salud: Pathways for Limited English-Proficient Individuals into Health Care Careers</i> Speaker: Ricardo Estrada, <i>Instituto del Progreso Latino</i>
		<i>Career Pathways Innovations at the Community College of Baltimore County</i> Speaker: Mark McColloch, <i>Community College of Baltimore County</i>
		<i>Year Up: Providing Skills, Experience and Support for Young Adults on their Career Pathways</i> Speaker: Sara Strammiello Enright, <i>Year Up</i>
ACF Efforts to Evaluate Career Pathways	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. <i>Congressional Room</i>	Session moderator: Molly Irwin, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>The Innovative Strategies for Increasing Self-Sufficiency Project</i> Speaker: Alan Werner, <i>Abt Associates</i>
		<i>The Health Profession Opportunity Grants Implementation, Systems and Outcome Evaluation</i> Speaker: Demetra Nightingale, <i>The Urban Institute</i>



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Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
ACF Efforts to Evaluate Career Pathways (continued)	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Congressional Room	<i>Evaluation of Tribal Health Profession Opportunity Grants</i> Speaker: Michael Meit, NORC at the University of Chicago
Higher Education for TANF Recipients (Cross-listed with TANF)	Thursday, June 2 3:45–5:00 p.m. Presidential Ballroom	Session moderator: Johan Uvin, U.S. Department of Education
		<i>Effects of Welfare Reform on Vocational Education and Training</i> Speaker: Hope Corman, Rider University
		<i>The Returns to Higher Education for Welfare Recipients: Evidence from Colorado</i> Speaker: Lesley Turner, Columbia University
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TRACK: EVALUATING SOCIAL PROGRAMS: BUILDING AND USING EVIDENCE

In a time of limited resources, understanding the effectiveness of programs is crucial so that resources can be spent on programs and services that have the biggest impact on those in need of them. This track offers a range of presentations focused on the issue of how to build, replicate and use evidence in the social service arena.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Evaluation 101: Developing and Using Evidence	Wednesday, June 1 10:15–11:30 a.m. <i>Federal Room</i>	Session moderator: Michelle Derr, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>What is Evaluation, Why is it Important and How do I Begin?</i> Speaker: Kristin Moore, <i>Child Trends</i>
		<i>Types of Evaluation: Which Type is Right for Your Program?</i> Speaker: Robert Wood, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Lessons on Conducting Evaluations at the Local Level</i> Speaker: Swati Desai, <i>Columbia University</i>
Evaluations of Replications of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs: Moving Towards Evidence-Based Programming (Cross-listed with Supporting Child and Youth Well-Being)	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. <i>Federal Room</i>	Session moderator: Diana Tyson, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Replicating Evidence-Based Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Programs: A Case Study</i> Speaker: Allison Roper, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Grantee-Led Evaluations of Replications</i> Speaker: Susan Zief, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Federal-Led Evaluations of Replications</i> Speaker: Lisa Trivits, <i>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i>
		<i>Federal-Led Evaluations of Innovations and Federal Standards for Effectiveness</i> Speaker: Brian Goesling, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>



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Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (Cross-listed with Strengthening the Safety Net)	Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Federal Room	Session moderator: Lisa Gennetian, <i>ideas42</i>
		<i>Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency Project</i> Speaker: Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, MDRC
		<i>Overview of Behavioral Principles</i> Speaker: John Balz, <i>ideas42</i>
		<i>Thinking About the Application of Behavioral Principles to TANF, Child Care, Child Welfare and Child Support</i> Speaker: David Butler and JoAnn Hsueh, MDRC
The Center for Economic Opportunity and the Social Innovation Fund: Building the Evidence for Effective Solutions to Poverty (Cross-listed with Strengthening the Safety Net)	Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. Federal Room	Session moderator: Brendan Kelly, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i>
		<i>Center for Economic Opportunity Expands Reach with Social Innovation Fund</i> Speaker: Veronica White, <i>New York City Center for Economic Opportunity</i>
		<i>The Merits of an Education-Conditioned Internship Program for Disconnected Youth Who Lack a Secondary Degree</i> Speaker: Carson Hicks, <i>New York City Center for Economic Opportunity</i>
		<i>An Asset Development Program Designed to Teach Low-Income Families the Importance of Savings</i> Speaker: Cathleen Mahon, <i>New York City Department of Consumer Affairs</i>

There will also be facilitated discussions related to Evaluating Social Programs: Building and Using Evidence during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.). More information is provided in the Agenda (pages 24–25). Relevant discussions include:

- Research Dissemination Strategies
- Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency



TRACK: STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET: SUPPORTING AND STABILIZING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

The social safety net provides a much needed lifeline to support and stabilize low-income families, particularly during times of extreme hardship. This track will present a breadth of research on poverty, stability and approaches to supporting low-income families using the social safety net.

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
Plenary: Applying Behavioral Perspectives to Strengthening the Safety Net and Stabilizing Low-Income Families	Friday, June 3 11:40 a.m.–12:55 p.m. <i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	Session moderator: Naomi Goldstein, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i> Speakers: Eldar Shafir, <i>Princeton University</i> Lisa Gennetian, <i>ideas42</i> Julie Kerksick, <i>Kerksick Consulting, LLC</i>
Alternative Measures to Assess State and Local Poverty	Wednesday, June 1 10:15–11:30 a.m. <i>South American Room</i>	Session moderator: Timothy Smeeding, <i>University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>
		<i>Wisconsin Poverty Report: Were Antipoverty Policies Effective in 2009?</i> Speaker: Julia Isaacs, <i>Brookings Institution and the University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>
		<i>The Performance of Safety Net Programs in the Recession: A New York City Perspective</i> Speaker: Mark Levitan, <i>New York City Center for Economic Opportunity</i>
		<i>The Impact of State Safety Nets on Child Poverty</i> Speaker: Linda Giannarelli, <i>The Urban Institute</i>
Promising Practices in Improving Client Access to Public Benefits	Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. <i>Congressional Room</i>	Session moderator: Scott Cody, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Innovative Technology- and Outreach-Based Public Benefit Access Initiatives</i> Speaker: Emily Sama-Miller, <i>Mathematica Policy Research</i>
		<i>Promoting Job Stability and Reducing Chronic Unemployment with Integrated, Streamlined Access to Work Supports</i> Speaker: Chauncy Lennon, <i>Ford Foundation</i>



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<p>Promising Practices in Improving Client Access to Public Benefits (continued)</p>	<p>Wednesday, June 1 4:00–5:15 p.m. Congressional Room</p>	<p><i>State Perspectives on Streamlining Public Benefit Eligibility</i> Speaker: Alicia Koné, <i>The Aclara Group</i></p>
<p>Asset Building for Low-Income Individuals</p>	<p>Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. South American Room</p>	<p>Session moderator: James Gatz, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i></p>
		<p><i>Opportunity and Ownership Over the Life Cycle</i> Speaker: Signe-Mary McKernan, <i>The Urban Institute</i></p>
		<p><i>Lessons from SEED: A National Demonstration of Child Development Accounts</i> Speaker: Trina Shanks, <i>University of Michigan</i></p>
		<p><i>Can Savings Help Overcome Income Instability?</i> Speaker: Gregory Mills, <i>The Urban Institute</i></p>
<p>Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (Cross-listed with Evaluating Social Programs)</p>	<p>Thursday, June 2 10:15–11:30 a.m. Federal Room</p>	<p>Session moderator: Lisa Gennetian, <i>ideas42</i></p>
		<p><i>Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency Project</i> Speaker: Lashawn Richburg-Hayes, <i>MDRC</i></p>
		<p><i>Overview of Behavioral Principles</i> Speaker: John Balz, <i>ideas42</i></p>
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		<i>Unemployment Insurance Benefits and the Family Income of the Unemployed</i> Speakers: Gregory Acs and Molly Dahl, <i>Congressional Budget Office</i>
		<i>Long-Term Unemployment and Child Well-Being: What Do We Know?</i> Speaker: Heather Hill, <i>University of Chicago</i>
		<i>Discussant Remarks</i> Speaker: Nancy Cauthen, <i>NKC Consulting</i>

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TRACK: STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY NET: SUPPORTING AND STABILIZING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Session	Date Time Location	Presenters
<p>The Center for Economic Opportunity and the Social Innovation Fund: Building the Evidence for Effective Solutions to Poverty</p> <p>(Cross-listed with Evaluating Social Programs)</p>	<p>Friday, June 3 10:00–11:15 a.m. Federal Room</p>	<p>Session moderator: Brendan Kelly, <i>Administration for Children and Families</i></p>
		<p><i>Center for Economic Opportunity Expands Reach with Social Innovation Fund</i></p> <p>Speaker: Veronica White, <i>New York City Center for Economic Opportunity</i></p>
		<p><i>The Merits of an Education-Conditioned Internship Program for Disconnected Youth Who Lack a Secondary Degree</i></p> <p>Speaker: Carson Hicks, <i>New York City Center for Economic Opportunity</i></p>
		<p><i>An Asset Development Program Designed to Teach Low-Income Families the Importance of Savings</i></p> <p>Speaker: Cathleen Mahon, <i>New York City Department of Consumer Affairs</i></p>

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There also will be facilitated discussions related to Strengthening the Safety Net: Supporting and Stabilizing Low-Income Families during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m.). More information is provided in the Agenda (page 25) and the relevant discussion includes: Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency.



Biographies

Session and Roundtable Speaker Biographies

Gregory Acs, Ph.D., is the Chief of the Labor and Income Security Unit in the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) Health and Human Resources Division. His research focuses on the U.S. labor market and public programs that support low-income families. Prior to joining CBO in 2010, he was a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute. Dr. Acs holds a Ph.D. in economics and social work from the University of Michigan.

Gina Adams, M.A., is a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute, where she examines policies and programs that affect the affordability, quality and supply of child care/early education and the ability of low-income and at-risk families to use these services. She currently is involved in studies examining the child care subsidy system and initiatives to integrate work benefit systems; the complexity of child care stability and family stability patterns; contextual factors affecting the quality of child care providers; and barriers to prekindergarten for non-Latino immigrant/English Language Learner (ELL) families in Illinois. She has conducted several multistate studies on child care subsidy implementation. Her most recent work focused on child care providers and the subsidy system and she has also examined policies that support access and retention of subsidies for low-income families, as well as the interconnections between the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and child care systems. She has been involved with the National Head Start Impact Study, an evaluation of the Enhanced Home Visiting Project of Early Head Start and analyses of child care survey data from the National Survey of America's Families. Prior to her position at the Urban Institute, she was the Assistant Director of the Child Care and Development Division at the Children's Defense

Fund. She also was a child care teacher for infants and toddlers and worked with low-income families. She has an M.A. in public policy from Duke University.

Scott W. Allard, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago and a Research Associate of the Population Research Center at NORC at the University of Chicago. He also is a Research Affiliate of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan, a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program and a Research Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His primary areas of research expertise are urban poverty, residential mobility, safety net utilization and the spatial accessibility of governmental and nongovernmental safety net programs. Currently, he is completing a study of the suburbanization of poverty in the U.S. and how the changing geography of poverty presents numerous challenges for the contemporary American safety net.

Sarah Avellar, Ph.D., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research and works primarily in the fields of family support and early education. In recent years, she has been involved with multiple projects that review and evaluate existing evidence on interventions. Currently, she is Project Director for the Strengthening Families Evidence Review, a systematic review of impact, implementation and descriptive studies that has examined responsible fatherhood and related family strengthening programs. She also is Coprincipal Investigator for the Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Review, assessing the home visiting research literature to provide guidance to States as they develop applications



for home visiting funds. In addition, she is Deputy Project Director for the National Title I Study of Implementation and Outcomes: Early Childhood Language Development, a 5-year project designed to identify school programs and teaching practices associated with the development of children's reading comprehension achievement in prekindergarten through third grade.

John Balz, Ph.D., is a Research Associate at ideas42, where he is helping implement and scale nudge behavioral interventions. Dr. Balz worked as a researcher on the best-selling book *Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth and Happiness* by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein. He also edited the Nudge blog, the online companion to the book. He has worked as a journalist for the St. Petersburg Times and a consultant to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with Booz Allen Hamilton. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago, where his research focused on behavior and decision-making in campaigns, elections, congressional lobbying and ideological attitude formation, and a B.A. from Northwestern University.

Bret Barden is a Research Analyst at MDRC. His research focuses on low-income families, employment and training, welfare, income supports and hard-to-serve populations. His current work on the TANF/Supplemental Security Income Disability Transition Project includes data analysis and field work exploring the intersection of welfare and disability programs. His other current projects include the Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration, an evaluation designed to rigorously test innovative subsidized employment strategies aimed at successfully transitioning individuals in several low-income target populations from short-term subsidized employment to unsubsidized employment in the regular labor market. Prior to joining MDRC, he researched at The Lewin Group, where he worked on various projects including

a 5-year study of Colorado's TANF program, an experiment targeting the employment and training needs of young parents, an experimental study of English as a second language instruction for adult language learners with low native literacy, a study of refugee resettlement employment services and MDRC's Hard-to-Employ Project. He graduated with honors and highest distinction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a B.A. in public policy and a B.A. in political science.

Lonnie Berger, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Social Work and Faculty Affiliate of the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research focuses on the ways in which economic resources, sociodemographic characteristics and public policies affect parental behaviors and child and family well-being. He is engaged in studies in three primary areas: (1) examining the determinants of substandard parenting, child maltreatment and out-of-home placement for children; (2) exploring associations among socioeconomic factors; parenting behaviors; and children's care, development and well-being; and (3) assessing the influence of public policies on parental behaviors and child and family well-being. To address these topics, he utilizes a variety of statistical techniques to analyze data from a range of large-scale data sets. His work aims to inform public policy in order to improve its capacity to assist families in accessing resources, improving family functioning and well-being and ensuring that children are able to grow and develop in the best possible environments. His research has largely been funded by the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation.



Elizabeth Berlin is the Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the State agency charged with oversight of support programs and economic assistance for low-income New Yorkers. Ms. Berlin has an extensive background in the delivery of social and human service programs, having most recently served as Commissioner of the Department of Social Services in Albany County, where she was responsible for 350 employees and a \$130 million budget. Prior to her service as Commissioner of Social Services, Ms. Berlin worked for Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, first as a Policy Analyst and then as Health and Human Services Coordinator. There, she led analysis of the county's child services system and oversaw creation of the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families, the first such county agency outside of New York City. Ms. Berlin is a graduate of Siena College in Loudonville, NY.

Gordon Berlin, Ph.D., is the president of MDRC, a leading demonstration and evaluation organization dedicated to reliably learning what works in education and social policy. Before joining MDRC in 1990, Dr. Berlin was Executive Deputy Administrator for Management, Budget and Policy at the \$6 billion New York City Human Resources Administration. He also served as a Program Officer and Deputy Director of the Ford Foundation's Urban Poverty program and as a Program Analyst and Project Officer in the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. Throughout his career, he has developed and managed programs to address problems associated with welfare dependency, homelessness, teenage pregnancy, early childhood development, poverty, school dropout and youth unemployment and other issues of concern to low-income families and communities. He founded and, for 7 years, served as the Executive Director of the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation, a Canadian nonprofit formed at

the request of the Canadian government to test innovative employment-focused programs. Dr. Berlin has authored and coauthored numerous publications on employment, education, poverty and social welfare issues.

Anupa Bir, Sc.D., M.P.H., is the Director of RTI's Women, Children and Families Program. A health economist by training, much of her work has focused on the well-being of vulnerable populations and aligning incentives within various systems, including the welfare, child welfare and health systems, to improve well-being. Dr. Bir is the Coprincipal Investigator of the Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiatives and has extensive experience designing impact and implementation evaluation approaches while working with communities as they develop and tailor their interventions. Being able to work with all constituencies and understand the intricacies of both the implementation and the impact evaluation designs allows Dr. Bir to contribute to innovative and rigorous evaluations that generate information relevant to practice, policy and research communities. Her interest is in research that connects various social service systems and varied research disciplines to serve vulnerable children and families well. Dr. Bir is also Project Director for the Evaluation of Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated and Re-entering Fathers and their Partners for the ASPE.

Rebecca Blank, Ph.D., has been performing the duties of the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce since November 18, 2010. In her new, temporary role, she focuses on matters of management and policy for the Department's 12 bureaus, functioning as the Department's Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Blank has served Commerce Secretary Gary Locke since June 2009 as his principal economic advisor in her role as Under Secretary for Economic Affairs and head of the Economics and Statistics



Administration (ESA). ESA oversees the two premier statistical agencies in the United States, the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis. She also serves as his appointed Board Representative to the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation. Since being sworn in at ESA, Dr. Blank has played an important role overseeing a decennial Census operation that has completed its work on time and under budget, netting \$1.6 billion in 2010 savings. Within ESA, she has supervised a staff of economists and policy analysts who produce a wide variety of reports and forecasts that help develop and assess domestic and international policy. Prior to arriving at Commerce, she was the Robert S. Kerr Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Dean of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan (UM), where she implemented a major expansion of its faculty and programs. She also served as codirector of UM's National Poverty Center. From 1997-1999, she was one of three members of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, participating in White House decision-making on a host of economic, social and regulatory policy issues. Before government service, she was a Professor of Economics at Northwestern University and Director of the Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. Dr. Blank is a summa cum laude graduate in economics from the University of Minnesota and holds a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dan Bloom, M.P.P., is Codirector of the Health and Barriers to Employment policy area at MDRC, a nonprofit education and social policy research organization. During nearly 20 years at MDRC, he has designed and directed numerous evaluations and demonstrations of employment and education programs for disadvantaged youth and adults. He is currently directing the U.S. Department of Labor's Enhanced Transitional Jobs Demonstration and HHS' Subsidized and

Transitional Employment Demonstration. Previously, he led the Joyce Foundation's Transitional Jobs Reentry Demonstration, the evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities program for ex-prisoners and the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Evaluation. In the 1990s, he directed three evaluations of state welfare reform waiver projects and was a member of the team that developed the Parents' Fair Share Demonstration, a multisite test of programs that provided employment services to noncustodial parents with children on welfare. He has written more than 35 research reports, articles and book chapters, and a book summarizing lessons learned from studies of welfare-to-work programs. He previously worked for America Works, a for-profit company that operates job placement programs for welfare recipients, and for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a Washington-based policy analysis group. He has an M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Jennifer Burnszynski, M.A., is the Director of the Division of State, Tribal and Local Assistance in the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), where she oversees program innovation and development, including discretionary grant-making and cross-program collaboration. She also continues to lead a variety of planning and policy development activities to update medical support policies. She previously served as the Senior Advisor to the OCSE Commissioner, where she coordinated OCSE's Federal budget and legislative activity and worked on a range of policy strategies to support collaborative family-centered approaches, and as a Senior Social Science Analyst at ASPE. In her more than 10 years at HHS, she has worked on developing national child support legislation and managed major research on child support arrears, health care coverage among child support-eligible children and child support distribution policy, as well as evaluations of fatherhood and family strengthening initiatives. She guided the establishment of



the National Center for Family and Marriage Research, currently located at Bowling Green State University, and served as its first Program Officer. Her prior experience includes working for the Minnesota Legislative Commission on the Economic Status of Women, the Minnesota House of Representatives Research Department and the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. She holds a B.A. from Gettysburg College and a M.A. from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.

David Butler is Vice President and Codirector of MDRC's Health and Barriers to Employment Policy area, where he leads initiatives related to TANF, Disability and Health. He is currently the Project Director for the HHS-funded Hard-to-Employ demonstration project, a random assignment evaluation that tests various employment and service strategies for TANF recipients and other disadvantaged groups with significant barriers to sustained employment. He is also a Coprincipal Investigator on the TANF/Supplemental Security Income Disability Transition Project (TSDTP), a project funded by ACF and the Social Security Administration (SSA), and on ACF's Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency (BIAS). TSDTP examines the links in five States between the TANF and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) systems in providing income and employment supports to TANF recipients with disabilities who may be applying for SSI. BIAS is the first major opportunity to apply a behavioral research lens to programs that serve poor families in the U.S., such as cash assistance, child care, child support and child welfare. Mr. Butler recently led the SSA-funded Accelerated Benefits Demonstration (AB) that tested the impact on health and employment outcomes of providing immediate health insurance coverage and employment and rehabilitation services to new Disability Insurance Beneficiaries who are uninsured. Over his 20-year

career at MDRC, Mr. Butler has played a senior leadership role on most of MDRC's key evaluation and technical assistance projects in the welfare area, including the Employment Retention and Advancement Project, the Jobs-Plus Initiative, the Project on Devolution and Urban Change, ReWORKing Welfare and the National Evaluation of Welfare-to-Work Strategies.

Nancy Campbell is a Senior Social Science Research Analyst in OPRE. Ms. Campbell has been involved in the design, management and oversight of Federally sponsored research and evaluation projects examining multiple programs and policies affecting low-income families for over 25 years. She has designed and managed a variety of evaluation studies to test programs and services to increase the economic self-sufficiency and well-being of low-income individuals and families. She has managed studies to assess the effects of pregnancy prevention programs, employment retention and advancement services for current and former welfare recipients, marriage/relationship education services for low-income couples and organizational capacity and sustainability services for faith-based and community organizations. Before joining the Federal government, she was a Research Associate with a minority-owned consulting firm following work in a local social services agency.

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Foundation Distinguished Fellow in residence at the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. She received her doctorate in economics from the University of Michigan.

Randy Capps, Ph.D., M.P.Aff., is Senior Policy Analyst and Demographer at the Migration Policy Institute (MPI). He has analyzed data and conducted field research on immigrant families and children from a wide variety of sources. Dr. Capps recently published national studies of the health and well-being of immigrants' children, the education of first- and second-generation children of immigrants, trends in benefits use by immigrant families, the implementation of the Federal 287(g) enforcement program and the impact of immigration enforcement activities on children of unauthorized parents. He also has published widely on immigrant integration at the State and local level. Prior to joining MPI, Dr. Capps was a researcher in the Immigration Studies Program at the Urban Institute. Dr. Capps received both his Ph.D. in sociology and his master's in public affairs from the University of Texas.

Caroline S. Carlin, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. Her unique contribution to child care research is experience in the methods used to model consumer choice, a background initially developed in the health care field. She also brings unique technical skills to her research team as an economist experienced in Bayesian analysis, allowing greater complexity in model structure, incorporating the influence of factors typically unmeasured and excluded from traditional econometric analyses. She is Principal Investigator for Exploring Parent Decision-Making: Subsidies, Employment and Child Care. In addition, she is Principal Investigator for the University of Minnesota subcontract to Child Trends, Inc., on The Effects of Quality Information and Financial Assistance on the Child Care Choices and Employment Outcomes of Low-Income Families in Minnesota.

Diana Carminati, M.S., works for the Vermont Department for Children and Families—Economic Services Division. She joined the Reach Up Team in early 2000 as Vermont was completing its 7-year Welfare Restructuring Project and beginning to design a program to meet the goals of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act. She relies on her deep roots in Vermont and her diverse background to meet the challenges of designing and implementing programs that will help families achieve economic resiliency and meet the goals of State and Federal welfare policy. Ms. Carminati has worked within the adult education system, owned and operated a small business and worked for the City of Burlington's Community and Economic Development Office. She holds an M.S. in community economic development from the University of Southern New Hampshire.

Nancy K. Cauthen, Ph.D., is a Political Sociologist with 20 years of experience researching and analyzing Federal and State policies that promote economic opportunity and security across the lifespan. Currently working as a consultant to nonprofit organizations and foundations, Dr. Cauthen's areas of expertise include low-wage work and work supports (such as earned income tax credits, child care assistance and public health insurance), family economic status and children's chances for success, Social Security, welfare reform, workplace flexibility and measures of poverty and economic security. She previously worked at Dēmos and the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University. Dr. Cauthen holds a Ph.D. in sociology from New York University.

Ajay Chaudry, Ph.D., M.P.P., is a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute and former Director of its Center on Labor, Human Services and Population. His research focuses on child poverty, well-being and development; human service programs in the social safety net; and the early childhood care system for young children. He served as the



Deputy Commissioner for Child Care and Head Start at the New York City Administration for Children's Services, where he oversaw the city's early childhood development programs serving children in low-income families. He is the author of *Putting Children First: How Low-wage Working Mothers Manage Child Care* and many articles related to child poverty, children of immigrant families and social policies. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University, M.P.P. from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and B.A. from Columbia University.

Scott Cody is Associate Director of Research at Mathematica Policy Research. He is a national expert in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). He led the first major in-depth study of State efforts to modernize enrollment procedures for SNAP. The study examined the steps needed to implement modernization changes, the reaction to those changes from both clients and workers and how key program outcomes changed from before to after modernization. Mr. Cody continues to examine modernization efforts through two on-going studies funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service as well as a recently completed study for the California HealthCare Foundation. His previous work examining the SNAP program examined the determinants of Food Stamp Program (FSP) participation. He led an impact evaluation of efforts to increase program participation among the elderly, and multiple studies to identify the circumstances that lead individuals to enter and exit the FSP. Mr. Cody also has substantial experience using policy simulation model to estimate the impact of major changes in SNAP policy.

Héctor R. Cordero-Guzmán, Ph.D., is a Professor at the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College of The City University of New York (CUNY) and in the sociology and urban education programs at the CUNY Graduate School and University

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Hope Corman, Ph.D. is a Professor of Economics at Rider University and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. Her research has focused on education, health and crime. She recently completed a large-scale project examining the impact of child health shocks on the family. This project identified poor child health as a factor which reduces young families' time and financial resources, with consequences as varied as labor force participation and partnership dissolution. This project also found that having a child in poor health increases the chance that a family participates in public programs such as TANF and Supplemental Security Income. She is currently working on National Institutes of Health-funded-funded research on the behavioral effects of welfare reform. This research combines her interest in examining unexpected policy effects with her decades-long investigation into participation of adults in formal and informal education.



Carolyn Pape Cowan, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology, Emerita at the University of California, Berkeley and Codirector with Philip Cowan of three longitudinal preventive intervention projects: *Becoming a Family*, *Schoolchildren and Their Families* and *Supporting Father Involvement*. She has published widely in the professional literature on family relationships, family transitions and the evaluation of preventive interventions. She is coeditor of *Fatherhood Today: Men's Changing Role in the Family* (Wiley, 1988) and *The Family Context of Parenting in the Child's Adaptation to School* (Erlbaum, 2005). She and Philip Cowan are coauthors of *When Partners Become Parents: The Big Life Change for Couples* (Erlbaum, 2000), which has been translated into seven languages. Dr. Cowan consults widely on the development and evaluation of interventions for couples who are parents. She and Philip Cowan received the American Family Therapy Academy's award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research in 1999 and the National Council on Family Relations' Men in Families Focus Group award for the Best Research Article of 2010 with collaborators Marsha and Kyle Pruett and Jessie Wong.

Philip A. Cowan, Ph.D., is Professor of Psychology, Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has served as Director of both the Clinical Psychology Program and the Institute of Human Development. With Carolyn Cowan, he is coauthor of *When Partners Become Parents: The Big Life Change for Couples* (Erlbaum, 2000), which has been translated into seven languages. In addition to publishing numerous scientific articles, he is the author of *Piaget with Feeling* (Holt, Rinehart, & Winston, 1978) and coeditor of four books and monographs, including *Family Transitions* (Erlbaum, 1991) and *The Family Context of Parenting in the Child's Adaptation to School* (Erlbaum, 2005). Together with Carolyn Cowan, he received the American Family Therapy Academy's award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems

Research in 1999 and the Best Research Article Award from the Men in Families Focus Group of the National Council on Family Relations in 2010.

Terry-Ann L. Craigie, Ph.D., is a postdoctoral research associate at The Bendheim-Thoman Center for Research on Child Wellbeing at Princeton University. Her research interests include labor economics, economics of the family and urban economics. Dr. Craigie's research has primarily utilized data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS). Her dissertation used the FFCWS to explore the determinants of family formation as well as the consequences of family formation on the outcomes of young children. Her most recent research project explores child support compliance in complex family structures, where parents have children with more than one person. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in economics from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and received her doctorate in economics from Michigan State University.

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Molly Dahl, Ph.D., is a Principal Analyst in the Health and Human Resources Division of the Congressional Budget Office. Her work focuses on labor issues, especially those pertaining to low-income households. Her recent publications include *Social Security Disability*



Insurance: Participation Trends and Their Fiscal Implications, Losing a Job During a Recession and Stepping Stone or Dead End? The Effect of the EITC on Earnings Growth. She received a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D., is currently serving as the Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education in the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to her current role, she worked (1993-1996) for the Clinton administration under Secretary Richard Riley, serving as regional representative for the Secretary. She also served for a decade as president of the Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center, a community-based adult education agency based in Providence, RI. In addition to her time with Dorcas Place, she also established the Developmental Education Institute for reading and math in collaboration with the Community College of Rhode Island. Dr. Dann-Messier earned her B.A. in history and secondary education, plus a teaching certificate, at Rhode Island College and went on to complete her master's in instructional technology with another certificate in adult basic education. She received her Ed.D. in educational leadership, with a dissertation analyzing access to higher education for welfare recipients, from Johnson and Wales University.

Sandra Danziger is a Professor of Social Work and a Research Professor of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Her primary research interests are the effects of public programs and policies on the well-being of disadvantaged families, poverty policy and social service programs, demographic trends in child and family well-being, gender issues across the life course, program evaluation and qualitative research methods. Her current research examines the role of welfare policy and programs in addressing barriers to work among single mothers. She is evaluating a family support

program provided by Starfish Family Services and she conducted an implementation study of Michigan's Jobs, Education and Training pilot projects. She was a Principal Investigator on the Women's Employment Study and previously researched how Michigan's General Assistance welfare recipients fared after Governor John Engler terminated this income support program. She most recently published an article titled, The Decline of Cash Welfare and Implications for Social Policy and Poverty in the 2010 Annual Review of Sociology.

Matthew Darling, M.S., is a Senior Associate at ideas42, where he works on projects in poverty, health and labor economics. He graduated from Hampshire College with a concentration in economics and cognitive science, and from Tufts University with a master's of science in economics. He has previously worked as a consultant at Kohlberg and Associates, and as a Research Assistant at the Stanford Neuroeconomics Lab.

Michelle Derr, Ph.D., a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, is well known for her ability to translate research findings effectively to improve public policies and direct practice. Most of her work focuses on quick turnaround research projects used to describe a promising practice or document the implementation of a public policy. She has conducted site visits to welfare agencies and other social service programs in more than 80 communities in more than half the states and the District of Columbia. She specializes in evaluating employment and training initiatives targeted to public assistance clients, ex-offenders, individuals with disabilities and other disadvantaged populations. Putting her knowledge into practice, she provides evidence-based technical assistance to States and local communities to help strengthen their performance outcomes. In addition to her work at Mathematica, she is an Adjunct Professor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, Northern Virginia Campus. She has taught a variety of courses, including



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Libby Doggett, Ph.D., began her tenure at the Pew Center on the States overseeing four campaigns to advance policies and practices that help young children thrive and become healthy, productive adults. She now directs one of those efforts, the Pew Home Visiting Campaign, which partners with legislators and other leaders to promote smart State policies and investments in quality, home-based programs

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Stacy Woodruff-Bolte, M.A., M.P.A., a Research Associate II at Public/Private Ventures (P/PV), has worked in a research capacity on a number of workforce development projects, including playing an integral role in the development of The Benchmarking Project and managing evaluations of local sector-based workforce initiatives in New York City and Philadelphia. She is currently leading the evaluation of the New York Alliance for Careers in Healthcare, a unique sector-based effort that seeks to more fully engage a broad array of local healthcare employers through trade associations and labor unions in determining and communicating labor market demand to training providers that work with disadvantaged individuals. Prior to joining P/PV, Ms. Woodruff-Bolte worked on the qualitative portion of

Welfare, Children and Families: A Three City Study, a large-scale, multimethod study of welfare reform. Her work involved coding and analyzing interview data for select families involved in the 36-month ethnographic study, as well as assisting senior project staff with report writing, conference papers, and policy briefs. At P/PV, she has coauthored Putting Data to Work: Interim Recommendations from the Benchmarking Project and Collaborating to Innovate: Achievements and Challenges in the New York City Sectors Planning Phase. She holds an M.P.A. from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service and an M.A. in sociology from The Pennsylvania State University.

Essey Workie, M.S.W., is the Special Assistant to the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in HHS' ACF. In this role, she serves as a confidential advisor to the Director of ORR on policies, new initiatives and funding for the refugee resettlement program. She carries out special projects on refugee health and healthcare reform, placement coordination and outreach to Federal, State and local partners. She also assists with the overall management of ORR's program operations. Prior to her position at ORR, Ms. Workie served as a Program Specialist at ACF's Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), where she was responsible for developing Federal regulations and policy documents. While at OCSE, she also negotiated bilateral agreements to process international child support cases with El Salvador, Israel and other countries. She also assisted in negotiating the Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, a multilateral agreement under the Hague Conference on Private International Law. Ms. Workie worked as a mental health therapist in outpatient and residential treatment center settings and as a social worker in the child welfare system for 7 years before entering



the Federal service. She received her B.S. in psychology and family studies from James Madison University and her M.S.W. from Temple University.

Martha Zaslow, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist. She is Director of the Office for Policy and Communications at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) and a Senior Scholar at Child Trends. As Director of the SRCD Office for Policy and Communications, Dr. Zaslow facilitates the dissemination of research to decision-makers and the broader public through congressional and executive branch briefings, research briefs and press releases. She also monitors and keeps the SRCD membership apprised of social policy and science policy developments related to children and families. She works with the SRCD Policy Fellows who have placements in the executive branch or Congress. As a Senior Scholar at Child Trends, Dr. Zaslow conducts research focusing on professional development for early educators and approaches to strengthening the quality of early care and education programs. Dr. Zaslow serves on the Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation, is part of the planning committee for Head Start's National Research Meeting, and serves as a Mentor for a National Head Start Fellow. She also is a member of the Steering Committee for the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, a member of the Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Advisory Council and a member of the Technical Work Group for the Center for Early Care and Education for Dual Language Learners.

Heather Hesketh Zaveri, M.P.P., is a Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research and has extensive experience conducting research on the implementation of social service programs for low-income families. Ms. Zaveri led the

implementation study of Couples Employment, an intervention to provide employment and economic self-sufficiency support to couples. She is experienced at identifying and documenting program practices and system implementation by using innovative methodologies to collect and analyze data for a variety of programs or interventions, including relationship education for unmarried couples, home visiting programs to prevent child abuse, oral health initiatives in Head Start, lifestyle interventions for women in mid-life and career advancement accounts for military spouses. She received her M.P.P. from George Washington University.

Sheila Zedlewski, M.P.A., is an Urban Institute Fellow who is an expert in the areas of income security and poverty. She recently completed several State-focused studies that use a modern poverty measure to assess the effectiveness of anti-poverty policies. She currently is leading a synthesis of research pertaining to the TANF program. She has focused on hard-to-employ families, including those coping without visible means of support. Ms. Zedlewski has testified before Congress and published numerous journal articles, book chapters and research papers on work supports, participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the use of food banks and other nutrition assistance programs and trends in poverty. She recently completed a term on the Policy Council of the Association for Public Policy and Management and is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Board of the Arlington Free Clinic.



Susan Zief, Ph.D., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. She is the Project Director for the contract to provide Evaluation Technical Assistance to Teen Pregnancy Prevention grantees funded by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. She has also led a key task for a project to provide analytic and technical support to the U.S. Department of Education's Institute for Education Sciences, overseeing the development of research and review standards for the descriptive qualitative and quantitative Fast Response studies of the Regional Educational Laboratories (REL), and she supports the RELs in the dissemination of results from rigorous random assignment impact evaluations. Dr. Zief is Project Director for an evaluation of the AT&T Foundation's Aspire High School Success grants, leading an effort to evaluate the success of this national effort to improve outcomes for at-risk high school youth across 82 grantees. Dr. Zief also has conducted a number of rigorous evaluations of interventions targeting at-risk youth, including an experimental study of the Girls Inc. Will Power/ Won't Power pregnancy prevention curriculum. She has completed multiple systematic reviews of the effectiveness evidence in various fields, including a review and meta-analysis of the impacts of after-school programs for the Campbell Collaboration. Dr. Zief received her Ph.D. in education policy from the University of Pennsylvania.



Emerging Scholar Biographies

Lucy A. Bilaver, Ph.D., is a National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Studies at Northwestern University. She was trained as a Health Services Researcher and Health Economist at the University of Chicago. She recently completed her doctoral research on the socioeconomic determinants of childhood obesity. Prior to her doctoral studies, she conducted policy research on a variety of topics, including the health of children in foster care, children with special needs and child welfare systems. She is an expert in working with State-level administrative databases for research purposes. Currently, Dr. Bilaver is pursuing research focused on child mental health services, specifically autism services. This work focuses on the delivery of treatment services to children with autism in both school and health care settings.

Marissa Courey is completing her Ph.D. dissertation in population health economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. She is broadly interested in researching how policies targeting the social determinants of health can be effective in reducing health inequalities both domestically and globally.

Katie Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., M.P.P., is an Economist with the Economic Research Service (ERS). Her current research focuses on the determinants of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program caseload, food access and consumer finance. Dr. Fitzpatrick joined ERS in July 2009. She previously worked at the Brookings Institution, the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and the Health Policy Institute. She has a B.A. in public policy from Stanford University, an M.P.P. from Georgetown University and a Ph.D. in economics from Syracuse University.

Josh Good, M.T.S., is a Technical Specialist at ICF International, where, for three years, he has served as task lead for its TANF Faith-Based and Community Organizations Initiative, a four-year research study designed to strengthen collaboration between Federally funded welfare (TANF) agencies and faith-based and community organizations. The initiative's purpose is to support local practitioners and develop strategic tools to help equip faith-based and community leaders, TANF practitioners and public policy officials, and to help them better work together on behalf of low-income families. Mr. Good holds a master's degree in theological studies from Harvard University, where he studied the intersection between religion and policymaking. He has authored numerous publications about ex-prisoner reentry, American civic education, public fatherhood programming, U.S. marriage trends and collaboration between grassroots faith-based organizations and the government.

Linda Houser, Ph.D. is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in Gender and Workforce Policy with the Center for Women and Work and teaches in the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University. Her current areas of research include the use of child care subsidies as policy tools under TANF; the development of State workforce policies and supports; and employment and caregiving in families of children with chronic illnesses and, in particular, autism spectrum disorders. To date, her work has appeared in journals including the *American Sociological Review*, the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* and *Citizenship Studies*.

Jungwon Huh, M.S.S.W., is a doctoral candidate in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill. She received her M.S.S.W. at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and her B.A. at Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea. During her academic journey, she recognized that where a person lives matters in general, but the importance



of neighborhood looms even larger for lower-income people. Families in poverty who are in need of external support often find themselves short on resources because their relatives, friends and neighbors also often suffer from their own limited resources and cannot offer monetary or other types of support. Her research interests are related to exploring the “neighborhood effect” on health and resource disparity. Her dissertation explores an innovative way to capture the neighborhood effect on the length of welfare participants’ first stay. She adopts a human geography framework to better understand the performance of Work First participants in North Carolina. She employs a Geographical Information System (GIS) to construct individualized neighborhood measures to better capture how the social environment in which they live affects their chances to get back to work. Ms. Huh worked for 5 years for a State contract project investigating the performance of Work First recipients. After finishing her Ph.D., she hopes to work at a research institute where she can use her research skills in a real-world context to find out what benefits underrepresented populations.

Sheila Katz, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Sonoma State University. Her research and teaching specializes in gender, poverty, social policy and qualitative methodologies. She currently is conducting longitudinal qualitative research with CalWORKs mothers who are enrolled in higher education programs while participating in the welfare system in the San Francisco Bay Area. By interviewing the same participants three times, in 2006, 2008, 2011, this research explores the needs of families who pursued higher education while on TANF, how these families fared during and after the Great Recession, the role of advocacy organizations in their lives and policy issues for TANF reauthorization. Particular attention is aimed at social policies to increase opportunities for welfare mothers to pursue higher education and find career-track employment. This project has received funding from the National Science

Foundation and the National Poverty Center. Dr. Katz is working on a book manuscript based on this data. Since 2003, Dr. Katz has also collaborated with Low-Income Families’ Empowerment through Education (LIFETIME), a community-based organization, conducting community-based participatory research in the Family Violence is NOT an Option and the Education Works projects. Dr. Katz was elected in 2010 to the City of Oakland’s Koreatown Northgate Community Benefit District Board, on which she is the Secretary for the Board’s Executive Committee. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from Vanderbilt University and her B.A. in sociology and women’s studies from the University of Georgia.

Clinton Key is a Research Associate for the Assets Building Research Group. He has been with this group since 2009. Mr. Key’s training is in sociology and he is working on his dissertation for the University of North Carolina’s Sociology Department. His research focuses on stability and instability in labor force relationships and the consequence of instability for workers, careers and communities. He conducted his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago.

Caitlin S. McPherran is a Ph.D. candidate in applied developmental and educational psychology at Boston College’s Lynch School of Education. As a Graduate Research Fellow at the Lynch School, she has done research on low-income maternal employment, adolescent health risk behaviors and international child and family policy. Her research interests focus on policy supports for low-income families and their influence on child and family health and well-being. Prior to graduate school, Ms. McPherran spent 4 years working on Capitol Hill, where she was responsible for health, education and welfare policy for U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. She has a B.A. in psychology and English from the University of Vermont.



Ashley Provencher is a Ph.D. candidate in economics at American University (anticipated completion: July 2011). Her dissertation is titled, *Considerations of Efficiency in Policy Evaluation: An Application to Child Welfare Policy*. In addition to her doctoral work in child welfare policy, Ms. Provencher has worked for the U.S. Census Bureau to assist with poverty measurement and analysis.

Brendan Saloner is a doctoral candidate in health policy at Harvard University. His research focuses on the intersection of poverty, racial/ethnic disparities in health and access to health services. One of his dissertation papers investigates racial disparities in the quality of treatment of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) among Medicaid children in Florida during the late 1990s. His dissertation also uses nationally-representative survey data to examine the effect of insurance expansions in the 1990s on the prevalence of material hardship in families with children. Other topics of interest include disparities in the treatment of substance abuse disorders in adults and the treatment of mental health conditions among children. He previously has been employed by the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, and the RAND Corporation Summer Associate Program. Mr. Saloner holds a B.A degree from the University of California-Berkeley and a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship and a Fellowship from the Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy.

Amanda Sheely, Ph.D., M.S.W. and M.P.H., is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Her research interests include family poverty, the programs and policies serving poor and homeless families and the implementation of these policies. She has studied the relationship between low-wage employment characteristics and mothers' ability to maintain family routines, the effectiveness of programs promoting savings among low-income families and the influence of county economic and

political characteristics on welfare provision. Dr. Sheely received her B.A. in French literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder and her Ph.D., M.S.W. and M.P.H. from the University of California-Los Angeles.

Sarah Williamson, M.P.P., is committed to providing the best in research and information to help policymakers create and sustain programs that keep women, children and families safe and self-sufficient. As a Research Analyst with the Family Welfare Research and Training Group, she conducts research on Maryland's TANF and child support programs in conjunction with the State's Department of Human Resources. Ms. Williamson holds a B.A. in women's studies and sociology from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and an M.P.P. from the Johns Hopkins University. She also completed a year of community service with City Year Detroit.



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Hotel and Local Restaurant Information

Capital Hilton Restaurants

Twigs Restaurant

Open Daily 6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lobby Level

Statler Lounge

Open Daily 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Lobby Level

Local Restaurants

LUNCH

- \$ Burger King 1606 K Street
- \$ Capital City Deli 1100 15th Street
- \$ Caribou Coffee 1101 17th Street
1156 15th Street
- \$ Corner Bakery 1425 K Street
- \$ Cosi..... 1501 K Street
- \$ Park Place Gourmet..... 1634 I Street
- \$ Sizzling Express 1445 K Street
- \$ Starbucks 1600 K Street
1001 Connecticut Avenue
- \$ Subway..... 1666 16th Street

DINNER

- \$\$ Black Finn 1620 I Street
- \$\$\$\$ BLT Steak..... 1625 I Street
- \$\$\$\$ Bobby Van’s Steakhouse..... 809 15th Street
- \$\$\$ DC Coast 1401 K Street
- \$\$\$ Georgia Brown’s..... 950 15th Street
- \$\$\$ Lima 1401 K Street
- \$\$ McCormick & Schmick’s..... 1652 K Street
- \$\$ Old Ebbitt Grill 675 15th Street
- \$\$ P.J. Clarke’s 1600 K Street



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