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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Thirteenth Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference. Each year this conference brings together researchers, practitioners and policymakers to discuss wellbeing 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.

This year's conference occurs in a context of continued economic and policy change. Issues surrounding the economic recovery and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as the passage of health care reform all have implications for families struggling to make ends meet. Throughout the conference our speakers will highlight how these changes are likely to affect policy, program operations, and future research.

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

- Integrating Research, Policy and Practice;
- TANF: The Role of the Work-Based Safety Net in Fighting Poverty;
- Increasing Family Economic Security Through Success in the Labor Market;
- Supporting Child and Youth Well-Being;
- Promoting Economic Security Through Program Integration and Innovation;
- Strengthening Families: Examining Fatherhood, Relationships and Families; and
- Stability and Self-Sufficiency in Unstable Times

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-at-a-Glance and throughout the conference, each theme is associated with a color that will help guide you through the program. In addition, the program materials include descriptions of these seven tracks.

A new addition to this year's conference is the Emerging Scholars Networking Poster Session. We are pleased to host fifteen emerging scholars to present their research. Their research will be presented as part of a networking event scheduled for Wednesday evening. You can find more

information about these emerging scholars and their research in the program book. I encourage you to support these scholars by attending this event.

As always, our focus is on presenting research that is rigorous and relevant. As a prelude to discussing current and emerging research findings, we're delighted to open the conference with a plenary session that will examine the role of evidence in policy. The presentations and discussions that take place throughout the conference will showcase findings and lessons learned from previous research. The conference will conclude with a discussion on moving forward with an eye toward the future of research and practice.

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 Brendan Kelly, Mark Fucello, Steven Hanmer, Emily Schmitt, Jeffrey Wright, 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 will also find opportunities for informal exchange of ideas about research, policies, and programs.

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

Sincerely,



Naomi Goldstein
Director
Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation



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. Major projects in this area include the following:
 - *Employment, Retention and Advancement Evaluation*
 - *Enhanced Services for the Hard-to-Employ Demonstration and Evaluation*
 - *Innovative Strategies to Increase Self-Sufficiency*



- **Strengthening Families Studies** examine the effects of interventions to strengthen families and support parental relationships and healthy marriages. Major projects in this area include the following:
 - *Building Strong Families*
 - *Supporting Healthy Marriage*
 - *Evaluation of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative*
 - *Evaluation of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Approaches*
- **Head Start Studies** include the first nationally representative experimental evaluation of the program, an evaluation of the Early Head Start program, a survey monitoring children's experiences and outcomes, studies of special populations, and a range of studies of quality improvement efforts. Major projects in this area include the following:
 - *Head Start Impact Study*
 - *Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES)*
 - *Early Head Start Evaluation*
 - *Head Start CARES (Classroom-based Approaches and Resources for Emotion and Social skill promotion)*
- **Child Care Projects** investigate the impact of child care subsidy policies and practices on parental employment; factors associated with access to, and choice of, child care; and the effectiveness of quality-enhancing initiatives in improving care giving practices that support children's developmental outcomes. Major projects in this area include the following:
 - *Evaluation of Child Care Subsidy Strategies*
 - *Quality Interventions for Early Care and Education*
 - *Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Project*
 - *Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Policies Database*
 - *Assessing States' Child Care Quality Rating Systems*
- **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 the following:
 - *Evaluation of Independent Living Programs*
 - *National Study of Child and Adolescent Well-Being*
 - *Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect*



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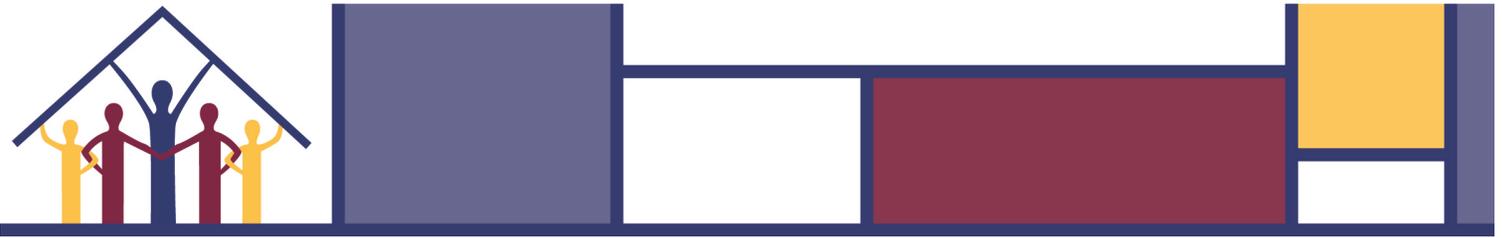


Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Registration and Information Desk Open: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Time	Event
8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Introductory Remarks — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Carmen R. Nazario (Administration for Children and Families)
8:45 a.m.	The Role of Evidence in Policy — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Moderator: Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families) Speakers: Robert Gordon (Office of Management and Budget), Robert Granger (William T. Grant Foundation) and Philip Uninsky (Youth Policy Institute)
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	TANF Reauthorization: Future Directions for the TANF Program — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Moderator: Mark Greenberg (Administration for Children and Families) Speakers: Sheldon Danziger (University of Michigan), LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities), Julie Kerksick (Wisconsin Department of Children and Families), Don Winstead (Florida Department of Children and Families) and Margaret Simms (The Urban Institute)
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
1:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TANF After the Deficit Reduction Act — <i>Congressional Room</i> ■ Training as an Employment Retention and Advancement Strategy for Low-Income Individuals — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> ■ Work, Welfare and Child Well-Being — <i>South American Room</i> ■ International Dimensions of Social Policy — <i>Federal Room</i> ■ Strengthening Relationships Among Unwed Parents: Building Strong Families — <i>Senate Room</i>
3:00 p.m.	Break



- 3:15 p.m.** ■ **The Future of Employment, Retention and Advancement: How Do We Move Forward?** — *Presidential Ballroom*
 Moderator: Howard Rolston (Abt Associates)
 Speakers: Jared Bernstein (Office of the Vice President), Gordon Berlin (MDRC), Rucker Johnson (University of California, Berkeley) and Marilyn Edelhoach (South Carolina Department of Social Services, retired)
- 5:00 p.m.** **Emerging Scholars Networking Poster Session** — *Capital Terrace*
- 6:30 p.m.** **Day One Adjourns**

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Registration and Information Desk Open: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Time	Event
8:30 a.m.	■ Child Well-Being and Economic Downturns — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Moderator: Olivia Golden (The Urban Institute) Speakers: Irwin Garfinkel (Columbia University), Patrick McCarthy (Annie E. Casey Foundation) and Yolanda Padilla (University of Texas at Austin)
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Breakout Sessions ■ Transitional Jobs and Subsidized Employment for Retention and Advancement — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> ■ Helping At-Risk Youth Transition to an Economically Successful Adulthood — <i>Federal Room</i> ■ The Growing Importance of the Food Assistance Safety Net — <i>Congressional Room</i> ■ Engaging Couples in Service Delivery — <i>Senate Room</i> ■ Making the Case: The Role of Income Instability in the Lives of Low-Income Children — <i>South American Room</i>
11:45 a.m.	Lunch Break
1:15 p.m.	■ Men, Fathers and Income Support Policy — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> Moderator: Vicki Turetsky (Office of Child Support Enforcement) Speakers: Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Andrew Sum (Northeastern University), Ronald Mincy (Columbia University) and Elaine Sorensen (The Urban Institute)

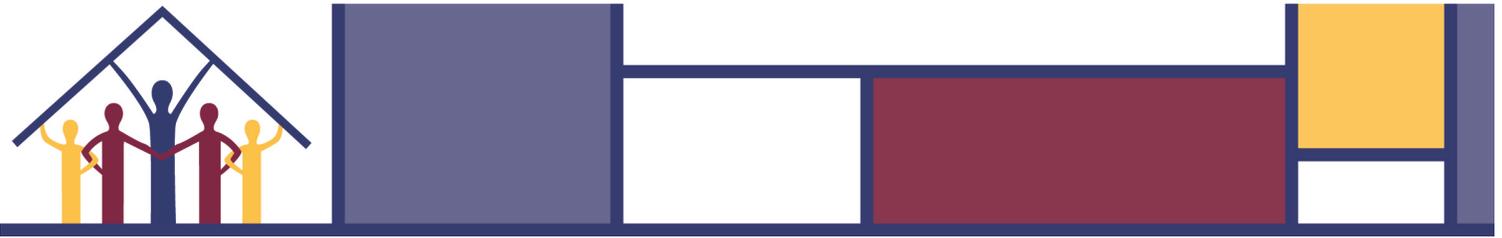


- 2:45 p.m.** **Facilitated Roundtables** — *Presidential Ballroom, Congressional Room, South American Room and Federal Room*
- 3:45 p.m.** **Break**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Breakout Sessions**
- **TANF During An Economic Downturn** — *Congressional Room*
 - **Evaluating, Using and Building an Evidence Base to Improve Adolescent Health** — *Federal Room*
 - **Connections to Businesses: A Path to Improved Retention and Advancement?**— *Presidential Ballroom*
 - **Financial Incentives for Low-Income Families** — *South American Room*
 - **Strengthening Families and Communities Focused on Specific Vulnerable Populations** — *Senate Room*
- 5:30 p.m.** **Day Two Adjourns**

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Registration and Information Desk Open: 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Time	Event
9:00 a.m.	<p>■ Cross-Agency Collaboration in the Federal Government: Identifying and Promoting Shared Interests — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i></p> <p>Moderator: David Hansell (Administration for Children and Families)</p> <p>Speakers: Richard Balkus (U.S. Social Security Administration), Kevin Concannon (Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture), Brenda Dann-Messier (Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education), Gerri Fiala (Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor) and Mark Johnston (Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)</p>
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	<p>Breakout Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Building Evidence-Informed Responsible Fatherhood Policies — <i>Federal Room</i> ■ Promoting Asset-Building Among Low-Income Families — <i>South American Room</i> ■ An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project — <i>Congressional Room</i> ■ Employment Strategies for the Hard-to-Serve — <i>Presidential Ballroom</i> ■ Can Preventative Couple Relationship and Parenting Education Help Low-Resource Families? The Emerging Evidence — <i>Senate Room</i>



- 11:45 a.m.** **Invitation to the NAWRS Conference** — *Presidential Ballroom*
Michael Bono (President, National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics)
- 12:00 p.m.** **Moving Forward: Future Directions In Welfare, Poverty and Self-Sufficiency Research** —
Presidential Ballroom
Moderator: Jack Tweedie (National Conference of State Legislatures)
Speakers: Michael Fishman (MEF Associates), Sendhil Mullainathan (Harvard University),
Martha Coven (The White House Domestic Policy Council) and David Harris (U.S.
Department of Health and Human Services)
- 1:00 p.m.** **Conference Adjourns**



Track and Session Descriptions

■ TRACK A: INTEGRATING RESEARCH, POLICY AND PRACTICE

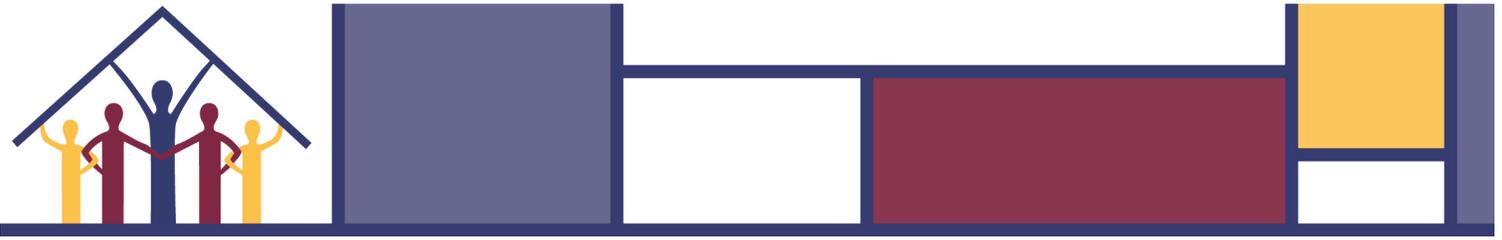
Presenters in this track will explore the relationships among research, policy, social programs and practice. Sessions will focus on processes for developing and reviewing an evidence base, translating evidence to be useful for policy and implementing and adopting evidence-based programs.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
Session Name	<i>The Role of Evidence in Policy</i>	<i>Evaluating, Using and Building an Evidence Base to Improve Adolescent Health</i>	<i>Building Evidence-Informed Responsible Fatherhood Policies</i>
Date & Time	Wednesday, June 2 8:45–10:15 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Federal Room</i>	<i>Federal Room</i>
Moderator	Naomi Goldstein	Eleanor Ott	Kristin Moore
Speaker 1	Robert Gordon	Khiya Marshall	Virginia Knox
Speaker 2	Robert Granger	Christopher Trenholm	Daniel Meyer
Speaker 3	Philip Uninsky	Amy Margolis	Elaine Sorensen

The track opens with a plenary session that will present a range of perspectives on integrating research, policy and practice. Moderated by Naomi Goldstein (Administration for Children and Families), *The Role of Evidence in Policy* will feature three presentations.

- Robert Gordon (Office of Management and Budget) will present the Obama Administration's approach to evidence-based policymaking.
- Robert Granger (William T. Grant Foundation) will discuss the importance of building an evidence base in a manner that reflects the scale and scope of concerns in the field.
- Philip Uninsky (Youth Policy Institute) will describe a collaboration of public agencies serving children, youth and families in a central New York county that has implemented a broad spectrum of evidence-based programs.

The first breakout session, *Evaluating, Using and Building an Evidence Base to Improve Adolescent Health*, will feature presentations on evidence reviews in the area of sexual risk behavior and implementing the reviews in the field. The session is moderated by Eleanor Ott (Administration for Children and Families).



- Khiya Marshall (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) will present on the HIV/AIDS Prevention Research Synthesis Project.
- Christopher Trenholm (Mathematica Policy Research) will present an evidence review of teen pregnancy prevention approaches.
- Amy Margolis (Office of Adolescent Health) will discuss the implementation of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative.

The second breakout session, ***Building Evidence-Informed Responsible Fatherhood Policies***, features three presentations that discuss the research evidence that can inform changes in the child support enforcement system, fatherhood and relationship skills programs and social policies for disadvantaged young men and their children. Moderated by Kristin Moore (Child Trends), this breakout session will also offer innovative ideas about possible next steps in programming, policy and research.

- Virginia Knox (MDRC) will provide an overview of what we have learned from evaluations to date about the effectiveness of direct efforts to strengthen family relationships.
- Daniel Meyer (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will focus on disadvantaged fathers' interactions with the child support system.
- Elaine Sorensen (The Urban Institute) will discuss the preliminary results from the New York State Fatherhood Initiative.

There will also be facilitated discussions related to research, policy and practice during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 3, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables. Relevant discussions include:

- Increasing Research Opportunities in Underserved Communities
- Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse



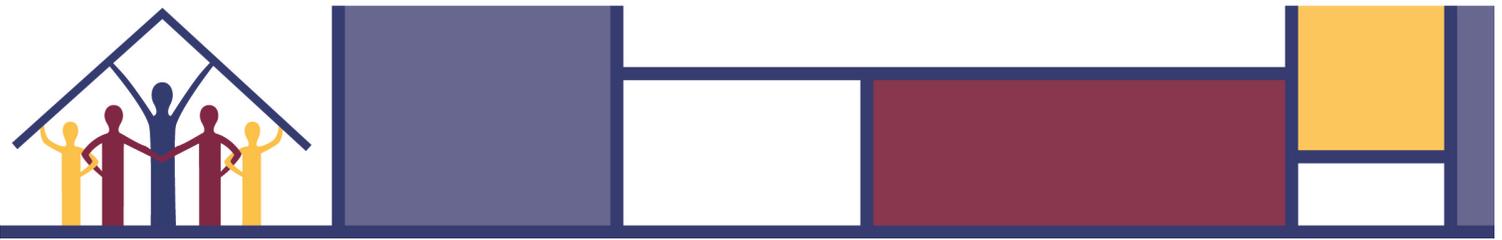
■ TRACK B: TANF: THE ROLE OF THE WORK-BASED SAFETY NET IN FIGHTING POVERTY

This track focuses on the role of TANF in supporting families and promoting self-sufficiency. The plenary will provide an expansive overview of the TANF program and discuss TANF reauthorization and future directions for the TANF program. The two breakout sessions will describe the changed policy and economic context in which the TANF program has operated in recent years. This track is also associated with a series of roundtables on special topics in the TANF program.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
Session Name	<i>TANF Reauthorization: Future Directions for the TANF Program</i>	<i>TANF After the Deficit Reduction Act</i>	<i>TANF During an Economic Downturn</i>
Date & Time	Wednesday, June 2 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Wednesday, June 2 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>
Moderator	Mark Greenberg	Ann Sessoms	Don Winstead
Speaker 1	Sheldon Danziger	Linda Rosenberg	Deborah Signer
Speaker 2	LaDonna Pavetti	Rachel Frisk	Rachel Frisk
Speaker 3	Julie Kerksick	Jacqueline Kauff	LaDonna Pavetti
Speaker 4	Don Winstead	Vince Kilduff	Jeff Barnes
Speaker 5	Margaret Simms		

The track's plenary session, *TANF Reauthorization: Future Directions for the TANF Program*, will feature opening remarks by a panel of experts with a variety of perspectives on the TANF program, followed by a question and answer session moderated by Mark Greenberg (Administration for Children and Families). The panel will feature:

- Sheldon Danziger (University of Michigan)
- LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)
- Julie Kerksick (Wisconsin Department of Children and Families)
- Don Winstead (Florida Department of Children and Families)
- Margaret Simms (The Urban Institute)



The breakout session *TANF After the Deficit Reduction Act*, moderated by Ann Sessoms (Minnesota Department of Human Services), will examine how State TANF programs and TANF caseloads have changed in the years following the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA).

- Linda Rosenberg (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss how the TANF caseload has been changing since the passage of the DRA, including the effects that particular State strategies have had on States' caseloads.
- Rachel Frisk (Government Accountability Office) will preview an upcoming report about how States have changed their TANF programs since the passage of the DRA and what is known about work participation rates since the DRA.
- Jacqueline Kauff (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe the range of strategies that States have used to achieve higher work participation rates based on case studies in nine States.
- Vince Kilduff (Maryland Department of Human Resources) will discuss strategies that Maryland used to double its work participation rate within a one-year period.

The breakout session *TANF During an Economic Downturn*, moderated by Don Winstead (Florida Department of Children and Families), will explore the response of the TANF program to the recent economic downturn, including how States have used American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

- Deborah A. Signer (Government Accountability Office) will discuss changes in State TANF caseloads during the current recession.
- Rachel Frisk (Government Accountability Office) will preview an upcoming report on how the recent economic downturn and the Recovery Act affected State TANF programs.
- LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) will examine how State TANF programs have responded to the recession, including variations in State responsiveness and differences between the responsiveness of TANF and the responsiveness of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as well as States' use of ARRA funds.
- Jeff Barnes (New York Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) will share data on changes to New York State's TANF caseload during the economic downturn and discuss New York State's use of TANF Emergency Contingency Funds.

There will also be discussions related to TANF during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 3, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables. Relevant discussions include:

- Child-Only TANF cases
- TANF Use in Rural Communities
- Immigrants and TANF
- Racial/Ethnic Minorities and TANF
- Tribal TANF



- Families Disconnected from TANF
- TANF Performance Measures
- Streamlining Benefit Access
- TANF Emergency Contingency Fund



■ TRACK C: INCREASING FAMILY ECONOMIC SECURITY THROUGH SUCCESS IN THE LABOR MARKET

Presenters in this track will discuss efforts to learn about strategies to promote family economic security through employment, job retention and advancement among welfare recipients, low-wage workers and hard-to-serve populations. This track features a plenary session and four breakout sessions exploring future steps in programming and research, the use of training and connecting to businesses as strategies to support advancement, transitional jobs and providing employment services to hard-to-serve populations.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2	Breakout #3	Breakout #4
Session Name	<i>The Future of Employment, Retention and Advancement: How Do We Move Forward?</i>	<i>Training as an Employment Retention and Advancement Strategy for Low-Income Individuals</i>	<i>Transitional Jobs and Subsidized Employment for Retention and Advancement</i>	<i>Connections to Businesses: A Path to Improved Retention and Advancement?</i>	<i>Employment Strategies for the Hard-to-Serve</i>
Date & Time	Wednesday, June 2 3:15–4:45 p.m.	Wednesday, June 2 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	Presidential Ballroom	Presidential Ballroom	Presidential Ballroom	Presidential Ballroom	Presidential Ballroom
Moderator	Howard Rolston	Karin Martinson	Charles Brown	Frieda Molina	Richard Hendra
Speaker 1	Jared Bernstein	Cynthia Miller	Dan Bloom	Juan Salgado	David Butler
Speaker 2	Gordon Berlin	Mike Collins	Mindy Tarlow	James Vander Hulst	David Wittenburg
Speaker 3	Rucker Johnson	Ricardo Estrada	Amy Rynell	Mona Cross Sowiski	Tina Bloomer
Speaker 4	Marilyn Edelhoch		Elizabeth Lower-Basch		Deborah Santiago

The track opens with a plenary session that will highlight a number of critical issues related to employment, job retention and advancement. Howard Rolston (Abt Associates) will moderate *The Future of Employment, Retention and Advancement: How Do We Move Forward?*, which will consider key lessons from the Employment Retention and Advancement (ERA) project and related research and discuss future directions for programs and research.

- Jared Bernstein (Office of the Vice President) will offer an overview of the labor market for low-wage and low-skill workers as context for the discussion.



- Gordon Berlin (MDRC) will present key lessons learned from the ERA project, the UK ERA project and related research.
- Rucker Johnson (University of California, Berkeley) will describe future directions for employment retention and advancement research.
- Marilyn Edelhoach (South Carolina Department of Social Services, retired) will reflect on lessons learned through participation in the ERA project from a practitioner's perspective and discuss ideas for future research and program needs.

To explore the effects of human capital development strategies on job retention and advancement in greater detail, the breakout session ***Training as an Employment Retention and Advancement Strategy for Low-Income Individuals*** will highlight approaches being used to increase engagement and completion in such programs. Moderated by Karin Martinson (Abt Associates), this session will juxtapose research findings around training as a strategy for employment retention and advancement research with practitioners' perspectives on the role that training can play.

- Cynthia Miller (MDRC) will discuss lessons on increasing participation in education and training from the ERA, UK ERA, Work Advancement and Support Center (WASC) and Opportunity NYC projects.
- Mike Collins (Jobs for the Future) will provide a practitioner's perspective on promising state and community college strategies that integrate basic skills education and training to lead to postsecondary credentials and degrees valued in the labor market.
- Ricardo Estrada (Instituto del Progreso Latino) will discuss career pathways programs and their ability to help individuals secure employment and advance in specific occupational sectors.

The breakout session ***Transitional Jobs and Subsidized Employment for Retention and Advancement*** draws on lessons from recent evaluations of transitional jobs models to discuss future directions in program design, implementation and evaluation. Moderated by Charles Brown (Office of Management and Budget), this session will also highlight opportunities under the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund and the potential of publicly-funded jobs.

- Dan Bloom (MDRC) will discuss the transitional jobs context, including findings from recent transitional jobs and related program evaluations.
- Amy Rynell (National Transitional Jobs Network) will offer an overview of publicly-funded jobs as a strategy to reduce poverty.
- Elizabeth Lower-Basch (CLASP) will describe new opportunities to support subsidized employment and transitional jobs programs using the TANF Emergency Contingency Fund.
- Mindy Tarlow (New York City Center for Employment Opportunities) will offer a practitioner's perspective on operating a transitional jobs program for particularly vulnerable populations.



Strategies for working with businesses to improve worker retention and advancement will be explored during the breakout session ***Connections to Businesses: A Path to Improved Retention and Advancement?*** This moderated panel will focus on how employment programs can make successful connections to businesses.

- Frieda Molina (MDRC) will moderate the discussion and provide an overview of connections to businesses drawing on research from ERA, WASC and other related studies.
- Juan Salgado (Instituto del Progreso Latino) will outline an approach to creating linkages with businesses to promote retention and advancement goals.
- James Vander Hulst (Western Michigan TEAM) will discuss his experiences leading a local employer-driven workforce development model.
- Mona Cross Sowiski (Springboard Forward) will describe the “Engaged Employment” approach and how it engages businesses to work with its clients.

The breakout session ***Employment Strategies for the Hard-to-Serve*** considers what we have learned about serving populations facing greater barriers to work, including persons with disabilities and English Language Learners. Richard Hendra (MDRC) will moderate and set the stage for this session using findings from analyses of subgroups within the ERA project.

- David Butler (MDRC) will discuss research lessons from programs serving individuals with mental health barriers to employment.
- David Wittenburg (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe best practices in providing employment supports for people with disabilities.
- Tina Bloomer (Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges) will describe efforts to ensure that hard-to-serve clients are eligible to receive needed services by engaging and working with various employment services programs.
- Deborah Santiago (Excelencia in Education) will discuss findings from an evaluation of the Department of Labor’s Limited English Proficiency and Hispanic Worker Initiative.



■ TRACK D: 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. Breakout sessions will discuss the relationships among work, welfare and child well-being, as well as how to help at-risk youth successfully transition to an economically self-sufficient adulthood. The plenary session will focus on how child and youth well-being is affected during an economic downturn.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
Session Name	<i>Child Well-Being and Economic Downturns</i>	<i>Work, Welfare and Child Well-Being</i>	<i>Helping At-Risk Youth Transition to an Economically Successful Adulthood</i>
Date & Time	Thursday, June 3 8:30–10:00 a.m.	Wednesday, June 2 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>South American Room</i>	<i>Federal Room</i>
Moderator	Olivia Golden	Ajay Chaudry	Erica Zielewski
Speaker 1	Patrick McCarthy	Kristin Moore	Heather Koball
Speaker 2	Irwin Garfinkel	Rebekah Levine Coley	Jeanne Bellotti
Speaker 3	Yolanda Padilla	JoAnn Hsueh	Demetra Nightingale

The track's plenary session, *Child Well-Being and Economic Downturns*, will focus on the effects of the current economic downturn on child and youth well-being.

- Olivia Golden (The Urban Institute) will provide overview remarks and moderate the session.
- Patrick McCarthy (The Annie E. Casey Foundation) will provide data on how children are faring in the current recession and discuss areas in which more data are needed.
- Irwin Garfinkel (Columbia University) will present preliminary results from a study of children in fragile families during the current recession.
- Yolanda Padilla (University of Texas at Austin) will comment on the state of Latino children and children in immigrant families in the current environment.

The first breakout session, moderated by Ajay Chaudry (The Urban Institute), will explore *Work, Welfare and Child Well-Being*. The first two presentations will focus on the effects of maternal employment and family welfare receipt on child well-being. The third presentation will discuss the impacts of a two-generation program that attempted to improve child well-being and parents' self-sufficiency.



- Kristin Moore (Child Trends) will explore the association between welfare and work patterns and multiple measures of child and family well-being, drawing on data from the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health.
- Rebekah Levine Coley (Boston College) will discuss the effects of maternal employment in the first two years after a child's birth on later cognitive and behavioral functioning, drawing on data from the Three Cities longitudinal study.
- JoAnn Hsueh (MDRC) will report on implementation and interim impact results from a rigorous evaluation of a two-generational program that attempted to improve low-income parents' employment and economic self-sufficiency while enhancing their young children's development and well-being.

The track's second breakout session, ***Helping At-Risk Youth Transition to an Economically Successful Adulthood***, moderated by Erica Zielewski (Administration for Children and Families), will highlight recent research on programs intended to advance the self-sufficiency of at-risk youth and will discuss ongoing efforts to build evidence on effective programs in this area.

- Heather Koball (Mathematica Policy Research) will outline what research suggests about frameworks for understanding the development of self-sufficiency among at-risk youth.
- Jeanne Bellotti (Mathematica Policy Research) will present findings from an implementation study of the experiences of local workforce investment areas that expanded their summer youth employment programs using ARRA funds, and suggest possible lessons for TANF administrators interested in promoting self-sufficiency among at-risk youth.
- Demetra Nightingale (Johns Hopkins University) will discuss the purpose, objectives and study design of the Young Parent Demonstration of the U.S. Department of Labor.



■ TRACK E: PROMOTING ECONOMIC SECURITY THROUGH PROGRAM INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION

This track examines how various social safety-net programs and collaboration across programs can help vulnerable populations improve their self-sufficiency and achieve economic stability.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2
Session Name	<i>Cross-Agency Collaboration in the Federal Government: Identifying and Promoting Shared Interests</i>	<i>The Growing Importance of the Food Assistance Safety Net</i>	<i>An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project</i>
Date & Time	Friday, June 4 9:00–10:00 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>	<i>Congressional Room</i>
Moderator	David Hansell	Alison Jackowitz	Susan Golonka
Speaker 1	Richard Balkus	Katie Fitzpatrick	John Martinez
Speaker 2	Kevin Concannon	Christopher Swann	Matthew Borus
Speaker 3	Brenda Dann-Messier	Jessica Todd	Susan Wilschke
Speaker 4	Gerri Fiala	Carole Trippe	Jennifer Blanchard
Speaker 5	Mark Johnston		

The plenary session, *Cross-Agency Collaboration in the Federal Government: Identifying and Promoting Shared Interests*, will explore the ways in which Federal agencies can serve low-income populations through policy coordination and collaboration. Moderated by David Hansell (Administration for Children and Families), it will highlight a number of ongoing collaborations in the Federal government. Invited speakers include the following:

- Richard Balkus (U.S. Social Security Administration).
- Kevin Concannon (Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture).
- Brenda Dann-Messier (Office of Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education).
- Gerri Fiala (Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor).
- Mark Johnston (Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development).

The first breakout session, *The Growing Importance of the Food Assistance Safety Net*, will examine the implications of changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseload over time and



how children's participation in SNAP changed in response to declines in cash welfare after PRWORA. This session is moderated by Alison Jackowitz (American University).

- Katie Fitzpatrick (Economic Research Service) will examine the role of economic conditions and policy changes in explaining changes in monthly SNAP caseloads from 1990 to 2007.
- Christopher Swann (University of North Carolina, Greensboro) will present on processes associated with households applying to and maintaining participation in the SNAP in South Carolina, using detailed administrative case records from 1996 to 2007.
- Jessica Todd (Economic Research Service) will discuss children's participation in multiple food assistance programs from 1990 to 2004, and examine whether families rely more heavily on food assistance programs in the wake of welfare reform.
- Carole Trippe (Mathematica Policy Research) will explore the ways in which States use TANF-funded programs to confer categorical eligibility for SNAP and its implications for the program's caseload.

The other breakout session, *An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project*, will focus on an interagency research partnership begun in 2008, between the Administration for Children and Families and the Social Security Administration, along with State and local partners. The TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project (TSDTP) seeks to better understand the relationship between the TANF and SSI systems with regard to TANF applicants and recipients who may have a disability. Moderated by Susan Golonka (National Governors Association Center for Best Practices), the session will provide a broad overview of the TSDTP, its findings to date and the implications of these findings for welfare and disability policy.

- John Martinez (MDRC) will present an overview of the project and its approaches.
- Matthew Borus (Administration for Children and Families) will describe ACF's perspective on the project, its importance and what ACF hopes to learn from the project.
- Susan Wilschke (Social Security Administration) will discuss SSA's goals for the project and present early project findings.
- Jennifer Blanchard (State of Minnesota) will offer a state perspective on the project.

There will also be facilitated discussions related to program integration and innovation during the facilitated roundtables session (Thursday, June 3, 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.). More information is provided in the descriptions of the roundtables. Relevant discussions include the following:

- HHS and DOL Partnership
- HHS and HUD Partnership
- HHS and SSA Partnership
- HHS and USDA FNS Partnership
- Streamlining Benefit Access



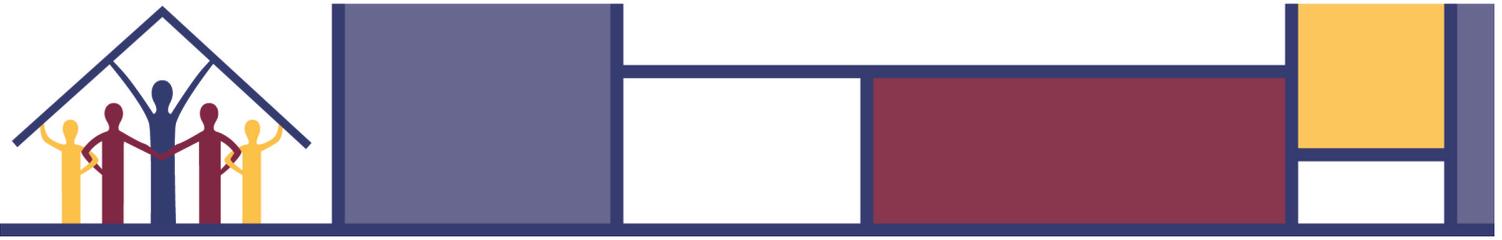
■ TRACK F: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES: EXAMINING FATHERHOOD, RELATIONSHIPS AND MARRIAGE

This track highlights research on strengthening families, including the areas of fatherhood, relationships and marriage. The plenary session and four breakout sessions will focus on the effectiveness of family strengthening interventions, couples relationship education programs, opportunities to strengthen families and communities focused on specific vulnerable populations, engaging couples in service delivery and current research on responsible fatherhood and young fathers in the U.S.

Session	Plenary	Breakout #1	Breakout #2	Breakout #3	Breakout #4
Session Name	<i>Men, Fathers and Income Support Policy</i>	<i>Strengthening Relationships among Unwed Parents: Building Strong Families</i>	<i>Engaging Couples in Service Delivery</i>	<i>Strengthening Families and Communities Focused on Specific Vulnerable Populations</i>	<i>Can Preventative Couple Relationship and Parenting Education Help Low-Resource Families? The Emerging Evidence</i>
Date & Time	Thursday, June 3 1:15–2:45 p.m.	Wednesday, June 2 1:30–3:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>Presidential Ballroom</i>	<i>Senate Room</i>	<i>Senate Room</i>	<i>Senate Room</i>	<i>Senate Room</i>
Moderator	Vicki Turetsky	Seth Chamberlain	Myles Schlank	Linda Mellgren	Alan Hawkins
Speaker 1	Timothy Smeeding	Robin Dion	Robin Dion	Marcia Carlson	Carolyn and Philip Cowan
Speaker 2	Andrew Sum	Robert Wood	Heather Zaveri	Allison Hyra	Jason Wilde
Speaker 3	Ronald Mincy	Mary Myrick	Sharon Rowser	Sarah Schappert and Candi Carmi	Jennifer Kerpelman and Joe Pittman
Speaker 4	Elaine Sorensen				

This plenary session, *Men, Fathers and Income Support Policy*, focuses on the experiences of young, low-income men in the United States. Moderated by Vicki Turetsky (Office of Child Support Enforcement), this session will hone in on the economic circumstances, role as fathers and labor market experiences of young, low-income men.

- Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will discuss young disadvantaged men, focusing on fathers, families, poverty and policy, including child support.



- Andrew Sum (Northeastern University) will provide an overview of the recent labor market experiences and earnings of young men.
- Ronald Mincy (Columbia University) will describe income support systems for disadvantaged men and noncustodial fathers, especially as related to child support and arrears issues.
- Elaine Sorensen (The Urban Institute) will discuss implications of child support payments and arrears for low-income men.

The ***Strengthening Relationships among Unwed Parents: Building Strong Families*** breakout session will present findings from the Building Strong Families evaluation. This session, moderated by Seth Chamberlain (Administration for Children and Families), will include a practitioner from a participating site who will describe the site's experience and lessons learned.

- Robin Dion (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe findings from the implementation of the Building Strong Families project, including lessons learned from working with unmarried parents.
- Robert Wood (Mathematica Policy Research) will discuss the interim impacts from the project, a study of programs to strengthen relationships among unmarried parents.
- Mary Myrick (Public Strategies, Inc.) will offer a participating site's perspective on the project and findings, and will discuss implications for future initiatives.

The potential importance of focusing on couples in service provision will be the central theme of the ***Engaging Couples in Service Delivery*** breakout session. This session, moderated by Myles Schlank (Office of Child Support Enforcement), will feature three presentations that discuss and describe a couples-based approach to service delivery.

- Robin Dion (Mathematica Policy Research) will describe findings from an observational study of how low-income couples make key decisions on such issues as employment, child rearing and living arrangements.
- Heather Zaveri (Mathematica Policy Research) will present initial findings and lessons learned from a program seeking to provide support to couples regarding employment, financial literacy and strengthening relationships.
- Sharon Rowser (MDRC) will discuss lessons learned about engaging and serving couples from ACF's Supporting Healthy Marriage project.

The breakout session ***Strengthening Families and Communities Focused on Specific Vulnerable Populations***, moderated by Linda Mellgren (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), will highlight programs targeted to and research on Latino families, complex families with multiple partners and Native American communities.

- Marcia Carlson (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will discuss recent work that examines the parental involvement and investment that 5-year-old children receive across a range of complex family types.



- Allison Hyra (The Lewin Group) will describe ways that federally-funded programs that provide family strengthening services reach, engage and serve Hispanic individuals, couples and families in culturally-grounded ways.
- Sarah Schappert (Administration for Children and Families) and Candi Carmi (Native American Management Services, Inc.) will describe the Administration for Native Americans' Strengthening Families Initiative and lessons for working with Native American populations.

Programs aimed at preventing family dysfunction and strengthening families will be examined during the breakout session ***Can Preventative Couple Relationship and Parenting Education Help Low-Resource Families? The Emerging Evidence***. Moderated by Alan Hawkins (Brigham Young University), this session will focus on the future viability of this policy tool.

- Carolyn and Philip Cowan (University of California-Berkeley) will discuss their recent work on an evaluation of the Supporting Father Involvement project in California, focused on positive fathering and couple relationship skills.
- Jason Wilde (University of Minnesota) will present findings from the Minnesota Family Formation Project, including family stability outcomes.
- Jennifer Kerpelman and Joe Pittman (Auburn University) will discuss results from the Healthy Couples, Healthy Children – Targeting Youth Project, which sought to educate a diverse group of adolescents about healthy relationships.



■ TRACK G: STABILITY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN UNSTABLE TIMES

This track explores the meaning of stability for low-income families and discusses promising and innovative ways to promote stability. The first breakout session will explore whether and how income stability matters for child well-being. Additional sessions will discuss approaches to promoting stability. One session will focus on asset-building as a way to promote stability, and the other will discuss conditional cash transfer programs, highlighting recent findings from the evaluation of the Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards program.

Session	Breakout #1	Breakout #1	Breakout #3
Session Name	<i>Making the Case: The Role of Income Instability in the Lives of Low-Income Children</i>	<i>Financial Incentives for Low-Income Families</i>	<i>Promoting Asset-Building Among Low-Income Families</i>
Date & Time	Thursday, June 3 10:15–11:45 a.m.	Thursday, June 3 4:00–5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 4 10:15–11:45 a.m.
Room	<i>South American Room</i>	<i>South American Room</i>	<i>South American Room</i>
Moderator	Anne Mosle	Brendan Kelly	Ida Rademacher
Speaker 1	Nina Castells	Kristin Morse	Signe-Mary McKernan
Speaker 2	Joseph Amick	Rebecca Ross	Michal Grinstein-Weiss
Speaker 3	Lisa Genettian	Nadine Dechausay	Caitlyn Brazill
Speaker 4		James Riccio	Reid Cramer

The session *Making the Case: The Role of Income Instability in the Lives of Low-Income Children*, moderated by Anne Mosle (W.K. Kellogg Foundation), will examine the role income plays in the lives of children, the relationship between income volatility and material hardship, and the ways in which income enhances opportunities for upward mobility.

- Nina Castells (MDRC) will review existing research and policy evidence about income as an essential component to meeting children’s basic needs and discuss future directions for research in this area.
- Joseph Amick (ideas42) will examine the influence of month-to-month variability of household income on material hardship.
- Lisa Genettian (The Brookings Institution) will propose a conceptual framework for the role of income instability in impeding social mobility.

The session *Financial Incentives for Low-Income Families*, moderated by Brendan Kelly (Administration for Children and Families), will discuss the Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards program, a conditional cash-transfer initiative implemented in New York City that offers monetary incentives to low-income families designed to reduce their current poverty and improve their education, health and workforce outcomes in the



hope of reducing longer-term and second-generation poverty. The session will explore the design, implementation and early impacts of Family Rewards, and provide an international context for the program.

- Kristin Morse (New York City Center for Economic Opportunity) will discuss the process of designing Family Rewards.
- Rebecca Ross (Seedco) will describe how the Family Rewards program was implemented.
- Nadine Dechausay (MDRC) will report on family engagement with, and response to, the program.
- James Riccio (MDRC) will give an overview of interim impact findings from the evaluation of Family Rewards.

The session *Promoting Asset-Building Among Low-Income Families*, moderated by Ida Rademacher (CFED), will focus on how assets and asset-building policies can supplement income-support programs by providing families with opportunities to achieve long-term financial stability.

- Signe-Mary McKernan (The Urban Institute) will examine the role of assets in families' economic and material stability, using SIPP data to explore the relationship between adverse events and material hardship and whether assets alleviate material hardship when a negative family event occurs.
- Michal Grinstein-Weiss (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) will present findings from a randomized longitudinal study of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs), exploring whether IDA programs have a long-term impact on homeownership rates for a low-income population.
- Caitlyn Brazill (New York City Department of Consumer Affairs) will present findings from a pilot study of a 3-year savings initiative tested in New York City, where filers at select free tax-preparation sites were offered a match if they contributed a portion of their tax refund to savings.
- Reid Cramer (New America Foundation) will discuss asset-based welfare and savings policy in the United Kingdom.



Special Focus: International Dimensions of Social Policy

The breakout session *International Dimensions of Social Policy* will be held **Wednesday, June 2, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**, in the **Federal Room**. Moderated by Natalie Branosky (Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion), this session will explore social policy in an international context, emphasizing comparisons between the United States and the United Kingdom.

- Irwin Garfinkel (Columbia University) and Timothy Smeeding (University of Wisconsin-Madison) will examine the magnitude of the U.S. public welfare sector in perception and reality and the relationship between the public welfare sector and productivity, efficiency and economic growth.
- Jane Waldfogel (Columbia University) will discuss Britain's anti-poverty efforts, compare them to welfare reform efforts in the U.S. and discuss how policies in both countries have affected poverty and well-being.
- Jo Casebourne (Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion) will talk about social inclusion as an organizing framework for policy and research, examining the benefits of using the concept in evidence-based policymaking in the United Kingdom.

Other sessions throughout the conference, including the following, will highlight comparative aspects of social policy:

- The breakout session *Training as an Employment Retention and Advancement Strategy for Low-Income Individuals* will feature findings from the U.K. Employment Retention and Advancement study. *Wednesday, June 2, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., in the Presidential Ballroom.*
- The plenary session *The Future of Employment Retention and Advancement: How Do We Move Forward?* will also feature findings from the U.K. Employment Retention and Advancement project. *Wednesday, June 2, from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., in the Presidential Ballroom.*
- The breakout session *Financial Incentives for Low-Income Families* will include comments on how international conditional cash-transfer programs influenced the design and implementation of the Opportunity NYC-Family Rewards program and how impacts in New York compare to impacts in international settings. *Thursday, June 3, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., in the South American Room.*
- The breakout session *Promoting Asset-Building Among Low-Income Families* will feature a presentation on asset-based welfare and savings policy in the United Kingdom. *Friday, June 4, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m., in the South American Room.*
- There will be a roundtable discussion on *International Dimensions of Social Policy* during the roundtable session. *Thursday, June 3, from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m., in the Presidential Ballroom.*



Closing Plenary

MOVING FORWARD: FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN WELFARE, POVERTY AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY RESEARCH

The final session of the conference, *Moving Forward: Future Directions in Welfare, Poverty and Self-Sufficiency Research*, will feature a moderated discussion among speakers who will highlight key themes and findings from the conference, bring together insights from across the conference tracks and suggest new directions for research and policy. Jack Tweedie (National Conference of State Legislatures) will moderate the panel and lead an interactive discussion among

- Martha Coven (The White House Domestic Policy Council)
- David Harris (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- Michael Fishman (MEF Associates)
- Sendhil Mullainathan (Harvard University)

This session will be held **Friday, June 4, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**, in the **Presidential Ballroom**.



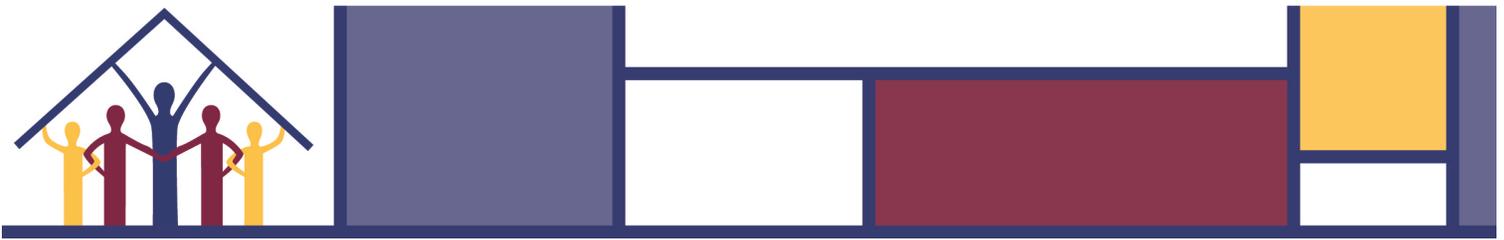
Facilitated Roundtables

These informal facilitated discussions will provide an opportunity for attendees to gather and discuss welfare and related issues.

- **Child-Only TANF Cases**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitator:
Richard Speiglman (Child and Family Public Policy Institute of California)
Federal Host:
Kristen Joyce (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **TANF Use in Rural Communities**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitator:
Leif Jensen (Pennsylvania State University)
Federal Host:
Michael Dubinsky (Administration for Children and Families)
- **Immigrants and TANF**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
Randy Capps (Migration Policy Institute)
Ajay Chaudry (The Urban Institute)
Federal Host:
David Nielsen (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **Racial/Ethnic Minorities and TANF**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitator:
Margaret Simms (The Urban Institute)
Federal Host:
Girley Wright (Administration for Children and Families)
- **Tribal TANF**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitator:
Sarah Hicks (National Congress of American Indians)
- **Families Disconnected from TANF**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
Pamela Loprest (The Urban Institute)
Sheila Zedlewski (The Urban Institute)
Federal Host:
Laura Chadwick (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)



- **TANF Performance Measures**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
LaDonna Pavetti (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)
Olivia Golden (The Urban Institute)
Federal Host:
Emily Ball (Administration for Children and Families)
- **Streamlining Benefit Access**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
Cheryl Camillo (Mathematica Policy Research)
Scott Cody (Mathematica Policy Research)
Jackie Kauff (Mathematica Policy Research)
Federal Host:
Brian Levy (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **TANF Emergency Contingency Fund**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
Robert Ek (American Public Human Services Association)
Elizabeth Lower-Basch (Center for Law and Social Policy)
Liz Schott (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities)
- **HHS and DOL Partnership**, Congressional Room
Facilitators:
Wayne Gordon (U.S. Department of Labor)
Janet Javar (U.S. Department of Labor)
Jonathan Simonetta (U.S. Department of Labor)
Federal Host:
Erica Zielewski (Administration for Children and Families)
- **HHS and HUD Partnership**, Congressional Room
Facilitator:
Anne Fletcher (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)
Federal Host:
Susie Sinclair-Smith (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **HHS and SSA Partnership**, Congressional Room
Facilitators:
Mary Farrell (MEF Associates)
John Tambornino (U.S. Social Security Administration)
Federal Host:
Matthew Borus (Administration for Children and Families)



- **HHS and USDA Partnership**, Congressional Room
Federal Host:
Ann McCormick (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **Increasing Research Opportunities in Underserved Communities**, Presidential Ballroom
Federal Host:
Canta Pian (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse**, Federal A/B Room
Facilitators:
Jeanette Hercik (ICF International)
Kristin Moore (Child Trends)
Federal Host:
Mark Fucello (Administration for Children and Families)
- **International Dimensions of Social Policy**, Presidential Ballroom
Facilitators:
Shawn Fremstad (Center for Economic and Policy Research)
Federal Host:
Reuben Snipper (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)
- **Behavioral Economics and Social Welfare Policy**, South American Room
Facilitators:
Lisa Gennetian (ideas42)
Irene Skricki (Annie E. Casey Foundation)
Federal Hosts:
Brendan Kelly (Administration for Children and Families)
Emily Schmitt (Administration for Children and Families)



Emerging Scholars Networking Poster Session

Emerging Scholars will be presenting their work on **Wednesday, June 2, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**, as part of the Emerging Scholars Networking Poster Session.

Lucy Bilaver, University of Chicago

- *The Causal Effect of Family Income on Childhood Obesity*

Kim Clum, University of Michigan

- *Social Service Delivery amidst Economic Crisis*

Katie Fitzpatrick, Economic Research Service

- *On the Road to Food Security: Vehicle Ownership and Access to Food*

Amanda Geller, Columbia University

- *A Sort of Homecoming: The Effects of Incarceration on Men's Housing Security*

Sarah Halpern-Meekin, Bowling Green State University

- *"Building Us Up Stronger": Unmarried Parents' Experiences in a Relationship and Marriage Education Program*

Rachel Kirzner, Public Health Management Corporation

- *The SSI -TANF Overlap: A Philadelphia Model*

Luis Pinet-Peralta, Optimal Solutions Group, LLC

- *Employment Options for Low-Skilled Workers in Baltimore: Workforce Training Issues and Challenges*

Brendan Saloner, Harvard University

- *The Rise of SCHIP, the Fall of Welfare: What Was the Impact on Low-Income Children?*

Ephraim Shapiro, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- *Religious Involvement and Latino Immigrant Health*

Elisha Smith, Mathematica Policy Research

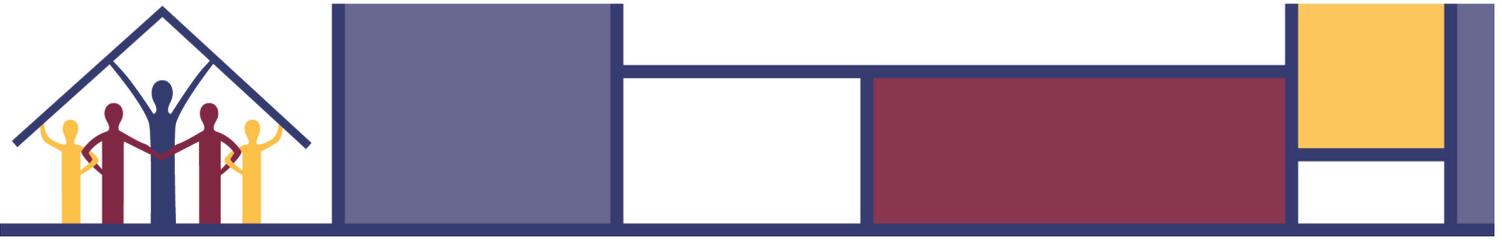
- *Exploring Changes Over Time in TANF, SSI and Work Supports*

Danilo Trisi, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

- *Role of the Safety Net in Protecting Against Poverty and Deep Poverty: Recent Trends*

Liyun Wu, University of Michigan

- *Estimating Net Effect of Participation in TANF Program on Children's Socio-emotional Well-beings: A Natural Experiment*



Marci Ybarra, University of Michigan

- *The Implications of Paid Family Leave Policies For New Mother TANF Participants: Evidence from Wisconsin*
- *Taking a Closer Look: Wisconsin's Work-Exempt TANF Participants & Potential Policy Innovations*

Wladimir Zanoni, University of Chicago

- *Child Care Subsidies and Employment Outcomes of Low-Income Mothers: Evidence from Three Cities*



Session and Roundtable Speaker Biographies

Joe Amick is a Research Analyst at ideas42, a behavioral economics lab at Harvard University, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). He is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Texas–Austin. His current research focuses on economic security and material well-being in low-income households. He is also part of the NBER team conducting the long-term evaluation of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Moving to Opportunity program. Prior to this, he worked at the Institute for Financial Management and Research in India and as a consultant to the Results Measurements Unit of the International Finance Corporation in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Indonesia. While abroad, he focused on corruption in the provision of public services and the effectiveness of technical assistance programs in developing countries.

Richard Balkus, is currently Associate Commissioner for Program Development and Research in the Social Security Administration (SSA). He previously served as Deputy Associate Commissioner for Disability and Income Assistance Policy. Earlier, he held the position of Field Management Officer to the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the SSA. His current position includes research and analysis of disability issues and policies affecting the Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance programs. Mr. Balkus has published several papers in these areas. As Associate Commissioner for Program Development and Research, Mr. Balkus represents the SSA Commissioner on the President’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Mr. Balkus is a member of the National Academy of Social Insurance. He received a B.A. in political

science from Whittier College and a master’s degree from the University of Southern California.

Jeff Barnes is currently the Director of Special Projects and Analysis for New York State’s Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Center for Employment and Economic Supports. For the majority of his 30 years of government service, Mr. Barnes has been involved with research projects, program evaluations, and client surveys as Director of Operations Research, Senior Research Scientist, and Strategic Planning Director. He also served as the New York City Department of Homeless Services’ Assistant Commissioner for Information Technology and as the Director of Shelter Services for the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

Jeanne Bellotti, M.S., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. She has extensive expertise in designing and carrying out evaluations of programs to help a wide range of disadvantaged populations prepare for, find, and retain employment. Her work includes leadership roles on large-scale implementation, outcomes, cost, and net-impact studies of employment and training programs for Employment and Training Administration. Currently, Ms. Bellotti is directing an evaluation of the Department of Labor’s Summer Youth Employment Initiative funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as well as an evaluation of an innovative prisoner reentry program involving a range of faith-based and community organizations. She holds an M.S. in public policy from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University.



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aligns low-wage workers and business in an unprecedented way. Mona oversees the organization’s service delivery, partnerships, development and operations. She has indepth executive and management consulting experience in nonprofit and for-profit sectors, including career advancement services, health care, life sciences and human resources, building organizations focused on leveraging human capital in innovative, sustainable ways. Prior to Springboard Forward, she was Senior Vice President, Global Strategic Consulting Services at Pharsight Corporation and steered a successful international consulting practice, where she led projects in business strategy, technology transfer and performance improvement. She has served as senior partner at marchFIRST, and co-led the healthcare practice at Mitchell Madison, a strategy consulting firm. She has served as vice president and associate director at Stanford University Medical Center, and as chief operating officer and associate director at the Eye and Ear Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Center. Mona also has a passion and deep commitment to public service and has led several California educational foundations, including Los Lomitas Educational Foundation for Excellence and the Menlo-Atherton Education Foundation. She also served as Director of the Health Care Center: The Forum in Cupertino; Career Action Center in Palo Alto.

Richard Speigman, D.Crim., is Senior Research Analyst, Child and Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC), with a background in sociology, criminology, and public health. Dr. Speigman collaborates with advocates, policymakers, program administrators, and representatives of philanthropy as well as principals of other research organizations to pursue policy-relevant research. With colleagues he has conducted longitudinal, panel studies of the effects of the elimination of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for alcoholics and addicts and



of barriers to departure from CalWORKs (the California Temporary Assistance for Needy Families [TANF] program). Currently his work focuses on the well-being of children and the status of their parents and caregivers associated with TANF cases that include no aided adult. In this area he led a five-county study of California sanction and safety net cases and a California Central Valley county case study of families with “not-qualified immigrant” parents and children on CalWORKs. He is now completing a study of parents receiving SSI and their CalWORKs-receiving children. Dr. Speigman has published on the effects of the elimination of SSI drug addiction and alcoholism eligibility, prevention of homelessness among people with HIV or AIDS, implementation of California’s Proposition 36 (treatment in lieu of jail or prison for certain substance abuse-related crime), and the role of institutional review boards in promoting research with human subjects. Additionally, Dr. Speigman has collaborated on the design, implementation, and analysis of Alameda County’s semi-annual homeless count. In March 2008 CFPIC released a policy brief, *Addressing Barriers on the Path to Self-Sufficiency*, which summarized results of the five-county sanction/safety net study.

Andrew M. Sum is Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, in Boston. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles, monographs and books on regional, national and State labor markets; on the labor market behavior and problems of young adults; and the role of education, literacy and training in influencing the labor market experiences of adults. Among his publications are *Toward a More Perfect Union: Basic Skills, Poor Families, and Our Economic Future* (1988); *The Subtle Danger: Reflections on the Literacy Abilities of Young Adults* (1987); *Poverty and Adolescence* (1991); *From Dreams to*

Dust (1996); *Literacy in the Labor Force: Results from the National Adult Literacy Survey* (1998); *State of the American Dream in New England* (1996); *Young Workers, Young Families, and Child Poverty* (1996); *The Road Ahead: Emerging Threats to Workers, Families and the Massachusetts Economy* (1998); and *A Second Chance for the Fourth Chance: A Critique of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998* (1999).

Christopher Swann is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a research affiliate of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan. Professor Swann has studied the determinants of participation in the AFDC/TANF, WIC, and foster care programs. Most notably, he has examined how time limits and forward-looking behavior affect welfare participation and how demographic, economic and institutional characteristics affect WIC and foster care caseloads.

John Tambornino, Ph.D., is an Analyst in the Office of Retirement and Disability Policy at the Social Security Administration in Washington, DC. Since joining Social Security in 2008, his policy research and development has focused on the intersection of the Supplemental Security Income and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families programs, on personal saving and financial education for persons with a disability, and recently on serving chronically homeless persons with a disability. Prior to this, he worked in the policy research office in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), where he directed evaluations of Individual Development Accounts under the Assets for Independence demonstration and of community-based organizations under the Compassion Capital Fund; organized ACF’s annual welfare research conference; oversaw performance management and budget formation for a range of



ACF programs; and served on the research planning committee. Dr. Tamborino's longest Federal appointment was in HHS's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, covering welfare reform and disability, the low-wage labor market, assets and financial services, and the provision of social services through community and faith-based organizations. He began Federal service as a Presidential Management Fellow in the policy research office at the Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he directed a demonstration project integrating health insurance enrollment into Women, Infants, and Children clinics. He has also been on the faculty of Johns Hopkins University and University of Washington, where his teaching and scholarship spanned political theory, political economy, and social policy. His education includes a B.A. (Highest Honors) in philosophy and political science from Macalester College and a Ph.D. in political science from Johns Hopkins University.

Mindy Tarlow is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), a large, New York-based nonprofit corporation that provides employment services to men and women returning from prison and detention to New York City. CEO was created by the Vera Institute of Justice in the late 1970s and has been operating as an independent corporation since 1996. Tarlow began her association with CEO as a Program Director at the Vera Institute of Justice in 1994, where she managed the successful spin-off of CEO from Vera. Prior to joining CEO, Tarlow spent close to 10 years at the New York City Office of Management and Budget, where she rose from Senior Analyst in 1984 to Deputy Director in 1992. Tarlow is a member of the National Advisory Board of the Vera Institute of Justice National Associates Program and the Prisoner Reentry Institute Advisory Board at John Jay College of Criminal

Justice, a Mayoral Appointee to the Audit Committee for the City of New York and the Commission for Economic Opportunity, a founding board member of the Workforce Professionals Training Institute and a member of the Executive Committee of the New York City Employment & Training Coalition. She is also an Adjunct Professor at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Jessica Todd, Ph.D., is an Agricultural Economist in the Food Economics Division, Diet, Safety, and Health Branch of the Economic Research Service (ERS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She conducts research on the economics of food choices, diet and health outcomes, and food and nutrition assistance programs. Before joining ERS in 2007, Ms. Todd worked primarily as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank, studying the impact of conditional cash transfer programs in Latin America. She has also consulted for The World Bank, the Center for Global Development, and the International Food Policy Research Institute. She earned a B.S. in natural resources management from Colorado State University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from American University.

Chris Trenholm is an Associate Director of Health Research at Mathematica. Dr. Trenholm has been Principal Investigator for major Mathematica evaluations measuring the effects of programs to improve the welfare of teens and children, provided extensive design expertise, developed approaches to measure the effects of these interventions, and led all aspects of the analysis and reporting. Examples include Mathematica's congressionally mandated evaluation of four Title V, Section 510 Abstinence Education programs. The evaluation was recently awarded the 2009 Outstanding Evaluation Award by the American Evaluation Association. He is



currently codirector of Mathematica's Evaluation of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Approaches.

Carole Trippe, M.P.P., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. Ms. Trippe serves as Director and Co-Principal Investigator of a project to provide the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) with a microsimulation modeling and related analytic expertise to estimate the effects of changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other nutrition assistance programs. Recently, Ms. Trippe enhanced the microsimulation model of SNAP eligibility and benefits by simulating the requirements of State programs used to confer expanded categorical eligibility. Ms. Trippe also expanded the model's simulation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) assistance policies to improve its estimates of TANF eligibility and benefits. Another important aspect of Ms. Trippe's work in this area has been to use SNAP quality control data to examine changes in income and demographic characteristics of SNAP households over time, both for an annual report and to respond to policy questions from FNS. Ms. Trippe also uses SNAP quality control data in a model to estimate changes in the existing SNAP caseload under proposed policy reforms. In work for the Economic Research Service, Ms. Trippe examined how State options designed to reduce workload and increase access to SNAP were being implemented at the State level. She holds an M.P.P. from University of Michigan.

Vicki Turetsky was appointed as the Commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. As Commissioner, she oversees the child support program operated by each State and by many tribes. Ms. Turetsky brings more than 25 years of experience as a public administrator and advocate for low-income families. She is a nationally

recognized expert in family policy, and has been instrumental in efforts to boost child support payments to families and to establish realistic child support policies that encourage fathers to work and play an active parenting role. Prior to her appointment, she served as the Director of Family Policy at the Center for Law and Social Policy, where she specialized in child support, responsible fatherhood, and prisoner reentry policies. The author of numerous publications, she was a visiting lecturer at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and has received several national awards.

Jack Tweedie, Ph.D., J.D., is the Director of the Children and Families Program at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). He oversees NCSL's assistance to State legislatures on welfare and poverty, child welfare, early education and child care, and youth. Dr. Tweedie's current efforts focus on State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) flexibility and State strategies to reduce child and family poverty. He works extensively in providing technical assistance to States as they consider policy changes in TANF and poverty programs. He has helped the States improve key outcomes such as job retention and advancement for parents leaving work for welfare, while meeting the higher Federal work participation rates. He also works with States to help them identify additional TANF funds under the TANF Contingency and TANF Emergency Funds. He is leading NCSL's effort to help States develop broad-based strategies to reduce family poverty and reduce the effects of children growing up in poverty. Dr. Tweedie also works with State officials on strengthening supports for low-income working families, reducing the effects of tight State budgets on human service programs, and increasing efforts to strengthen marriage and fatherhood. Prior to coming to NCSL, he taught political science and



public policy at the University of Denver and the State University of New York–Binghamton. He has a B.A. in political science from Washington State University and a Ph.D. and a law degree from the University of California–Berkeley.

Philip B. Uninsky, J.D., has served since 1996 as the Executive Director of the Youth Policy Institute (YPI), a not-for-profit evaluation, research, and policy center. He has directed numerous research, consulting, and comprehensive systems evaluation projects of juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, violence prevention programming, mental health and substance use services, literacy initiatives, and the professional development of teachers. A principal focus of YPI is to assist governmental agencies in improving the quality of the implementation, monitoring, and sustainability of evidence-based programs serving vulnerable children and youth and their families. He also founded and, from 2000 to 2008, directed Partnership for Results, Inc., a model form of local governance that, in a central New York county, has dramatically lowered levels of violence, drug use, and delinquency; reduced the numbers of children and youth put in restrictive placements; and improved levels of academic achievement. The Partnership model facilitates implementation of a broad spectrum of preventive and early intervention programs; ensures comprehensive, multidisciplinary assessments; integrates services; and heightens accountability through the use of interagency databases. It is being replicated in an extensive rural community in New York and in Washington, DC, where he also serves as a consultant to the Deputy Mayor for Education. In 2005 the Partnership was recognized as an innovator in American government by Harvard University's John K. Kennedy School of Government. He has also served as a Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly and as Senior Attorney for Statewide

Youth Advocacy of NY. During the 1980s, he was an academic social scientist, specializing in criminal justice issues.

Jane Waldfogel, Ph.D., is a Professor of Social Work and Public Affairs at Columbia University School of Social Work and a visiting professor at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the London School of Economics. During the 2008–09 academic year, she was the Marion Cabot Putnam Memorial Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, where she was writing a book about Britain's war on poverty. Dr. Waldfogel received her Ph.D. in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She has written extensively on the impact of public policies on child and family well-being. Her books include *Britain's War on Poverty* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2010), *Steady Gains and Stalled Progress: Inequality and the Black–White Test Score Gap* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2008), *What Children Need* (Harvard University Press, 2006), *Securing the Future: Investing in Children from Birth to College* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2000), and *The Future of Child Protection: How to Break the Cycle of Abuse and Neglect* (Harvard University Press, 1998). Her current research includes studies of work–family policies, improving the measurement of poverty, and understanding social mobility across countries.

Jason L. Wilde is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota. He worked for the Minnesota Family Formation Project—one of the Community Healthy Marriage Initiative projects—doing couple education and project evaluation.

Susan Wilschke, M.S., is the Director of the Office of Program Evaluation for the Social Security Administration's Office of Program Development and Research. Her office conducts research and policy analysis focused on improving SSA's



disability and income support programs and is responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures on Social Security's work incentives. Susan started with the Social Security Administration in 1998 as a Presidential Management Intern. She spent nearly 10 years working in SSA's Office of Policy, where her work included analyzing options for simplifying the SSI program and studying the effects of Social Security reform on disabled workers. She received a Master's degree in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago.

Don Winstead is Special Adviser to the Governor for the Implementation of the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at the request of Florida Governor Charlie Crist. Working in coordination with the Governor's Federal Stimulus Working Group, he is responsible for overseeing and tracking the distribution of Florida's Federal stimulus dollars and ensuring that taxpayers have access to the information needed to hold government accountable for use of the funds. He continues to serve as the Deputy Secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families, which has responsibility for a wide range of human services. He began his career as a front-line caseworker and has worked in a variety of direct service, administrative, and managerial positions ranging from Social Worker to Deputy Secretary. From 2001 to 2005, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services Policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this capacity he was a key adviser on human services policy and was responsible for policy development, research, and evaluation related to welfare reform, supports for low-income families, and services for families, children, and youth. He is a nationally recognized expert on Federal funding issues and has negotiated ground-breaking Federal waivers in welfare reform and child welfare. He is a member of

the advisory boards of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan and the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky.

David Wittenburg, Ph.D., is a Senior Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. He is a labor economist who has written several articles on programs that affect low-income populations, especially adults and children with disabilities. He is currently working on several return-to-work demonstration projects for the Social Security Administration, including as a Principal Investigator on the ongoing Accelerated Benefits Demonstration and as a senior researcher on the Youth Transition Demonstration and Benefit Offset National Demonstration projects. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Syracuse University.

Robert G. Wood, Ph.D., is a Senior Economist and Associate Director of Research at Mathematica Policy Research. He studies programs and policies affecting low-income families and disadvantaged youth. Dr. Wood currently serves as Principal Investigator for the national Building Strong Families evaluation, a relationship skills education program for low-income, unmarried parents designed to increase family stability and improve child well-being. He also serves as a Principal Investigator for the What Works Clearinghouse, where he oversees the systematic review of the literature on the effectiveness of dropout prevention programs. Previously, Dr. Wood served as Principal Investigator for the Work First New Jersey evaluation, which tracked the outcomes of a cohort of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients through a series of five annual surveys. Dr. Wood's past work has focused on the economic progress of welfare recipients and has examined particular segments of the welfare population, including disconnected TANF leavers and child-only welfare cases. He has also studied strategies for improving the outcomes of teenage parents. He joined Mathematica in 1994 and is area



leader for its family support research. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.

Heather Hesketh Zaveri, M.P.P., a Researcher at Mathematica Policy Research, has extensive experience conducting qualitative research on the implementation of social service programs for low-income families. Ms. Zaveri is leading the implementation study of Couples Employment, an effort to design and demonstrate how a voluntary intervention for couples might address employment, financial literacy, and relationship issues at the same time and to capitalize on the ways that success in each might affect the other. Ms. Zaveri is experienced at identifying and documenting program practices and system implementation by using innovative methodologies to collect and analyze qualitative 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 holds an M.P.P. in social policy from George Washington University.

Sheila Zedlewski, Director of Urban Institute's Income and Benefits Policy Center, is a national expert on income security and poverty, especially on eligibility and participation in work support programs. She has written numerous articles examining Food Stamp Program participation and the effects of work-support benefits on poverty.

Erica H. Zielewski, M.P.P., is a Presidential Management Fellow in the ACF Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation. Her portfolio includes research in youth transitioning to adulthood, family strengthening, employment retention and advancement, youth employment and asset building. Prior to joining OPRE, Ms. Zielewski spent six years as a research associate in the Urban

Institute's Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population. While at the Institute, her research focused on child welfare and well-being, youth transitioning from the foster care system, adoption, fathers' involvement with the child welfare system, family leave policy and asset-building. Ms. Zielewski holds a Master's of public policy from the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and a Bachelor's degree in political science from Vassar College.



Emerging Scholar Biographies

Lucy A. Bilaver is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago. Her dissertation research focuses on the effect of family income and early maternal employment on childhood obesity. Trained in public policy and statistics prior to beginning her Ph.D. studies, Ms. Bilaver's research uses econometric methods to identify causal effects in the context of social epidemiology. She will begin a postdoctoral fellowship this summer in health services research at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, where she plans to develop a research agenda focused on the social determinants and health care needs of children with special needs, including autism. For many years prior to her doctoral studies, Ms. Bilaver was a senior researcher at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. She is familiar with administrative data from a wide array of human services systems, including State-level child welfare, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program data.

Kimberly Clum, Ph.D., is a Research Associate at the University of Michigan's Program on Poverty and Social Welfare and a Lecturer at the School of Social Work. Her research focuses on the experiences of low-income single mothers in low-wage jobs, the structure of opportunity in the low-wage labor market, and the efficacy of public policies in facilitating low-income families' well-being. She is currently working on a manuscript for publication based on an in-depth examination of the work and family experiences, economic coping strategies, and mobility efforts of a group of single mothers working as nursing assistants. Dr. Clum received her Ph.D. from the Joint Program in Social Work and Anthropology at the University of Michigan.

Katie Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., is an Economist with the Economic Research Service (ERS). Her current research focuses on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) caseloads and interactions between receipt of SNAP benefits and other public assistance programs. Dr. Fitzpatrick joined the 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.

Amanda Geller, Ph.D., is an Associate Research Scientist at the Columbia University School of Social Work, and a Fellow at the Columbia Population Research Center. Her research examines the interactions between criminal justice policies and socioeconomic disadvantage, and their joint effects on urban neighborhoods, families, and individuals. Specifically, Dr. Geller's work has had two main foci. First, she is involved in a series of analyses using the Fragile Families and Child Well-Being study to identify the effects of incarceration on men's housing security and family involvement, as well as the effects of parental incarceration on child development. Second, she is involved in a set of studies that identify racial and socioeconomic disparities in the administration of justice, their structural and procedural causes, and their effects on urban families and neighborhoods. Dr. Geller has published in *Social Science Quarterly*, *Texas Law Review*, and *Race, Ethnicity, and Policing: New and Essential Readings* (Stephen K. Rice and Michael D. White, eds., NYU Press). She received her Ph.D. in Social Policy Analysis from the Columbia University School of Social Work.



Sarah Halpern-Meekin, Ph.D., is a postdoctoral Fellow at the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University and an assistant professor of sociology at Franklin and Marshall College. Her research interests include relationship and marriage education programs, family formation and dissolution, the relationship between family structure/background and child well-being, and social/welfare policy. Her work has appeared in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* and the *Journal of Family Issues*. She received her Ph.D. in sociology and social policy at Harvard University.

Rachel Kirzner, M.S.W., LCSW, has more than 20 years of experience in social services, in direct service, supervision, and administration. She has presented for many groups at many conferences, including the National Health Care for the Homeless Conference, the Pennsylvania Public Health Association Conference, and the National Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Technology Summit. She is currently the Project Director for the Maximizing Participation Project at Public Health Management Corporation. She received her bachelor's degree in biological basis of behavior and her master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Kirzner is a doctoral candidate in social work at Bryn Mawr College.

Luis M. Pinet-Peralta, M.Sc., is a research analyst at Optimal Solutions Group. He has held positions as a disaster and emergency health instructor in the United States and prehospital health services manager in Mexico. He also worked as an emergency planner for the Maryland Department of Disabilities before returning to the University of Maryland–Baltimore County (UMBC), where he is a Ph.D. candidate in public policy. His research interests include injury prevention and control, disaster and emergency medicine, health disparities, disability studies, health systems, and international

health policy. He obtained his B.Sc. in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Alabama and his M.Sc. in Emergency Health Services from UMBC.

Brendan Saloner, B.A./B.A., is a third-year doctoral candidate in health policy at Harvard University. His research focuses on the interactions among family well-being, health insurance coverage, and public programs in the United States. He is currently examining the financial consequences of rising health care costs on households over time and across different socioeconomic groups. His previous work has examined the varying impact of the implementation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program on the coverage of children in different types of households and States. Other work in progress examines mental health and substance use programs in the District of Columbia and Florida. He is also interested in how priorities are established within State public insurance programs, and in future work he hopes to compare priority setting in the U.S. context with other industrialized countries. Mr. Saloner has previously worked at the Urban Institute and the RAND Corporation. He received a dual B.A. in political economy and philosophy from the University of California–Berkeley.

Ephraim Shapiro, Ph.D., works as a Research Scientist in the Bureau of Chronic Diseases for the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Pennsylvania. He received an M.P.A. in health policy from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service and an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia University. He received his Ph.D. in sociomedical sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.



Elisha Smith, Ph.D., specializes in employment and survey design. She has expertise in several data collection methods, including computer-assisted telephone interviewing, computer-assisted phone interviewing, Web surveys, cognitive interviewing, and focus groups. Much of her research has focused on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and issues of women's employment. Dr. Smith has also developed and participated in research projects with providers of employment and training services for Federal, State, and nonprofit agencies, including Youth Build and the District of Columbia, Department of Human Services. Her work with these organizations has examined retention and how clients perceive their ability to find employment. As part of the In-Depth Case Studies of Advanced Modernization Initiatives, Dr. Smith is currently conducting interviews with State and county administrators on efforts to modernize State Medicaid, TANF, and food stamp programs. She is also synthesizing these findings and contributing to a report for the State of California. Dr. Smith has also written and presented research on the interaction of health and employment. As the Project Manager of the Social Security Administration's Ticket to Work Evaluation, Dr. Smith designed training materials, led training sessions, and supervised interviewers on interviewing respondents with physical and mental disabilities. She has also coauthored reports and journal articles and conducted presentations on employment and methodological issues in surveys. Dr. Smith has an M.S. in survey methodology from University of Maryland and a Ph.D. in public affairs from Princeton University.

Danilo Trisi, M.A., is a Research Analyst in the Welfare Reform and Income Support Division of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), where he has worked for the past 3 1/2 years. Mr. Trisi specializes in analysis of Federal data on

poverty. His reports address Temporary Assistance for Needy Families policies and caseloads, climate change policy, recent labor market developments, and trends in deep poverty, and draw on national survey data, administrative data, and microsimulation of tax and transfer programs. Prior to joining CBPP, he worked as a Program Associate at USAction, providing research and field support for its Federal budget and tax campaigns. Mr. Trisi holds a B.A. from Pomona College and a master's in Latin American Studies from the University of California–Berkeley.

Liyun Wu is a Ph.D. candidate in the Joint Program of Social Work & Economics at University of Michigan. Through her academic training in the United States, United Kingdom, and China, her perspective is widened to include an experiential understanding of economic, institutional, cultural, and disciplinary operators that influence social welfare. Her research spans two broad areas: development economics and impacts of U.S. public programs and social services on the well-being of disadvantaged families and children. Her dissertation examines various policy impacts on children's health, both in China and the United States. As a graduate student instructor, she has taught a wide range of courses: undergraduate-level microeconomics and macroeconomics and master's-level research method and policy evaluation. She received her bachelor's degree in statistics from Renmin University of China and her master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics.

Marci Ybarra, Ph.D., is currently a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the National Poverty Center, University of Michigan. Her research broadly examines barriers that impact access to public programs and program implementation. Dr. Ybarra received her Ph.D. in social welfare from the University of Wisconsin.



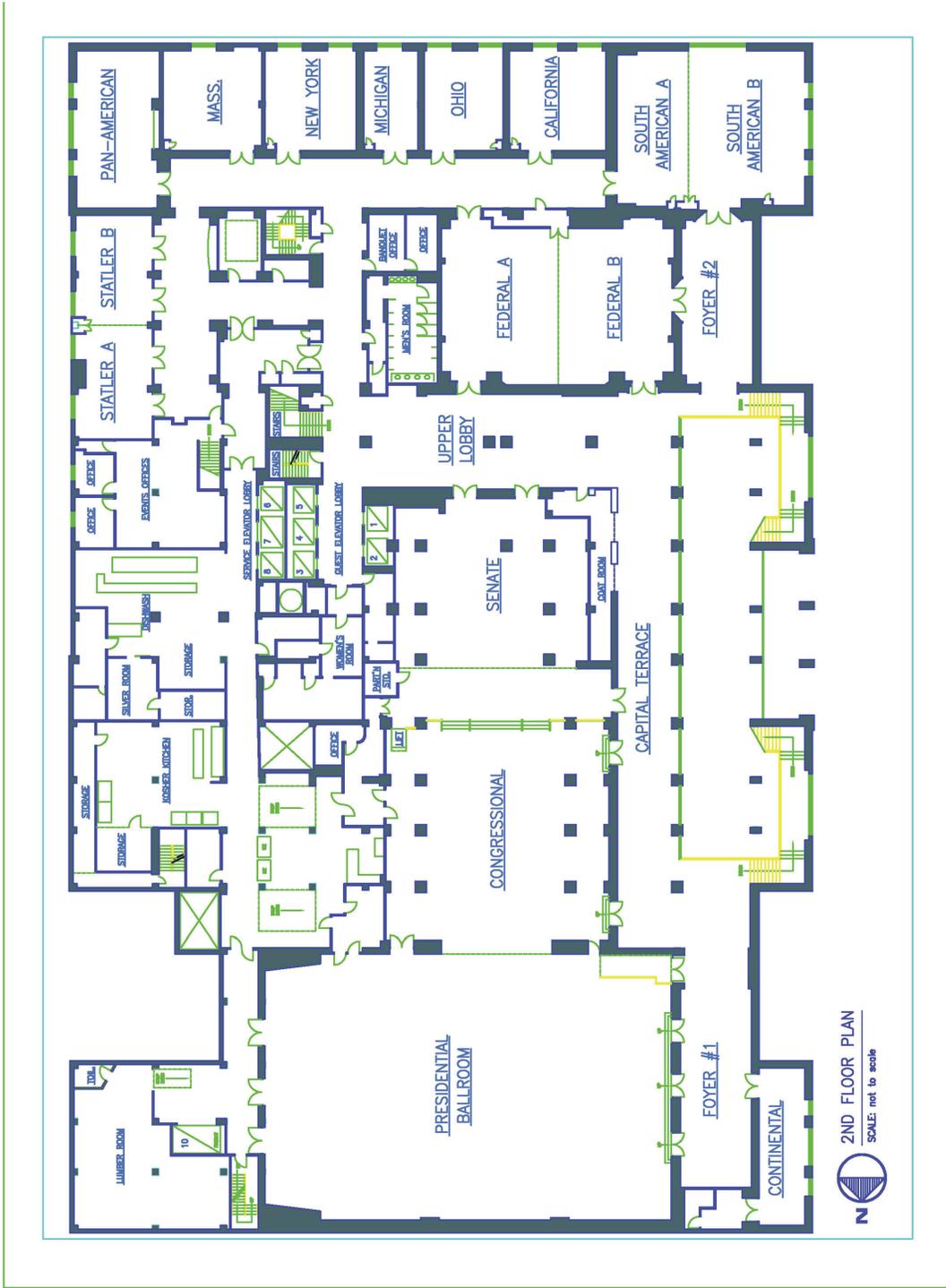
Wladimir Zanoni is an Economist currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the Harris Graduate School of Public Policy at University of Chicago. He is a Venezuelan citizen and came to the United States in 2005 as a Fulbright Scholar to undertake graduate studies in public policy.



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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*

AREA RESTAURANTS

Lunch

<i>Burger King</i>	1606 K Street
<i>Capital City Deli</i>	1100 15 th Street
<i>Caribou Coffee</i>	1101 17 th Street 1156 15 th Street
<i>Corner Bakery</i>	1425 K Street
<i>Cosi</i>	1501 K Street
<i>The Eye Street Grill</i>	1575 I Street
<i>Market to Market</i>	1615 L Street
<i>Park Place Gourmet</i>	1634 I Street
<i>Sizzling Express</i>	1445 K Street
<i>Starbucks</i>	1600 K Street 901 15 th Street 1455 K Street
<i>Subway</i>	1613 17 th Street 1015 15 th Street

Dinner

<i>Black Finn</i>	1620 I Street
<i>BLT Steak</i>	1625 I Street
<i>Bobby Van's Steakhouse</i>	809 15 th Street
<i>DC Coast</i>	1401 K Street
<i>Georgia Brown's</i>	950 15 th Street
<i>Lima</i>	1401 K Street
<i>McCormick & Schmick's</i>	1652 K Street
<i>Old Ebbitt Grill</i>	675 15 th Street

