

CHILDREN, from research to policy POVERTY, AND from policy to practice HOMELESSNESS

A national conference to build bridges,
create dialogue, and encourage ideas.

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA
January 20–21, 2010

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Registration/Exhibit Tables	9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Informal Lunch with Speakers	12:00–2:00 PM
Philadelphia Shelter Tour	2:30–5:00 PM

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Registration/Information	8:00 AM–7:00 PM
Exhibit Tables	8:00 AM–7:00 PM
Breakfast with Welcome/Opening Statements	8:30–10:00 AM
Break	10:00–10:15 AM
Panel Sessions	10:15–11:45 AM
Lunch with Keynote Speaker	12:00–2:00 PM
Panel Sessions	2:15–3:45 PM
Break	3:45–4:00 PM
Panel Sessions	4:00–5:30 PM
Hosted Cocktail Reception	5:30–7:00 PM

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

LEARNING WHILE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

Homelessness and poverty can have devastating effects on a child's ability to learn at any age. These sessions will identify gaps in current education research regarding children experiencing homelessness and poverty, examine new policy initiatives in the field of early childhood education and out-of-school time programs, and explore how homeless services providers can improve educational outcomes for the children and families they serve.

Session 1 Early Childhood Education

10:15–11:45 AM

This session will examine how homelessness and poverty impact a young child's ability to develop emotionally, socially, and cognitively and how different interventions can improve immediate and long-term outcomes.

Evelyn J. Blanck, Associate Executive Director
New York Center for Child Development, New York, NY

Sharon Henry Blythe, Director, Children and Family Policy and Research
The Family Supportive Housing Center, LLC, St. Paul, MN

Shirley Fan-Chan, Chief of External Programs
Horizons for Homeless Children, Roxbury, MA

Moderator: Sheila Smith, Director, Early Childhood
National Center for Children and Poverty, New York, NY

Session 2 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Education Rights and Resources for Students

2:15–3:45 PM

As well as an overview of the rights of students and obligations of schools under McKinney-Vento, this session will also offer an opportunity for questions and solution-sharing among participants themselves.

Barbara Duffield, Policy Director
National Association for Homeless Children and Youth, Washington, DC

Eric Tars, Human Rights Program Director/Children & Youth Staff Attorney
National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, Washington, DC

Sam Hall, Research Associate II
Urban Institute, Washington, DC

Moderator: Roberta Cancellier, Deputy Director of Planning and Policy
Office of Supportive Housing, Philadelphia, PA

Session 3 Keeping the Resource Faucet Turned On: Out-of-School Time Programs

4:00–5:30 PM

This session will introduce innovative programs that utilize community partnerships, volunteers, and creative use of resources to meet the needs of children outside of the formal school system.

Sally Bindley, Founder and CEO
Schools on Wheels, Indianapolis, IN

Barbara A. Glassman, Director, Education Programs
New York Cares, New York, NY

John Horan, President
North Lawndale College Prep, Chicago, IL

FAMILY HOMELESSNESS: IT'S SO MUCH MORE THAN JUST HOUSING

The lack of affordable housing is only one factor among many that contribute to family homelessness. Homeless families are often the most socially isolated in their communities, and these sessions will discuss the many issues that lead to or increase this isolation, as well as new research, practice and policies that address this underlying cause of homelessness.

Session 1 Homelessness and Aging Out of Foster Care

10:15–11:45 AM

This session will explore the link between youth aging out of the foster care system and aging into the system of homeless services and how that link can be broken through the cooperation of government systems and service providers.

Cheryl Zlotnic, Principal Investigator
Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute, Oakland, CA

Amy Dworsky, Senior Researcher
Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ruth White, Executive Director
National Center for Housing and Child Welfare, University Park, MD

Moderator: Michelle Gross, Public Policy Manager
Prevent Child Abuse, Albany, NY

Session 2 Engaging Fathers in Homeless Services Delivery Systems

2:15–3:45 PM

Bringing together experts from the field of homeless services and fatherhood initiatives, this session will offer information about the latest programs to encourage fatherhood engagement and how to better integrate fathers into family homeless services and prevention programs.

Rich Lombino, Director, First Step Program
Coalition for the Homeless, New York, NY

Christine Keys, Child Welfare Trainer
Connecticut Department of Children and Families (Fatherhood), Hartford, CT

Tracy Mason, Executive Director
University Settlement, Inc., Cleveland, OH

Kenneth Braswell, Executive Director
Father's Incorporated, Albany, NY

Moderator: Lloyd Pendleton, Director
Homeless Task Force, Salt Lake City, UT

Session 3 Risky Behaviors: Intervention and Prevention

4:00–5:30 PM

This session will explore the connection between high-risk behaviors, especially substance abuse, and family homelessness, as well as introduce field-tested interventions and prevention programs aimed at ending the cycle of social isolation and family homelessness.

Cathey Brown, Founder and CEO
Rainbow Days, Dallas, TX

Luke Nasta, President
Camelot Counseling Services, Staten Island, NY

Vince Faust, Program Leader
Sobriety Through Out Patient, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

THE TRAUMA OF HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY

Family homelessness and poverty are usually accompanied by traumatic experiences, increasing the likelihood that children will experience homelessness and poverty as adults. These sessions will explore the relationship between different types of trauma and family homelessness, and the latest research and policies being implemented to minimize traumatic impacts for both children and adults.

Session 1 Emotional and Mental Health Impacts

10:15–11:45 AM

Experts at this session will present the latest research on the impacts of homelessness on the emotional and mental health of children and parents, as well as how this information can be used to offer trauma-informed care to families.

Sam Girguis, Psy.D Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Children's Hospital LA, USC University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles, CA

Beth Haukebo, Deputy Director
Family Supportive Housing Center, St. Paul, MN

Session 2 Physical Health Practices and Programs

2:15–3:45 PM

This session will present data on the physical impact of poverty on young children, as well as programs that address the various health needs of families experiencing homelessness through innovative government and health care provider partnerships.

Kevin Breazeale, Assistant Director of Operations
City of Philadelphia, Office of Supportive Housing, Philadelphia, PA

Bhavani Sathya, Immunization Registry Coordinator
City of Philadelphia, Office of Supportive Housing, Philadelphia, PA

Karen Hudson, Homeless Health Initiative Program Manager
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Homeless Health Initiative, Philadelphia, PA

Elizabeth Isakson, MD, Secretary
New York Zero To Three Network, New York, NY

Session 3 Trauma Therapies

4:00–5:30 PM

This session will feature information about different therapeutic approaches to addressing trauma-based issues, including community building activities, youth-focused services, and parenting education programs.

Chrisula Tasiopoulos, LCSW
NJ YWCA Eastern Union County, NJ

Janice Lilien, Executive Director
NJ YWCA Eastern Union County, NJ

Judy Nordstrom, Founder, Lead Educator
TEPE Training Institute, Truxton, NY

Moderator: Sam Girguis, Psy.D Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Children's Hospital LA, USC University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities, Los Angeles, CA

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE:
EXAMINING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS FROM THE PUBLIC POLICY PERSPECTIVE

The face of homelessness has changed dramatically in the last century, as have the approaches taken to address the issue. These sessions will investigate the development of family homelessness in America, the latest research efforts on homelessness across the country, and the future impact of the current economic crisis on homelessness, all from the perspective of public policy experts and practitioners.

Session 1 History of Homelessness in America

10:15–11:45 AM

This session's speakers will discuss the various approaches used over the last century to address children and family homelessness, as well as explore the relationship between these approaches and homeless services today.

Ethan Sribnick, Senior Research Associate
Institute for Children and Poverty, New York, NY

Elaine Abelson, Associate Professor, History and Urban Studies
The New School, New York, NY

Sarah M. Adelman, Ph.D. Candidate
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Moderator: Walter Leginski, Ph.D., Retired, U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services, Washington, DC

Session 2 Homelessness in America: A National Look at a Local Issue

2:15–3:45 PM

Session panelists will present information about the various ways that each is looking at homelessness nationally to fully understand the scope of the problem, as well as discuss how that information can be used in every community.

Matt Adams, Principal Policy Analyst
Institute for Children and Poverty, New York, NY

Katie Volk, Director of Training
National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton, MA

Bill Sermons, Director
National Alliance to End Homelessness, Homeless Research Institute, Washington, DC

Moderator: Joe Willard, Vice President, Policy
People's Emergency Center, Philadelphia, PA

Session 3 Rural, Suburban, and Urban Homelessness and the Foreclosure Crisis

4:00–5:30 PM

This session will discuss the impact of the current economic and foreclosure crisis on homelessness in rural, suburban, and urban areas across the country and the different approaches needed to address the issue in each setting.

Jeremy Rosen, Executive Director
National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness, Washington DC

Annette Rizzo, Lead, Philadelphia Residential Mortgage Foreclosure
Diversion Pilot Program, Philadelphia Court Judge, Philadelphia, PA

Lloyd Pendelton, Director
Homeless Task Force, Salt Lake City, UT

Brendan O'Flaherty, Professor, Researcher, Author
Columbia University, New York, NY

Moderator: Brenda Laroche, Deputy Regional Director
Philadelphia Regional Office, U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development, Philadelphia, PA

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS: GETTING TO THE STORY

This session will discuss the impact of the current economic and foreclosure crisis on homelessness in rural, suburban and urban areas across the country and the different approaches needed to address the issue in each setting.

Session 1 Children, Homelessness and Poverty: The Journalist's Perspective

10:15–11:45 AM

This session will feature journalists from various media outlets to discuss how poverty and homelessness are featured in their own media and how researchers and practitioners can best reach out to journalists to convey stories in their own communities.

Pam Fesler, Journalist
National Public Radio, Washington, DC

Jennifer Lin, Journalist
Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, PA

Alfred Lubrano, Journalist
Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, PA

Session 2 Advocacy: Turning Personal Stories into Effective Advocacy Tools

2:15–3:45 PM

Every service provider has stories of families who have successfully transitioned out of homelessness, and this session's speakers will share their own stories, as well as ways to turn those stories into effective advocacy tools for different audiences.

Michelle Gross, Projects/Public Policy Manager
Prevent Child Abuse New York, Albany, NY

Moderator: Mariana Chilton, Assistant Professor, Dept of Health Management & Policy; Director,
Witnesses to Hunger, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Session 3 Youth Doing Research and Service Learning

4:00–5:30 PM

Research about homelessness can also serve as a tool for community advocacy, and this session will highlight projects that bring together students and people experiencing homelessness in order to better understand the complex issue and their communities.

Jane Powers, Senior Research Associate, ACT for Youth Project
Cornell University, Family Life Development Center, Ithaca, NY

Heidi Upton, Assistant Professor, Discover New York
St. Johns University and Mainchance Center, New York, NY

Moderator: Katie Volk, Director of Training
National Center on Family Homelessness, Newton, MA

CONNECTING TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Ending homelessness requires the cooperation of many different community members and organizations. These sessions will demonstrate a number of ways that service providers address the needs of children and families experiencing homelessness through innovative community collaborations, and discuss how they can be replicated in other areas.

Session 1 Using the Arts with Children, Parents, and Families Experiencing Homelessness and Poverty

10:15–11:45 AM

This session will highlight art programs that work with children, adults, and families to reconnect them with their communities, and also address the cultural literacy gap that children from unstable households often experience.

Leslie Bushara, Deputy Director, Education/Guest Services
Children's Museum of Manhattan, New York, NY

Saadia Pervez, Creative Arts Therapist/CA Therapy Coordinator
NJ YWCA, Eastern Union County, NJ

Brooke Campbell, Creative Arts Therapist/CA Therapy Coordinator
NJ YWCA, Eastern Union County, NJ

Moderator: Judy Nordstrom, Founder, Lead Educator
TEPE Training Institute, Truxton, NY

Session 2 Community Collaborations

2:15–3:45 PM

Creators of evidence-based programs to serve children and families face many barriers, including silos of government agencies and funding, so the speakers in this session will describe their processes for overcoming these obstacles and implementing effective collaboration in their own communities.

Christina Groark, Associate Professor, Co-Director
University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development, Pittsburgh, PA

Stephanie Groark, Associate Professor
University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development, Pittsburgh, PA

Joan Eichner, Children's Policy Director
University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development, Pittsburgh, PA

Ellen Hart-Shegos, Executive Director
Family Housing Fund, Family Supportive Housing Center, St. Paul, MN