

CALIFORNIA SYMPOSIUM ON POVERTY  
PROGRAM AGENDA  
 October 14 & 15, 2009  
 Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, Sacramento

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration		
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<u>General Session</u> <i>Introduction to the Problem</i>	In the opening session, participants will learn of the depth and breadth of poverty in America and California, including its impacts not only upon those living in poverty but also upon others. This session introduces the themes and issues to be discussed over the next two days.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Steinman &amp; Students from Village Academy High School</li> <li>• Hilary Hoynes; Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis</li> </ul>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Box Lunch		
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<u>Mini-Plenary Sessions</u>		
	1. <i>CBOs and Grassroots Campaigns: How They Can Change a Community</i>	Government programs have their role in the prevention and relief of poverty for families—but community organizing campaigns change entire neighborhoods. Learn how grassroots campaigns are strengthening communities, and how families' lives are changing as a result.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nancy Berlin</li> <li>• Luis Granados</li> <li>• Lloyd Throne</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susie Smith</li> </ul>
	2. <i>Poverty and Health: Brain Development, Chronic Illness and What Communities can do to Foster Health -</i>	Links between poverty and health are more profound than we knew. Learn about ground-breaking research into the impact poverty on brain development and discuss the interrelationships between poverty, nutrition and child health.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mariana Chilton</li> <li>• Mark Kishiyama</li> <li>• Dr. Paul Simon</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rich Burton</li> </ul>
	3. <i>“But Does It Work?” Separating Myth From Truth in the Evaluation of Child Anti-Poverty Interventions</i>	Funding may be short now but, then again, isn't it always? When there is never enough to begin with, funding should go to those programs that have been proven effective. Which ones work?	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jolene Smith</li> <li>• Philip Uninsky</li> </ul> <u>Presenter/Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Emig</li> </ul>

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break		
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<u>General Session</u> <i>Redefining the Problem,</i> <i>Poverty Measures</i>	This general session examines the very definition of “poverty” And the significant impact this definition has on public policy. Participants will learn the origin of our current method of measuring poverty, why it may be an inadequate and misleading indicator for the 21 <sup>st</sup> century and what is being done to address it.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Levitan</li> <li>• Susie Smith</li> </ul>
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Evening Reception		

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**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

	<b>Session</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast		
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<u>General Session</u> <i>The California Outlook</i>	This brief general session kicks off the second day of the Symposium with an address by the Speaker of the California State Assembly, the Honorable Karen Bass. Speaker Bass has enjoyed perhaps one of the most unique vantage points as a poverty fighter. As a founder and leader of the Community Coalition in South Los Angeles, she fought poverty at the most grassroots levels. As Speaker, she has carried that agenda forward to address poverty issues from one of the most powerful positions in state politics. Speaker Bass will share with us her unique insight as a leader in the fight against poverty from the ground up and from the top down.	<u>Presenter:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly Speaker Karen Bass</li> </ul>
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<u>Mini-Plenary Session</u>		
	1. <i>Crime and Poverty: Causes, Effects and Strategies for Breaking the Cycle</i>	This session will examine the interrelationships among crime, incarceration and poverty. What happens to families when a family member is incarcerated, and what happens when he or she is released? What systems have demonstrated success in interrupting the cycle, in shutting down the revolving iron gate?	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Burton</li> <li>• Stephen Raphael</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo Weber</li> </ul>
	2. <i>Immigrant Families: Ensuring Success for America's First Generations</i>	Participants will discuss how poverty impacts America's newest residents. What do the data demonstrate--you may be surprised--and what approaches to working with immigrant families have demonstrated success?	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donald Hernandez</li> <li>• Robin Koralek</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Applegate</li> </ul>

	3. <i>Twelve Years into TANF: Now What? A Discussion of the Current System and What Must Change</i>	Welfare changed “as we knew it,” and what happened? A distinguished panel of national experts describes the results of this massive social experiment—and offers perspective on what needs to change to improve future outcomes.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Schott</li> <li>• Danilo Trisi</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliot Robinson</li> </ul>
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break		
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.	<u>Mini-Plenary Sessions</u>		
	1. <i>Minimum Wage: Job Loser or Wage Gainer? Latest Research and Debate</i>	In this session, participants will consider research that sometimes produces contradictory results: Does a minimum wage increase result in lost jobs? What is its impact on a local economy, and what is the net result of its competing effects? Prepare for a spirited discussion from both sides of a key economic issue.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liana Fox</li> <li>• David Neumark</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Haugan</li> </ul>
	2. <i>The New Demography, the New Economy, and the New Inequality: Tackling Poverty in a Time of Crisis</i>	Poverty may know no boundaries, but different environments require different solutions. Rural, urban and suburban communities face different challenges in confronting poverty, and this nationally-known expert will provide new perspectives on how to overcome poverty—wherever it resides.	<u>Presenter:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manuel Pastor, Jr.</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cecilia Espinola</li> </ul>
	3. <i>Children Left Behind: How Poverty and Achievement Interact in Education</i>	From the earliest stages in a child’s life, poverty may impact the ability to succeed. Participants will hear the latest research that examines disparities in early learning, the impact of “dropping out” on both students and society, and new school readiness programs that are having a profound impact on children and their schools.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamara Halle</li> <li>• Dr. Russell Rumberger</li> </ul> <u>Presenter/Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Julian Crocker</li> </ul>
12:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Hosted Lunch	The Federal Perspective: An overview of the Obama Administration's planned initiatives to address poverty.	<u>Presenter:</u> David Hansell Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary U.S. Assistant Secretary for Children and Families

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<u>General Session</u> <i>Successful Strategies and Models</i>	Arguably, California is not doing as much to fight poverty as other states, and the United States is not doing as much as other countries. In this general session, Elaine Zimmerman of the State of Connecticut will discuss their comprehensive approach to battling poverty, and Martin Narey of Barnardo's will discuss the results of efforts to reduce child poverty in the United Kingdom.	<u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaine Zimmerman</li> <li>• Martin Narey</li> </ul> <u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trent Rhorer</li> </ul>
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break		
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<u>General Session/Engagement:</u> <i>Role of CWDs and Programs Next Steps</i>	In this final general session, we bring it all together to contemplate the next steps in a successful fight against poverty and its effects. Participants will have learned about the interconnectivity of poverty and health, education, immigration, crime and imprisonment. There will have been presentations on TANF, CBO's, minimum wage strategies and proven interventions—both domestic and abroad. Where should we go from here?	<u>Facilitator:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathi Grams</li> </ul>
4:00 p.m.	End of Symposium		