



■ 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.