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GRANTMAKERS INCOME SECURITY TASKFORCE



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Budget and Tax Briefing for Grantmakers

Hamilton Crowne Plaza  
*Hamilton Ballroom*  
14<sup>th</sup> and K Street, NW, Washington, DC

### AGENDA

#### Tuesday, March 31st

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- 10:00 – 11:45am**      **Pre-Conference Forum: Ensuring Low-Income Families are Included in the 2010 Census**
- The Decennial Census has historically undercounted marginalized populations, specifically people of color and low-income communities, as well as children. For the 2010 Census, the challenges of achieving a complete and accurate count are particularly daunting. This interactive briefing and strategy session will inform funders about the changing demographics of the US population, existing and new challenges to accurately counting low-income and minority populations, and the efforts of foundations and grantees working to ensure a fair and accurate Census count.
- **William O'Hare**, Funders Census Initiative (Moderator)
  - **Andy Reamer**, Fellow, Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution
  - **Lawrence Hansen**, Vice President, The Joyce Foundation
  - **Timothy P. Olson**, Assistant Division Chief, Field Division, American Community Survey, Partnership and Data Services, and Regional Geographic Programs, U.S. Census Bureau
- 12:00 – 1:00pm**      **Optional Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:15pm**      **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Michael Larcy and Benita Melton**, Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce
  - **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
- 1:15 – 3:00pm**      **Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act: What Does It Mean for Low-Income Families and Children?**
- This session will provide funders with the opportunity to discuss the implementation of the economic recovery plan at the state and local level and the specific implications for low-income families and children.
- **Michael Larcy**, Co-Chair, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)

- [John Irons](#), Research and Policy Director, Economic Policy Institute
- [Algernon Austin](#), Director, Race, Ethnicity, and Economy Program, Economic Policy Institute
- [Sharon Parrott](#), Director, Welfare Reform, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Nicholas Johnson](#), Director, State Fiscal Project, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Sheri Steisel](#), Senior Committee Director, Human Services and Welfare, Federal Affairs Counsel, National Conference of State Legislatures
- [Gaye Smith](#), Executive Director, Georgia Family Connection Partnership
- [Olivia Golden](#), Institute Fellow, Urban Institute

**3:00 – 3:15pm**      **Break**

**3:15 – 5:00pm**      **Budget and Tax Outlook for FFY 2010**

This session will include a brief presentation on the key provisions in the President's budget proposal; the implications of these proposals for supports and services for low-income families and children; and offer insights about key players and outlook for the budget debates in Congress.

- [Benita Melton](#), Co-Chair, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce (Moderator)
- [Robert Greenstein](#), Executive Director, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Bruce Lesley](#), President, First Focus
- [Maya MacGuineas](#), President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget and Director, Fiscal Policy Program, New America Foundation

**5:00pm**      **Adjourn**

**6:00 – 8:00pm**      **Dinner Program** (*rsvp required*)

Cabinet Room, Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC  
 This program will include an informal discussion about priorities of the Administration for low-income families and children and the new Middle Class Task Force created by President Obama, and chaired by Vice President Biden.

- [Jared Bernstein](#), Chief Economist and Economic Advisor to the Vice President

## Wednesday, April 1st

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**9:00 – 9:15am**      **Welcome and Reflections**

- [Stephanie McGencey](#), Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
- [Michael Larcy and Benita Melton](#), Co-Chairs, Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce

**9:15 – 10:45am**      **Workforce Policy Update: Paid Leave, Minimum Wage, and Unemployment Insurance**

This session will update funders on three critical job quality issues that reduce the ability of many low-wage working families to move up the ladder toward economic self-sufficiency: paid sick days and paid leave; raising the minimum wage; and improving access to unemployment insurance.

- [Helen Neuborne](#), Director, Quality Employment, Ford Foundation (Moderator)
- [Ellen Bravo](#), Coordinator, Family Values @ Work: A Multi-State Consortium
- [Christine Owens](#), Executive Director, National Employment Law Project
- [Melissa Josephs](#), Director of Equal Opportunity Policy, Women Employed
- [Avis Jones-DeWeever](#), Director, Research, Public Policy, and Information Center, National Council of Negro Women

**10:45 – 11:00am**      **Break**

**11:00 – 12:45pm**      **Policy Update: Early Childhood and Health Reform**

Early childhood education has recently received more attention, from both the new administration and Congress. Healthcare reform is also high on the agenda. The agenda, however, is stacked: two wars, an eye-popping deficit, and a faulty economy. Where do these issues find space, and when that space is found, will the interconnected needs of children get the depth of consideration necessary?

- [Stephanie McGencey](#), Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families (Moderator)
- [John Schlitt](#), Project Director, Advancing Home Visiting Strategies for At-Risk Families, Pew Center on the States, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- [Anne DeBiasi](#), Director of Health Policy and Advocacy, Nemours
- [Ruth Mayden](#), Senior Program Officer, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

**12:45 – 2:00pm**

**Lunch and Grantmaker Strategy Session: Weathering the Current Economic Crisis** (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)

Funders and philanthropic advisors will discuss the impact of the current economy on philanthropy and the unique opportunities it affords.

- [Alice Warner](#), Program Director, W. K. Kellogg Foundation (Moderator)

**2:00pm**

**Adjourn**