

"Next Generation of Antipoverty Policies" is the Focus of the New Issue of Princeton/Brookings *Future of Children Journal*

The Future of Children has released its latest publication, *The Next Generation of Antipoverty Policies* (Vol. 17, No. 2). The volume focuses on eight policy proposals for reducing poverty in the U.S. Accompanying the journal is an Executive Summary and a Policy Brief.

The volume concludes that a combination of work requirements and social welfare policies are the best approach to reducing poverty. According to the eleven leading scholars who contributed to the journal these strategies should be focused on both long term and short term poverty alleviation.

The authors stress four short term policies ranging from supplementing the earnings of low-wage workers, to strengthening work incentives for fathers, to providing good child care and health insurance to children and families. However, they note that policies aimed at reducing poverty in the long term are equally important. The authors propose four long term initiatives varying from reducing non-marital births, to increasing preschool and public education, to providing support to chronically poor mothers. These long term priorities will boost the development of poor children and fight poverty in the long run.

Reducing poverty is by no means an impossible task. Editors Ron Haskins and Isabel Sawhill argue in the introduction that through a combination of short term and long term policies that focus on both providing government support to families and increasing work incentives, we can address inequality today and produce numerous benefits for the future.

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