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Event Announcement

Preventing Child Maltreatment

A Future of Children Event

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 9:15 am — 11:15 am

The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

One of the most widely studied ways to prevent child maltreatment is the home-visitation program in which trained professionals visit new mothers in their homes to provide advice and assistance with child rearing and related topics. The Obama administration has proposed a new initiative that would fund such home-visiting programs. Only programs shown by high-quality studies to produce significant effects on mothers or children would be eligible for funding. Chairman Jim McDermott (D-WA) of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support has introduced legislation that would implement the president's proposal.

On October 1, *The Future of Children*, a joint project between Princeton University and the Brookings Institution, will release a new journal, "Preventing Child Maltreatment," at an event featuring Representative McDermott and former Representative Nancy Johnson. An expert panel will explore how successful programs will be determined, who will decide whether programs are successful, and how the program will be financed.

Speakers and panelists will take questions from the audience.

Introduction and Overview

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Keynote Speakers

The Honorable Jim McDermott (D-Wash)

Chairman, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, House Ways & Means Committee
United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Nancy Johnson

Senior Public Policy Adviser, Baker Donelson
Former Member (R-Conn.)
United States House of Representatives

Panel

Isabel Sawhill, Moderator

Co-Director, Center on Children and Families
Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution

Jeanne Brooks-Gunn

Virginia & Leonard Marx Professor
Teachers College, Columbia University

Robert Gordon

Associate Director for Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor
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