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Policy Forum

FEBRUARY 6-8

Plenary III: Partnering to End Childhood Poverty

Thursday, February 6, 2020

1:30 - 3:00 PM

In 2015, Congress empowered the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to empanel a non-partisan body of experts to conduct a study on child poverty and make evidenced-based recommendations to reduce the number of children living in poverty by half in 10 years. In 2019, the Committee on Building an Agenda to Reduce the Number of Children in Poverty by Half in 10 Years released the consensus study report titled, “A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty.”

Two of the principal committee members, Ron Haskins, Senior Fellow, Cabot Family Chair at the Brookings Institution and Christine James-Brown, CEO of the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), will present the committees work, findings, recommendations and perspectives on the roadmap. They will also share some of the next steps that are being taken and what can and must be done to meet such an important goal.

Also, joining the panel for an active discussion on the next steps will be two leaders from the State of Vermont. Representative Ann Pugh and Erin Oalican, Director of Reach Up/TANF are working to implement comprehensive service improvement and whole family service delivery for the families and children of Vermont.

Child support can be a critical factor and benefit for the income security of families. As we strive for new ways to engage with our families and our partners, what new tools and techniques can we garner from this report and our expert panel, and how can we be more effective in establishing the right partnerships?

Speakers: Ron Haskins, Christine James-Brown, Erin Oalican, Ann Pugh

Moderator: Alisha Griffin