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Escaping Homelessness: Helping Families Reach Their Full Potential

SVC 209-08, Capitol Visitor Center
June 6, 2017
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

In conjunction with sponsors of the *Homeless Children and Youth Act*

Sen. Dianne Feinstein
Sen. Rob Portman

Rep. Dave Loebsack
Rep. Steve Stivers

Child homelessness has steadily increased over the past three decades and is associated with profound challenges for children's development. Children who experience homelessness are at high risk for exposure to violence, poor mental and physical health, lack of access to healthcare, and disruptions in schooling. Homeless parents often struggle with depression, PTSD, substance use, and other mental health concerns which can limit their ability to buffer their children from the stress of homelessness.

This briefing will draw on new research on improving services for homeless families. Speakers will provide concrete policy recommendations that may help break the cycle of homelessness.

The panel will comprise authors and editors from recent special editions of *Advances in Child and Family Policy and Practice* and *Child Welfare* focused on homelessness:

- Mary Haskett, PhD, Professor of Psychology, North Carolina State University (moderator)
- Preston Britner, PhD, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Connecticut
- Carmela J. DeCandia, PsyD, Founder & Owner, Artemis Associates, LLC
- Anne Farrell, PhD, Director of Research, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago
- Ruth Anne White, MSSA, Executive Director, National Council on Homelessness and Child Welfare
- Grace Whitney, PhD, MPA, IMH-E, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives for SchoolHouse Connection

RSVP [here](#) or email sgioia@apa.org no later than June 5, 2017.

This is a widely attended event. Lunch will be provided.