



9th Annual Budget and Tax Briefing for Grantmakers: Crisis, Opportunity & Action

Room Capital C
Embassy Suites Washington-Convention Center
900 10th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

- 6:00pm Networking Dinner
- **Featured Speaker: Barbara Ehrenreich**, Author of *Nickel and Dimed*, *Bait and Switch*; and *This Land Is Their Land*
 - **Location:** Bobby Van's Grill - New York Ave.
1201 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

- 8:30-9:00am Networking Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15am Welcome and Introductions
- **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
 - **Mike Laracy**, Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy, Annie E. Casey Foundation
- 9:15-10:00am Federal Budget and Tax Outlook for FY2013: This Year's Urgent Threats and Opportunities
This Opening Keynote Address will highlight key provisions in the President's budget proposal effecting children, youth and families.
- **Deborah Weinstein**, Executive Director, Coalition on Human Needs
 - **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families (Facilitator)
- 10:00-10:15am Break

10:15-11:30am

FY2013 Budget Implications for Low-income Families and Children

A panel of experts will provide an overview of upcoming budget debates in Congress including sequestration, offer insights on the political and economic landscapes, and discuss the potential consequences for low-income families and children.

- [Sara Slaughter](#), Program Director, Robert R. McCormick Foundation (Moderator)
- [Robert Greenstein](#), President, 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

11:30am-12:45pm

State Tax and Budget Trends: Impacts on Public Services

This session will include a discussion of the continued impact of the recession on state budgets, the consequences of state budget shortfalls and spending cuts for low-income families and children, the impacts of unemployment, and the anticipated fallout from sequestration.

- [Mark D. Constantine](#), Vice President for Strategy, Policy and Learning, Jessie Ball duPont Fund (Moderator)
- [Nicholas Johnson](#), Vice President for State Fiscal Policy, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- [Sheri Steisel](#), Senior Federal Affairs Counsel and Senior Director, Human Services and Welfare Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures
- [Kerry Korpi](#), Director, Research and Collective Bargaining Unit, AFSCME

12:45-1:30pm

Networking Lunch

1:30-2:00pm

The President's FY2013 Budget: A Conversation with OMB

- [Martha Coven](#), Associate Director, Education, Income Maintenance and Labor, Office of Management and Budget

2:00-3:15pm

Raising Revenues: Investing in the American Dream

This session will examine some of the top strategies under consideration by policymakers and advocates for raising revenues. Panelists will discuss the policies within the current contexts of the election season, public will regarding the role of government, and the efficacy of Congress.

- [Mike Laracy](#), Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy, Annie E. Casey Foundation (Moderator)
- [Katherine McFate](#), President and CEO, OMB Watch
- [Patrick Bresette](#), Associate Program Director, Public Works, Demos
- [Aranthan Jones](#), Principal, Podesta Group

3:15-4:45pm

Occupy Philanthropy: Where Funders Fit with the 99%

The Occupy Movement has had an unquestionable impact on public discourse about income inequality. This session will review current research about the movement, reactions from other organizing movements, and an exploration of how funders might think about supporting the Movement and its narrative.

- [Robert Shull](#), Program Officer, Workers' Rights, Public Welfare Foundation (Moderator)
- [Héctor R. Cordero-Guzmán](#), Professor, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College/CUNY
- [Jonathan Smucker](#), Co-Founder and Director, Beyond the Choir
- [Gina Wood](#), Former Director of Policy and Planning, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies

- 4:45-5:00pm **Closing Remarks**
- **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
 - **Benita Melton**, Program Officer, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- 5:00pm **Adjourn**

Thursday, March 1, 2012 (FOR FUNDERS AND PHILANTHROPIC ADVISORS ONLY)

- 8:30-9:00am **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00-9:15am **Welcome and Reflections**
- **Stephanie McGencey**, Executive Director, Grantmakers for Children, Youth & Families
 - **Helen Neuborne**, Director of Quality Employment, Ford Foundation
- 9:15-10:30am **The Tax Revenue Project**
- This session will discuss a new 2012 campaign to raise federal and state tax revenues. Panelists will discuss the campaign's strategy to build a strong base of support in key states and congressional districts that can organize and mobilize the base, engage in significant federal and state legislative fights, hold candidates accountable for their votes and positions on issues, move a coordinated campaign message, and garner significant earned media.
- **Helen Neuborne**, Director of Quality Employment, Ford Foundation (Moderator)
 - **Gary Bass**, Executive Director, Bauman Family Foundation
 - **Frank Clemente**, President, Frank Clemente Consulting
- 10:30-10:40am **Break**
- 10:40am-12:00pm **Implications for Communications Strategies**
- This interactive session will engage participants in a conversation about the information learned during the Briefing and its implications for communications work currently being undertaken and work that funders can do collaboratively, including through the GIST/GCYF/GIH Communications Collaborative.
- **Ami Nagle**, Director, Nagle & Associates (Facilitator)
 - **Patrick Bresette**, Associate Program Director, Public Works, Demos
- 12:00pm **Adjourn**