

Children, the Recession, and the Economic Recovery Plan

February 19, 2009

Derek Douglas serves as the Washington counsel to New York Gov. David Paterson and director of his Washington office. He is the governor's chief liaison to Congress and the executive branch and oversees federal policy development and advocacy on domestic, economic, and urban policy issues. Prior to this appointment in 2007, Douglas was the associate director for economic policy at the Center for American Progress and director of its Economic Mobility Program. Before joining CAP, Douglas was a counsel at O'Melveny & Myers LLP and an assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Olivia Golden (moderator) is an institute fellow at the Urban Institute, where her research focuses on the service delivery, leadership, and political strategies human services programs use to help children and families. During 2007, she was the director of state operations for New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer. Previous posts include director of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency (2001–2004), assistant secretary for children and families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1997–2001), and the Children's Defense Fund's director of programs and policy (1991–1993).

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, the president of DHE Consulting LLC, was the director of domestic and economic policy for John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. He has also recently been a senior fellow at the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics and the director of the Maurice R. Greenberg Center for Geoeconomic Studies and Paul A. Volcker Chair in International Economics at the Council on Foreign Relations. Prior to that, Holtz-Eakin served as the director of the Congressional Budget Office (2003–2005) and as the chief economist for Pres. George W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers (2001–2002).

Joan Lombardi is a research professor at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute and was the founding chair of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance. At the Department of Health and Human Services during the Clinton administration, Lombardi served as the deputy assistant secretary for external affairs in the Administration for Children and Families and as the Child Care Bureau's first director. She wrote *Time to Care: Redesigning Child Care to Promote Education, Support Families and Build Communities* and launched the Global Leaders for Young Children program with the World Forum Foundation.

Matthew Stagner is the executive director of Chapin Hall and a senior lecturer at the Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago. Prior to joining Chapin Hall, he directed the Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population at the Urban Institute and was the director of the Division of Children and Youth Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. An expert on youth risk behaviors, child welfare services, and program evaluation, he is the chair of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy's Research Advisory Group.