



## **Symposium on Child and Family Policy**

SACRAMENTO, CA – Growing up in poverty has a detrimental effect on children. Stress associated with living in poverty can have a negative effect on children’s developing brains, reducing their cognitive skills and ability to learn as they face obstacles that make it challenging to perform well in school, potentially limiting their future job prospects.

The Child Support Directors Association (CSDA) is sponsoring a one-day Symposium on Child and Family Policy that looks at how poverty can erode the family unit, provide undue pressure and can be harmful to children raised in that environment.

In the opening session “Call to Action...The Crisis in American Families” attendees will look at the complexity of economic instability and the struggles that mothers and fathers face in providing for their children.

Session two “Impact on a Child’s Well-Being” will focus on existing programs for low-income children and families; their engagement with fathers, and what is being done to improve family outcomes.

The final session “Our Children...What’s Next?” will examine how children need to be able to rely on their parents for the financial, emotional, and medical support to be healthy and successful and identify opportunities for us to work together to improve outcomes for our children.

Presenters include world-renowned experts in their field: Emily Apt, award winning documentary film producer on social issues; Kenneth Braswell, Executive Director of Father’s Incorporated; Dr. Kathryn Edin, Sociologist and Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Olivia Golden, Executive Director, Center for Law and Social Policy; Alisha Griffin, Director, California Department of Child Support Services; Dr. Sherri Heller, Director Health and Human Services, Sacramento County; Assemblymember Tony Thurmond; Dr. Marcella Wilson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Transitions to Success

This one-day symposium on March 1, 2017 at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. Admission is open to anyone interested in the well-being of families and children and is complimentary – however, reservations are required.

To register and for more information visit: <http://csdaca.org/csdaevent/16/>