



2007 Illinois Family Impact Seminar

School's Out: After-School Programs and Policies that work

A Family Perspective for State Policymaking

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■ The Illinois Family Impact Seminars



The Institute of Government and Public Affairs, in partnership with a network of 18 universities around the nation, offers the Family Impact Seminar in Illinois. Building on the institute's existing programs, these nonpartisan briefings are designed to help members of the state Legislature assess and solve policy problems that affect families.

During each legislative session, an advisory board identifies the most pressing family policy issues facing the state and determines which issue can be best addressed in a short seminar using existing research knowledge. Nationally-recognized experts skilled at translating research for legislative audiences make presentations at the seminar and contribute written

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materials. The briefings typically consist of several 15 minute presentations, with time for discussion in between and at the end. Frequent small-group sessions allow for more in-depth discussion with the experts.

Past seminars across the states in the network have addressed a range of topics with relevance for families. These include prescription drug costs, Medicaid, long-term care, childhood obesity, teenage pregnancy, early childhood education, education finance, juvenile justice, and welfare.

Experts for the Family Impact Seminar are drawn from diverse academic disciplines, including economics, education, human development, political science, psychology, and sociology. They come from universities, non-academic think tanks, and government research

bureaus. These experts are asked to offer a range

of solutions that recognize the unique political, fiscal, and programmatic context in the state. The briefings consistently receive high ratings from across the political spectrum, including conservative and liberal, Republican and Democrat state legislators.

The Institute of Government and Public Affairs organizes the Illinois Family Impact Seminar under the direction of Dr. Rachel A. Gordon, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Faculty on each of the three university campuses also contribute. IGPA expects to hold at least one seminar each year in Springfield.

Founding partners for the Illinois Family Impact Seminar include the Institute for Juvenile Research in the Department of Psychiatry on the Chicago campus and the Department of Human and Community Development and the School of Social Work on the Urbana-Champaign campus.

The Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars network is directed by Karen Bogenschneider of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Additional information about the seminars and the network can be found at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/familyimpact>.

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Agenda

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Registration

State House Inn– *Gallery, 1st Floor*

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Main Panel

State House Inn– *Gallery, 1st Floor*

Format: 15 minute presentations, with question-and-answer in between talks and at the end.

Priscilla Little, Associate Director
Harvard Family Research Project

What Works in After-School Programs? Achieving Educational, Prevention, and Youth Development Goals Through Quality Programming

Jennifer Stedron, Program Manager
Education Program, National Conference of State Legislators

Legislative Policy Ideas: What's Happening in After School in Other States?

Charles Smith, Director
Youth Development Group, High/Scope Educational Research Foundation

Assuring Quality in After-School Programs: What Are States Doing?

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Reception

State House Inn– *Gallery, 1st Floor*

Format: Informal, extended discussions with the speakers.