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## **National experts to discuss proven strategies for reducing child poverty in Connecticut**

What are the best ways reduce child poverty in Connecticut? A panel of the nation's most prominent experts on the subject will present their answers to the state Child Poverty and Prevention Council at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 7, in Room 2-D of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

The Council has compiled 67 recommendations for reducing child poverty over the next 10 years, and the experts will identify which of those will have the greatest impact, from a research basis.

Robert L. Genuario, secretary of the state Office of Policy and Management, will welcome the experts and serve as moderator of a discussion they will hold after presenting their consensus findings.

The panel includes:

- Dr. Lawrence Aber, a New York University professor who sits on New York City's Commission for Economic Opportunity, a panel established by the mayor to help reduce poverty and increase economic opportunity in the city.
- Dr. Rebecca Blank, a University of Michigan professor who co-directs the National Poverty Center at the University's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. She served as dean of the Ford School from 1999 to 2007. Before that, she served as an advisor to President Clinton.
- Dr. Mark Greenberg, executive director of the Center on American Progress' poverty task force, which is developing recommendations for addressing poverty in the United States. He is on leave from the Center for Law and Social Policy.

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- Dr. Ron Haskins, co-director of the Brookings Institute's Center on Children and Families. He is also a senior consultant at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore. He spent 14 years on the staff of the subcommittee in Congress that dealt with welfare, then served as President George W. Bush's senior advisor on welfare.
- Clifford Johnson, executive director of the Institute for Youth, Education and Families at the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. He leads NLC's efforts to help municipal leaders meet the needs of children, youth, and families.
- Dr. Rucker C. Johnson, assistant professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkley.

OPM staffs the Child Poverty and Prevention Council, whose members come from all three branches of government. The Connecticut Commission on Children is among the members.

**One-on-one interviews with panelists can be arranged. Please call Kevin Flood at (860) 240-0078 as early as possible to make arrangements.**

Child Poverty and Prevention Council home page:  
<http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2997&q=383356>

Council report containing the 67 recommendations for reducing child poverty:  
<http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/HHS/CPC/2007ChildPovertyandPreventionReport7.pdf>  
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