



## Supporting Immigrant Children in New Jersey

Immigrant children are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population today. In New Jersey one in five residents is foreign-born, and the immigrant population is highly decentralized. Children from immigrant families face particular challenges with education, physical and mental health, poverty, and assimilation into American society. Join us as we examine the wellbeing of immigrant children in the country and in New Jersey. Discover through conversations with greater Mercer County practitioners what we can do collaboratively to improve immigrant children's educational attainment, health status, social and cognitive development, and long-term prospects for success.

8:30 – 9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am: Welcome

Elisabeth Donahue, *Assistant Dean for Public and External Affairs, the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University*

Nancy Kieling, *President, Princeton Area Community Foundation*

9:15 – 10:00 am: The Wellbeing of Children of Immigrants: A Framework for Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges

Krista M. Perreira, *Associate Professor, the University of North Carolina*

Moderator – Elisabeth Donahue

10:00 – 11:00 am: What are the Realities for Immigrant Children in New Jersey?

Patricia Fernandez-Kelly, *Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology; Research Associate, Office for Population Research, Princeton University*

Katherine Hempstead, *Director of the Center for State Health Statistics, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services*

Anastasia Mann, *Director, Program on Immigration and Democracy, Rutgers University*

Moderator – Elisabeth Donahue

11:00 – 11:15 am: Break

11:15 – 12:15 pm: Panel Discussion and Audience Response

Reverend Karen Hernandez-Grantzen, *Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church*

Roberto Hernandez, *Director, Catholic Charities' Centro de Recursos Para Families (El Centro)*

Maria Juega, *Executive Director, Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund*

Norbert A. Wetzel, *Director, Princeton Family Institute*

Moderator – Lauren Moore, *Project Manager, the Future of Children*

12:15 – 12:30 pm: Closing Remarks

Michelle Cash, *Vice President, Grants and Programs, Princeton Area Community Foundation*

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