Event Announcement

Work and Family Balance

A Future of Children Event

Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 9:00 am — 11:00 am
The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

With the continued entry of mothers into the workforce and a rising share of children living with single parents, many families are experiencing the pressures of finding balance between work and family lives. Unlike other nations with advanced economies, the U.S. has very modest government policies requiring employers to give their workers benefits such as paid family leave for illnesses or childbirth. Given the difficult state of the American economy and the large and growing federal deficit, prospects for federal legislation in the foreseeable future seem doubtful. These conditions suggest that state and local government as well as employers might play an increasingly important role in helping families deal with the demands of work.

On October 5, The Future of Children, a joint project of Princeton University and the Brookings Institution, will release the latest issue of its journal. The issue and the accompanying policy brief review the problems encountered by working families and propose policies for both the public and private sectors aimed at reducing work-family pressures. The event will begin with an overview of the journal and the policy brief by Jane Waldfogel of Columbia University and Ron Haskins of Brookings. Following the overview, Maryella Gockel of Ernst & Young will give a keynote address on how her firm, known as a leader in family policies, deals with work-family issues. A panel of experts will respond and discuss what businesses, communities and the federal government can do to assist working families.

After the program, the speakers will take questions from the audience.

Introduction

Ron Haskins
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Overview

Jane Waldfogel
Professor of Social Work
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Keynote Speaker

Maryella Gockel
Flexibility Strategy Leader

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Panel

**Moderator: Ron Haskins**
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**Ellen Galinsky**
President and Co-Founder
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**Heather Boushey**
Senior Economist
Center for American Progress

**Maryella Gockel**
Flexibility Strategy Leader
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**Jane Waldfogel**
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To RSVP, please call the Brookings Office of Communications at 202.797.6105, or visit our website.

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