

America's 2.5 Million Homeless Children: A Panel Discussion

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 | Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2168, Washington, D.C.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Welcome

Barbara Broman
Director, AIR

LaTasha Lee
Policy Advisor, Rep. Alcee Hastings

Discussion Panel

John McGah
Senior Associate, AIR

Denise Ross
Homelessness Liaison, Prince
George's County School District

Mark Greenberg
Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF

Q&A

Carrie Palmer
Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep.
Eddie Bernice Johnson (Moderator)

Closing

LaTasha Lee & Carrie Palmer
Staff, Congressional Homelessness
Caucus

BIOGRAPHIES

John McGah

Senior Associate, AIR/National Center on Family Homelessness



John McGah manages and directs projects and activities to support community-based efforts to help end homelessness at AIR's National Center on Family Homelessness, and provides technical assistance for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and HUD-funded grantees. He previously worked in HMIS implementation in Massachusetts as a statewide HMIS Systems Administrator, and as consultant and evaluator for other communities. McGah is the founder of Give US Your Poor, a national nonprofit public education campaign to help end homelessness using the arts and systems thinking. He was formerly a senior research associate at University of Massachusetts Boston's Center for Social Policy where he conducted research and evaluations. McGah currently teaches a course on systems thinking at the university's McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, where he studied for his master of science degree in public affairs.

Barbara Broman

Director, Crosscutting Strategic Initiatives, AIR



Barbara Broman joined AIR in May 2014 as director of crosscutting strategic initiatives in the Health and Social Development Program. Her focus is on federal priorities and policy directions across a broad range of federal programs and agencies. Broman also oversees AIR's

National Center on Family Homelessness and its research, training and technical assistance activities. Barbara came to AIR from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the US Department of Health and Human Services where she was a senior career manager covering policy and research in a wide array of areas, including homelessness, youth development, teen pregnancy prevention, child welfare, children of incarcerated parents, re-entry, immigration, poverty and early childhood.

Mark Greenberg

Acting Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



Before joining HHS, Mark H. Greenberg directed the Georgetown University Center on Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy, a joint initiative of the Georgetown University Law

Center and the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. In addition, he was a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress (CAP) and the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP). He previously served as the executive director of CAP's Task Force on Poverty and as CLASP's director of policy. During his career, Greenberg has written extensively on issues relating to federal and state welfare reform efforts; workforce policy issues affecting low-income families; child care and early education policy; tax policy; poverty measurement; and a range of other low-income issues. In addition, he frequently provided technical assistance to state and local governments regarding poverty reduction strategies. Prior to coming to D.C., Greenberg worked at Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Florida and the Western Center on Law and Poverty in Los Angeles. Greenberg is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School.

Carrie Palmer

Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

Carrie Palmer is a senior legislative assistant in the Office of Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the 30th District of Texas. Originally from Dallas, Texas, Palmer handles issues related to health, senior citizens, women, homelessness, hunger, foreign affairs, immigration and animal protection for Rep. Johnson. Before serving on the legislative team, Palmer was the staff assistant for Rep. Johnson. Palmer holds a master of arts in government from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of arts in political science from Washington College.

Denise Ross

Homeless Liaison, Prince George's County School District, Maryland



Denise Ross has been with the Prince George's County Public School System in Maryland since 1984. She has served as the supervisor of the Homeless Education Office for Prince George's County Public Schools for the past nine years. She is the secretary on the Board of Directors for the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. Under her leadership, more than 1,800 homeless students are receiving McKinney-Vento services during this school year. Denise has implemented programs in which parents/students were provided with gift certificates and vouchers to purchase clothing, uniforms, shoes and personal hygiene items from various vendors. She is responsible for initiating an after-school tutorial program at an elementary school where a significant number of students residing in a transitional housing program are enrolled. Denise is married and has one daughter. She enjoys exercising, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

