



Mark your calendar: April 18 from 3:30 – 5:00
Briefing: **Forgotten Families**
National Council of La Raza: 1126 16th Street, NW

The Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), The Coalition on Human Needs (CHN), and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) invite you to a briefing on important research findings from **Forgotten Families** a just-released book by Dr. Jody Heymann. The briefing will be held April 18th at the National Council of La Raza beginning at 3:30 (the session will end around 4:30 and follow with wine and cheese). If you are engaged in issues related to working families, child well-being, family health, globalization, workplace conditions, economic inequality, gender equity or related topics, you should come and hear the author, Jody Heymann, point to how the findings can help your efforts.

Learn what a Baltimore nurse, a Honduran sweatshop worker, and a Vietnamese shoe factory laborer have in common. If they are parents, they all have to balance the often impossible demands of earning a living with those of raising healthy, cared-for children. Globally, support for working families varies widely. Where support is low, gender and income inequalities are exacerbated. Other findings may be even more surprising. For example, Heymann's research reveals the difficult truth that parents in Baltimore are more likely to leave their children home alone sick all day than parents in Vietnam, which has a progressive parental leave policy.

Forgotten Families goes further than documenting problems; this new study sheds light on what can be done to find solutions and take advantage of the opportunities – for families, businesses and nations - created by globalization. Highlighting lessons from countries that have -- with far fewer resources than the United States -- implemented policies to improve conditions for working families, **Forgotten Families** asserts that only by embracing solutions that are truly global can we improve the lives of working families everywhere.

Heymann, founder of the Harvard-based Project on Global Working Families and Director of the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School, has produced a groundbreaking study devoted to understanding how globalization is affecting working families around the world.

Please pass this invite along to colleagues who also might be able to use these research findings.

We hope to see you on the 18th.

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