Work Family Congressional Education and Policy Day

Researchers from Across the Country and Around the World Met in June to Educate Congress About Work and Family Issues!

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Work Family Congressional Education and Policy Day was held June 22, the day before the Work and Family Researchers Network (WFRN) 2016 Conference opened in Washington, D.C. This special day was co-hosted by the National Partnership for Women & Families and the Washington Center for Equitable Growth. Work and family researchers from across the country and around the globe had the opportunity to meet with legislators and their staff in more than 100 Congressional offices to educate them and share their perspectives about issues such as paid family and medical leave, paid sick days, and fair scheduling.

An interactive training session was held for participants on the morning of June 22, including pointers on how they could make their research most relevant to legislators and their staff. Participants then met individually or in small groups with members of Congress to share their perspectives and research. The National Partnership and Equitable Growth provided the training, scheduled the meetings, and paired individuals up with policy practitioners.

Agenda

Location of Training - The training was held at the Parish Hall at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St NE, Washington DC 20003; nearest metro stations are Union Station on the red line or Capital Hill South on the orange/blue line.

- 8:00 am Check-in and breakfast
- 9:00 am Opening remarks
- 9:30 am What does it mean to educate and what to expect on the Hill
- 10:00 am  Issue briefing
- 11:00 am  Hill staff panel
- 11:30 am  Role play and planning
- Noon      Lunch and depart for the Hill
- 1:00-4:00 pm  Meetings on Capitol Hill

In addition to the training and meeting opportunities, Work Family Congressional Education and Policy Day also included:

Congressional Briefing on Work and Family Policies (see [video][1] of the briefing [1])

Powerpoint presentations from the speakers at the Congressional Briefing are also available:

Christopher Ruhm, Ph.D., University of Virginia  

Ankita Patnaik, Ph.D., Mathematica Policy Research  
Quebec Paid Parental Leave and the ‘Daddy Quota’: Effect on Paternal Involvement with Children [3]

Patricia A. Stoddard-Dare, Cleveland State University  
Health Care Costs Associated with Lack of Paid Sick Days [4]

Jenna Stearns, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Health Effects of Temporary Disability Insurance and Paid Sick Days [5]

A reception featuring multi-media art project SHOWING (work x family) was held after the briefing at Capitol Visitor Center Room, HVC-201, U.S. Capital

SHOWING (work x family) is a photography project about the push and pull of work and family in our sped-up world: how it impacts our kids, our employers, our spouses, our elders, our friends, and ourselves. A traveling exhibition with pictures by acclaimed photographers, SHOWING captures intimate everyday routines and situations - commuting and car pools, calendars and keys, school day mornings and weekend chores, child care and grandparent shifts, single parent households and blended families. An ongoing high school photography assignment brings teen perspectives to the dialogue. SHOWING is a project of the Working Assumptions Foundation, a
non-profit organization that collaborates with artists to amplify and recast the conversation about work and family.