June/July News from the National Center for Children in Poverty

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Welcome to the June/July 2002 listserv. Here's what's new at NCCP:

- 1. <u>New policy brief series focuses on improving children's economic security by supporting parental employment</u>
- 2. Check out NCCP's Early Childhood Poverty: A Statistical Profile UPDATED!
- 3. Check out NCCP's Child Poverty Fact Sheet UPDATED!
- 4. NCCP Advisor LynNell Hancock Discusses American Attitudes Toward the Poor
- 5. <u>We want your feedback and suggestions for improvement!</u>

Improving Children's Economic Security: Research Findings About Increasing Family Income Through Employment (updated)

This important policy brief series focuses on state policy options that have the potential to improve children's economic security by increasing family income. More specifically, the series examines policies that seek to increase family income by encouraging, supporting, and rewarding work. <u>Click here</u> to read the series introduction.

Early Childhood Poverty: A Statistical Profile (updated)

Inadequate nutrition, environmental toxins, diminished interaction due to maternal depression, trauma and abuse, lower quality child care, and parental substance abuse. These are some of the risk factors associated with poverty in early childhood. <u>Click here</u> to learn why the first years of life are more important than had been thought for children's emotional and intellectual development, and why millions of children in the United States are at

developmental risk.

Child Poverty Fact Sheet

Did you know that America's children are almost twice as likely to live in poverty as Americans in any other age group (16 percent compared to 9-10 percent for working and retired adults)? <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

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NCCP Advisor LynNell Hancock Discusses American Attitudes Toward the Poor

Americans have long felt ambivalent toward those in poverty and who should qualify for government assistance. LynNell Hancock, author of Hands to Work: The Stories of Three Families Racing the Welfare Clock and assistant professor in the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University, discusses the various issues and shifting attitudes of both policymakers and the public in responding to the poor. Hancock is a member of NCCP's Council of

Advisors, an advisory board that helps guide the work of NCCP. <u>Click here</u> to view a 5-minute interview with LynNell Hancock.

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