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Workshop on Strengthening Benefit-Cost Methodology for the Evaluation of Early Childhood Interventions

March 4-5, 2009

**National Academy of Sciences Building
Lecture Room
2100 C Street NW, Washington, DC**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

- 12:30-12:45 PM** **Welcoming Remarks**
*Barbara L. Wolfe, University of Wisconsin-Madison and
Planning Committee Chair*
- 12:45-1:15 PM** **Introduction: Overview of Benefit-Cost Analysis for Early Childhood
Interventions**
Lynn A. Karoly, RAND Corporation
- 1:15-2:30 PM** **Panel 1: Methodological Issues in Evaluation Design**
Moderator: Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University
- Identification**
Jens Ludwig, The University of Chicago
- Statistical Inference**
David Deming, Harvard University
- Questions and Discussion**
- 2:30-3:30 PM** **Panel 2: Resources and Costs for Full Scale Early Childhood Interventions**
Moderator: David L. Weimer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Issues in Assessing Costs and Determining Resource Allocations**
Henry Levin, Columbia University
- An Illustration of Cost Estimation from New Jersey**
Clive Belfield, Queens College, CUNY
- Questions and Discussion**

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- 3:30-4:45 PM** **Panel 3: Early Childhood Intervention Outcomes for Benefit-Cost Analysis**
Moderator: Margaret C. Simms, The Urban Institute
 Sins of the Fathers
 W. Steven Barnett, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- The Wish List**
 Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, Columbia University
- Questions and Discussion**
- 4:45-5:00 PM** **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**
 Barbara L. Wolfe, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thursday, March 5, 2009

- 8:30-8:40 AM** **Welcoming Remarks**
 Barbara L. Wolfe, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 8:40-10:00 AM** **Panel 4: Assessing Long-term Outcomes**
Moderator: Jane Waldfogel, Columbia University
- Approaches to Projecting Long-Term Outcomes**
 Katherine A. Magnuson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Leveraging Administrative Data**
 Janet Currie, Columbia University
- Questions and Discussion**
- 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** **Panel 5: Valuation of Outcomes and Resources/Costs**
Moderator: Robert M. Kaplan, University of California, Los Angeles
- Shadow Prices Needed for CBAs of Early Childhood Interventions**
 David L. Weimer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Valuation of Outcomes in Environmental Economics**
 Myrick Freeman, Bowdoin College
- Valuation of Outcomes in Criminal Justice**
 Philip J. Cook, Duke University
- Valuation of Outcomes in Health Economics**
 Donald S. Kenkel, Cornell University
- Questions and Discussion**
- 12:00-12:45 PM** **Lunch**

12:45-2:10 PM

Panel 6: Generalizability of Benefit-Cost Analyses

Moderator: *Barbara L. Wolfe, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

The Potential Role of Meta-Analysis

Mark W. Lipsey, Vanderbilt University

Design and Analysis Considerations

Howard S. Bloom, MDRC

Questions and Discussion

2:10-3:30 PM

Panel 7: Policy Decision-Making Roundtable

Moderator: *Ron Haskins, The Brookings Institution*

Roundtable Panel Members

Rudolph Penner, The Urban Institute

Jon Baron, Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy

Steve Aos, Washington State Institute for Public Policy

3:30-4:30 PM

Workshop Wrap-Up

Moderator: *Robert M. Kaplan, University of California, Los Angeles*

Summary Comments: *Robert H. Haveman, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Discussion

4:30-5:00 PM

Final Participant Comments and Closing Remarks

Barbara L. Wolfe, University of Wisconsin-Madison