

# FAMILY RE-UNION 11: FAMILIES AND YOUTH

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*Co-Sponsored by*

*The Child and Family Policy Center of Vanderbilt University and  
Tufts University's Applied Developmental Science Institute of the Eliot-Pearson  
Department of Child Development*

## OPENING SESSION

**Welcome and Introductions** **8:30-8:45**

**Jesse Purcell**, Freshman at Hume Fogg High School, Nashville, TN

**Bill Purcell**, Mayor, City of Nashville, TN

**Harry Jacobson**, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Vanderbilt  
University Medical School, Nashville, TN

**Andy Shookhoff**, Co-Sponsor and Associate Director, The Child and Family  
Policy Center at the Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies,  
Nashville, TN

**Richard Lerner**, Co-Sponsor and Bergstrom Chair in Applied Developmental  
Science, Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Tufts  
University, Medford, MA

**Opening remarks by Al and Tipper Gore** **8:45-9:00**

**Video collage** **9:00-9:15**

Produced by Jeffrey Cole, Director, UCLA School of  
Communication Policy

## FORUM

**9:15-10:30**

**"Families and Youth; Actions for Positive Change"**

**Al and Tipper Gore** lead a discussion with young representatives of  
outstanding programs.

**Lucretia Birdinground**, Sophomore at the Saint Lebre Indian School and  
Member, Rez Protectors Team, Crow Agency, MT

**Olga Cardoso**, Sophomore at Southwestern University; co-founder, the Spanish  
Immersion Institute of South Texas; and volunteer, employee and board  
member of the Llano Grande Center, Edcouch, TX

**Curtis Carro**, Senior at Seminole High School and volunteer leader, Community  
Youth Mapping, Pinellas County, FL

**Matt Cavedon**, Eighth grade student at McGee Middle School and Co-  
Chairman of the Junior Advisory Board of the National Center for  
Boundless Playgrounds, Bloomfield, CT

**Esperanza Chavez**, Sophomore at East High School; Youth Biz, Division of  
Youth Energy; Leader Cole School Reform; Coordinator for Story  
Circle, Making Connections, Denver, CO

**Chike Ibeabuchi**, Freshman at Boston College; Member, Board of Directors,  
Peace Games; volunteer Boston Area Health Education Center,  
Boston, MA

**Eric Polk**, Senior at Stratford High School and Youth Mobilizer for  
Community IMPACT! Nashville, Nashville, TN

**Raven Scott**, Sixth grade student at James S. Daley Middle School and volunteer with Photovoice, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, MA  
**Jessica Stone**, Senior at Oak Hill High School; childcare provider and family advocate; Board Member Child Law Services, Mount Hope, WV

PANEL DISCUSSION

**10:30-11:40**

**“Emerging Issues for Youth and Families”**

**Al Gore** moderates a distinguished panel discussing cross-cutting issues.

**Antoine Bennett**, Career Counselor, Eden Job Services and YouthBuild Valedictorian, Baltimore, MD

**Kim Cooper**, Graduate, Stanford University and former student leader, California Association of Student Councils, Portola Valley, CA

**Richard Lerner**, Bergstrom Chair in Applied Developmental Science, Tufts University, Medford, MA

**Moises Perez**, Executive Director, Alianza Dominicana, Inc., NYC, NY

**Karen Johnson Pittman**, President, IMPACT Strategies, Inc. and Executive Director, Forum for Youth Investment, Washington, D.C.

**Wendy Wheeler**, President, The Innovation Center for Community and Youth Development, Chevy Chase, MD

*Conference attendees proceed to working group sessions. A box lunch is available at the first session.*

WORKING GROUP SESSIONS

**SESSION I**

**12:00-1:15**

**SESSION II**

**1:30 -2:45**

Members of the California Association of Student Councils facilitate interactive sessions with prominent panelists including young program leaders.

Each conference participant attends two working groups.

*(See following section for description and presenters at working groups.)*

CLOSING SESSION

**3:00-4:00**

**“Commitments to a Strong Alliance Between Families and Youth”**

Who will support these initiatives? What will be different in the future?

**Al and Tipper Gore** moderate a discussion with

**Eunkyung Priscilla Baek**, Senior at Hume Fogg High School; youth leader, Nashville Youth PULSE Program; intern, The Strobel Group; member, Mayors’ Youth Council; and member Youth Council, Unity Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

**Peter Benson**, President, Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN

**Debra Delgado**, Senior Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD

**Don Floyd**, President and CEO, National 4-H Council, Chevy Chase, MD

**Sam Jones**, Sophomore and member of the Student Senate at Vanderbilt University and intern and member of the Nashville Regional Board of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Nashville TN

**Rick Little**, Founder and CEO, International Youth Foundation, Baltimore, MD

**Lisa Spinali**, Vice President for Civic Engagement, Omidyar Foundation, Palo Alto, CA

**Dorothy Stoneman**, Founder and President, YouthBuild USA, Somerville, MA

## FAMILY RE-UNION 11 WORKING GROUPS

- 1. Families and Youth, a New Alliance?** How do parents and youth support one another? How do we educate and assist parents? What are the developmental issues?  
**Suzin Bartley**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, Boston, MA  
**Marc Bornstein**, Senior Investigator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and Head of Child and Family Research, Bethesda, MD  
**Esperanza Chavez**, Sophomore at East High School; Youth Biz, Division of Youth Energy; Leader Cole School Reform; Coordinator for Story Circle, Making Connections, Denver, CO  
**Marti Erickson**, Director, Children, Youth, and Family Consortium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN  
**Kayt Norris**, Senior at Quincy Senior High School and President and Co-Founder "Helping Hands", Quincy, IL  
**Margaret Beale Spencer**, Board of Overseers Professor of Education, Graduate School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2. Youth and the Media:** How does media impact youth? How are youth portrayed? How can parents act as media educators? How can youth use media to strengthen family and community?  
**Jeffrey Cole**, Director, UCLA Center for Communication Policy, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA  
**Larry Gianinno**, Vice President, Strategic Communications, W. T. Grant Foundation, New York City, NY  
**Laura Lorenz**, Consultant to Photovoice, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, MA  
**Delia Perez**, High school social studies teacher and Project Director, Llano Grande Center, Edcouch, TX  
**Jennifer Sanchez**, Seventh grade student at E. N. Rogers School and volunteer with Photovoice, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, MA  
**Raven Scott**, Sixth grade student at James S. Daley Middle School and volunteer with Photovoice, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, MA
- 3. Youth and the Workplace:** Involving youth actively in the working world. How can families help? What is the role of business and the community? Mentoring youth and supporting working parents.  
**James Claybourne**, Junior at East Magnet School and Youth Mobilizer, Community IMPACT! Nashville, Nashville, TN  
**Mary Agnes Hamilton**, Senior Research Associate, Human Development Department, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
**Stephen Hamilton**, Professor, Human Development Department, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**Dale Mitchell**, Vice President, Community Development, US Bank, Nashville, TN

**Eric Polk**, Senior at Stratford High School and Youth Mobilizer for Community IMPACT Nashville, Nashville, TN

**Fran Rodgers**, Chief Executive Officer, WFD Consulting, Watertown, MA

**Dorothy Stoneman**, Founder and President, YouthBuild USA, Somerville, MA

- 4. Youth and Learning:** How do adolescents learn and how should families be involved? Active family involvement in schools and strategies for after school programs. Parents providing school safety and strong role models. Building a climate of understanding.

**Antoine Bennett**, Career Counselor, Eden Job Services and YouthBuild Valedictorian, Baltimore, MD

**Joan Bergstrom**, Professor and Director, Center for International Education, Leadership and Innovation, Wheelock College, Boston, MA

**Kim Cooper**, Graduate, Stanford University and former student leader, California Association of Student Councils, Portola Valley, CA

**Jose Cruz**, Sophomore at Yale University; co-founder, the Spanish Immersion Institute of South Texas, volunteer and employee, Llano Grande Center, Edcouch, TX

**Anne McGintis**, Coordinator of Parent, School, and Community Involvement, Hamilton County Schools, Chattanooga, TN

**Tony Wallace and Linda Wallace**, Founders, Security Dads, Indianapolis, IN

- 5. Youth and Health:** Family involvement means healthier outcomes for youth. How can we involve youth and families in preventing teen pregnancy, substance abuse and violence? Supporting mental health and good nutrition and fitness.

**Robert Blum**, Professor, General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Sarah Brown**, Director of The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, Washington, DC

**Henry Foster**, Professor Emeritus and Former Dean, Meharry Medical School; Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; Founder “I Have a Future” teen pregnancy reduction program, Nashville, TN

**Judy Freudenthal**, Director of Clinical Services, Oasis Center, Nashville, TN

**Chike Ibeabuchi**, Freshman at Boston College, Member, Board of Directors, Peace Games and volunteer Boston Health Education Center, Boston, MA

**Lee Ann O’Neal**, Program Director, Hands On Nashville, Nashville, TN

- 6. Youth and Community:** Promoting active civic engagement for youth and involving families. Service learning and giving youth an active role in building community and economic security. What are some successful strategies?

**Curtis Carro**, Senior at Seminole High School and volunteer leader, Community Youth Mapping, Pinellas County, FL

**Dina Formentini**, Junior at Seminole High School and volunteer leader, Community Youth Mapping, Pinellas County, FL

**Eric Hanson**, Mayor of Cambridge, Illinois and Youth Development Educator for University of Illinois Extension, Galva, IL

**John Hilley**, Executive Director, Community IMPACT! Nashville, Nashville, TN

**Nikki Marr**, Managing consultant, Children and Family Networks, and former Associate Judge of the Juvenile Court of DeKalb County, Atlanta, GA

**Sharon Shields**, Assistant Provost for Academic Service-Learning, Professor of the Practice of Health Promotion and Education and Director of the State and Local Policy Center, VIPPS Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

**7. Youth Bridging the Generations:** Seniors and youth enrich each other's lives as volunteers and mentors building community. How can families and communities encourage this interaction?

**Belen Amaya**, Sophomore at Alexander Hamilton High School and Event Coordinator, Mar Vista Family Center, Culver City, CA

**Donna Butts**, Executive Director, Generations United, Washington, DC

**Tiffany Herring**, Eighth grade student at Neely's Bend Middle School and Volunteer, Across the Ages program, Madison, TN

**Rev. Luke Ramsey**, Volunteer, Oasis Center and great-grandfather of ten, Nashville, TN

**Jean Rhodes**, Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA

**Alan Solomont**, Member, Board of Directors, Corporation for National Community Service, and President and CEO, Solomont Bailis Ventures, Newton, MA

**8. Youth, Families and Recreation:** Offering youth and families healthy activities: sports, art, music, etc. as well as family time. Using recreation to strengthen family and community.

**Jim Buermann**, Chief of Police, Housing, Recreation, and Senior Services, Redlands, CA

**Matt Cavedon**, Eighth grade student at McGee Middle School and Co-Chairman of the Junior Advisory Board of the National Center for Boundless Playgrounds, Bloomfield, CT

**Lucia Diaz**, Executive Director, Mar Vista Family Center, Culver City, CA

**Jose Morales**, Junior at Venice High School and Youth Leader, Mar Vista Family Center, Culver City, CA

**Lily Yeh**, Founder and Executive Director, The Village of Arts, Humanities, Philadelphia, PA

**9. Youth in Rural and Small Town America:** Special challenges and special opportunities. How can youth and families overcome isolation and build stronger communities?

**Lucretia Birdinground**, Sophomore at Saint Lebre Indian School and

Member, Rez Protectors Team, Crow Agency, MT  
**Barbara Clinton**, Director, Center for Health Services, Vanderbilt  
University, Nashville, TN

**Don Floyd**, President and CEO, National 4-H Council, Chevy Chase, MD  
**Jessica Stone**, Senior at Oak Hill High School; childcare provider and family  
advocate; Board Member Child Law Services, Mount Hope, WV

**Wendy Wheeler**, President, Innovation Center for Community and Youth  
Development, Chevy Chase, MD

**Robert Young**, Executive Director, Red Feather Development Group,  
Bellevue, WA

**10. Youth Around the World:** Learning from other cultural traditions as well as  
from immigrant youth and their families. Working across cultures to achieve  
harmony and community strength and sustainable leadership in a changing  
world.

**Mona Abdallah**, Senior and President of Speech and Debate Team, Loara High  
School, and participant, Community Cousins, Anaheim, CA

**Jose Ricardo Diaz**, Youth Coordinator, By Youth, For Youth Network,  
Mar Vista, Family Center, Culver City, CA

**Della Hughes**, President, Institute for Just Communities and Visiting Fellow,  
Institute for Sustainable Development, Heller Graduate School for  
Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

**Rick Little**, Founder and CEO, International Youth Foundation, Baltimore, MD

**Shazeen Mufti**, Program and Development Director, NCCJ of Orange County,  
and founder, South Asian Resource and Advocacy Center (SARAC) and  
Islamic Community Action Network (ICAN), Orange County, CA

**Helen Witcher**, Consultant to YouthBuild and the Umsobomvu Youth Fund,  
Goose Creek, SC

**11. Youth and Families in Transition:** How can we help youth and their families  
make the transition to adulthood? from foster care? from other countries and cultures?  
With incarcerated parents? With chronic illness? Issues and successful strategies.

**Sandra Barnhill**, Founder and CEO, Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers,  
Inc., Atlanta, GA

**David Boje**, Student at North High School, and President, Youth Working for  
Positive Change, Making Connections, Des Moines, IA

**Olga Cardoso**, Sophomore at Southwestern University; co-founder, the Spanish  
Immersion Institute of South Texas; and volunteer, employee and board  
member of the Llano Grande Center, Edcouch, TX

**Neal Halfon**, Professor of Pediatrics, School of Medicine and  
Community Health Services, School of Public Health, and Director,  
UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities,  
Los Angeles, CA

**Shawn Huff**, Associate Director, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative,  
Atlanta, GA

**France Neff**, Director of Family Independence and Teen Living Programs,  
Roxbury, MA