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CREATING A FUTURE WHERE ALL CHILDREN THRIVE

Moderator

Dr. Henry Coleman, a professor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. He was a Brookings Economic Policy Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. His areas of expertise include social policy, inequality and disparities, urban revitalization and education.



Panelists



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Kimberley Chin, Deputy Director at the Children's Defense Fund-NYC. Before joining that organization in September, she was the Director of Public/Private Partnerships at the NYC Administration for Children's Services, where she worked to strengthen ACS' partnerships and leverage funding to serve children, families and communities.

Mary Coogan, the Vice President of Advocates for Children of New Jersey. She is an attorney and head of ACNJ's Kidlaw Legal Resource Center. She has authored several guides and articles on child welfare related topics and has represented ACNJ as amicus curiae before the state Supreme Court in several cases.

