



A Common Foundation: Creating Opportunity for the Next Generation

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Grand America Hotel • Salt Lake City, Utah

Check-in • 7:30

Conference • 8:00-2:30

Light breakfast and lunch provided

Senator Stuart Reid and Karen Crompton, President and CEO of Voices for Utah Children, invite you to join them to help find solutions to intergenerational poverty. Nearly one in six children in Utah live in poverty. Ameliorating the impacts of poverty early in life can have far-reaching effects on our prosperity. The purpose of the forum is to begin a dialogue that will lead to a shared commitment to finding solutions to the issue of intergenerational poverty. To begin this discussion, the Utah Department of Workforce Services will present findings from its new report on intergenerational poverty in Utah, the culmination of work resulting from Senate Bill 37, sponsored by Senator Reid.

Conference Agenda

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Karen Crompton, President and CEO Voices for Utah Children – The Importance of Good Data to Drive Good Policy
- 8:15 a.m. Senator Stuart Reid – Intergenerational Poverty: A Call to Action
- 8:30 a.m. Presentation of the Utah Intergenerational Poverty Report – Rick Little, Director Workforce Research & Analysis Dept. of Workforce Services
- 9:00 a.m. What Do We Know About Poverty and Opportunity?
Dr. Thomas Maloney, Chair of the Department of Economics, University of Utah – The Big Picture
Michael De Groote, Reporter for the Deseret News – Moving on Up: Is the American Dream in Trouble?
- 10:00 a.m. Closing the Opportunity Gap through Education and Skills Development: Early Interventions, K-12 and Postsecondary Education
Dr. Cheryl Wright, University of Utah – The Long Reach of Childhood Poverty
Brenda Van Gorder, Director of Title 1 Preschool Program Granite School District – Closing the Opportunity Gap
McKell Withers, Salt Lake Superintendent – Chronic Absence: Why Attendance Matters
- 11:00 a.m. The Role of Faith and Charitable Organizations
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sister Suzanne Brennan – Holy Cross Ministries
William A. Duncan – Sutherland Institute
- Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch - Elizabeth Roy, Opportunity Nation
- 1:30 p.m. Whose Job is it to Create Opportunity?
Dennis Campa, Associate Director Policy Reform and Advocacy Annie E. Casey Foundation – A Two Generation Strategy
Bill Crim, Senior Vice President of Collective Impact and Public Policy, United Way of Salt Lake - Creating Community Level Change

Featured Speaker - Elizabeth Roy Opportunity Nation

Elizabeth Clay Roy is the Deputy Director of Opportunity Nation. She is also the co-author of *Shaping Vibrant Cities*, a guidebook on effective community planning and political engagement for neighborhood organizations. It is based on community organizing work with Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy in Bangalore, India. She is a graduate from Columbia University and holds a Master in City Planning degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Opportunity Nation is a bipartisan, cross-sector national campaign made up of more than 250 non-profits, businesses, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and individuals all working together to expand economic opportunity and close the opportunity gap in America.

Opportunity Nation's guiding principle is that the zip code you're born into shouldn't determine your chances for success, and that when social mobility grinds to a halt, we are in grave danger of losing the best of America. That is the unfortunate predicament that our country finds itself in today, and they are working to see that this tide is reversed immediately and permanently.

**To Register call Sara at 801-364-1182.
Seating is limited so register today!**

