Poster Symposium: Child Care Subsidies and Family Well-Being

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Overview and Goals of the Symposium

- **Working assumption:** subsidy receipt leads to critical changes in the lives of low-income families, which, in turn, are likely to influence child and maternal well-being

- **Objective:** understand the mechanisms through which child care subsidy policy influences family well-being

- **Approach:** introduce conceptual framework for thinking about subsidy effects, presentations of the latest research, and facilitated group discussion and processing

- **Session structure:**
  - Presentation of conceptual framework (15 min)
  - Poster symposium on subsidy research (45 min)
  - Reconvene to discuss key results and directions for future research (30 min)
Key Pathways Through Which Child Care Subsidies Influence Child Well-Being

Child Care Subsidy Receipt -> Child Care Markets

Maternal Employment

Private Consumption

Non-Parental Child Care

Child Well-Being
Introduction to Today’s Presenters on Child Care Subsidies

- Child Care Subsidy Receipt
- Maternal Employment
- Child/Family Well-Being

- Private Consumption
- Non-Parental Child Care

- Child Care Markets
- Ellen Scott: maternal work outcomes
- Anna Johnson & Wendy Robeson: child care quality
- Nikki Forry & Chris Herbst: child development
- Amy Claessens & Yoonsook Ha: Summer center care participation & child care stability
## Unpacking the Channels of a Subsidy Effect

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