



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Commission on Children



A Commission on Children forum on housing, nutrition, wellness, and youth employment in the current economy and state budget process

Children and Families in Recession: The Policy and Budget Implications

**10 a.m. – Noon, Tuesday, April 14, 2009
Room 2-A, Legislative Office Building, Hartford**

Welcome: Dr. Alex Geertsma, Chair, Commission on Children

Context and Overview: Elaine Zimmerman, Executive Director, Commission on Children

Panel Discussion, moderated by Elaine Zimmerman:

Housing: What's a Family to Do?

Carol Walter, Executive Director, Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness

Food Security: The Impact of Hunger

Lucy P. Nolan, Executive Director, End Hunger Connecticut!

Family Health and Wellness

Dr. M. Alex Geertsma, Chair of Pediatrics, St. Mary Hospital, Waterbury

Jobs for Youth in Hard Times

James Boucher, Future Workforce Division Director, Capital Workforce Partners

Community Perspective:

East Hartford Mayor Melody A. Currey and parent Gwen Samuel

Budget and Policy Discussion

Representatives Marie Kirkley-Bey, Toni Walker, and Lile R. Gibbons; other legislators

Public Comment

Commission Business

Vote on minutes of the January 13 and March 10 meetings