

Contra Costa/Solano Regional Children's Summit

Pleasant Hill Recreation Center

January 29, 2008

Draft Agenda

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- 8:30 a.m. Registration/Book-signing
- 9:00 a.m. Opening and Welcome
Osby Davis, Mayor of Vallejo
Congressmen George Miller (by pre-recorded video)
- 9:30 a.m. David Kirp, Professor of Public Policy at the Goldman School of Public Policy, UC-Berkeley and author of the recently-published book, *The Sandbox Investment: The Preschool Movement and Kids-First Politics*. Dr. Kirp will speak in conversation with local reporter Belva Davis about the larger economic forces at work in creating children's policies
- 10:30 a.m. BREAK
- 10:45 a.m. Panelist 1: Ross Thompson, Professor of Psychology, UC-Davis. Dr. Thompson will discuss the current knowledge about brain development in young children and how that affects our understanding of public policy
- 11:30 a.m. Panelist 2: Neal Halfon, Director of the Center for Healthier Children, Families and Communities and Professor of Pediatrics, Health Studies and Life Sciences, UCLA. Dr. Halfon will address the many issues impinging on the health of young children and the policies that will be necessary to make children and their families healthier.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30p.m. Keynote: Jean Ross, Executive Director, California Budget Project. Ms. Ross will delineate the economic forces affecting families today in California and how state and local policies directly affect children and families.

1:30 p.m. Close