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Keynote Panel

Housing as a Human Right: Including Everyone



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Judith Samuels, MBA, PhD is the CEO of The Samuels Group, an active consultancy to philanthropies, global NGOs, non-profit organizations and government agencies. Dr. Samuels' research spans health and mental health services, education, homelessness, policy and interventions. Early in her research career she was a member of research teams that built the evidence for supportive housing, housing first and the Critical Time Intervention (CTI).

Of significance, her work with homeless families is cited in the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health's final report and she is the lead author on "Homeless Children: Update on Research, Policy, Programs and Opportunities," commissioned by ASPE at HHS. And in her recent role as head of HOMEworks has just released a study and paper "A Right to Housing in NYC: Impact on Families With Children" has garnered broad support. She has held appointments as the tenured Head of the Policy Analytic Lab and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Policy and Services Research Lab (CHAMPS) at the Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, as an Assistant Professor at the NYU Medical School Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, as a Research Professor and an Adjunct Professor at the Steinhardt Graduate School in Global Public Health and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, both at NYU. Judith has worked on housing and homelessness in 22 states, several countries and served on numerous non-profit management boards and research advisory boards.

Henry Love (MA, MPhil), is a Senior Analyst at Abt. Associates, and PhD candidate in Developmental Psychology at the CUNY Graduate Center. His experience spans a wide range of anti-poverty programs and policies including homelessness prevention, self-regulation development, youth trauma, and implicit racial bias. Mr. Love is committed to developing and testing new programs to improve the lives of BIPOC families, children, and youth living in poverty. His lived experiences growing up as an African American youth, navigating the extreme levels of racial systemic inequity in his hometown of Detroit, MI ignited his passion for education equity and reducing child poverty.

Before joining Abt, Mr. Love oversaw Gateway Housing's Attendance Matters 2-year pilot program (Funded by The Robinhood Foundation and JP Morgan Chase), which identified, addressed, and managed multiple systemic, intergenerational, and logistical barriers to improve school attendance amongst children experiencing homelessness in NYC shelters. Furthermore, Mr. Love advised the NYC Department of Homeless Services, non-profit shelter providers, and The NYC Department of Education on developmentally appropriate practices and policies to address chronic absenteeism and overall family functioning of homeless families.

In his role with HOMEworks, Henry oversaw and advised the initiatives' two demonstration projects, on the implementation of participatory action research methods and addressing racial equity, in conjunction with the project's primary investigators. Zero-Babies Homeless aims to prevent pregnant and new moms from entering shelter. DV Housing First aims to prevent survivors of domestic violence from entering shelter. HOMEworks is an initiative funded by Trinity Church Wall Street, committed to a model of collaboration and participatory action research design that is grounded in a framework of equity. The goal of HOMEworks is to make family homelessness infrequent and brief. Mr. Love has worked closely with Lived Expertise Consultants and a Research Advisory Group, to design and implement new approaches to increase housing stability for vulnerable families.

Currently, Mr. Love is Co-PI on the *Mayors for a Guaranteed Income, Pilot Evaluations project*, where he leads activities to ensure rigorous implementation and evaluation. Mr. Love is also a TA provider for HUD's *Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program* where he provides support to grantees to improve community-wide responses to youth homelessness and better coordinate across systems (e.g., housing, foster care, justice). In this role, he works directly with funded Continuums of Care to develop cross-system plans and improve project implementation. He is developing tools and products to enhance understanding of developmental principles underpinning the program, including rapid re-housing, youth engagement, youth choice, and coordination with health, education, and child welfare system partners.