

The Annie E. Casey Foundation

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Reducing Disparities and Improving Outcomes for Kids and Families of Color

*The Annie E. Casey Foundation Joins Journalists at UNITY '08 to Talk
about Issues Facing Children, Families, and Communities of Color*

WHAT: The Annie E. Casey Foundation will host *Telling the Full Story: Reducing Disparities, Improving Outcomes for Kids and Families of Color*, at the UNITY: Journalists of Color 2008 Convention during a daylong institute. **Attendees will get a sneak preview of the first-ever, comprehensive national and state data on child well-being broken down by race** and will hear from journalists and nationally recognized experts about ways to expand the understanding and coverage of issues facing children, families, and communities.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 23, 2008
9:30 a.m. Session I: Reducing Disparities in the Child Welfare, Juvenile Detention Systems
11:30 a.m. Session II: Moving Families of Color from Poverty to Opportunity
1:30 p.m. Session III: Closing the Gap in Disinvested Communities
3 p.m. Session IV: Using Data, Reporting on Race
Breakfast and lunch will be served

WHO:

- **Lynne Varner**, editorial writer and columnist, *The Seattle Times*
- **Antonio Olivo**, urban affairs reporter, *Chicago Tribune*
- **John Keilman**, suburban news reporter, *Chicago Tribune*
- **Lionel Foster**, staff writer, *Urbanite Magazine*
- **Meizhu Lui**, Co-Author, [The Color of Wealth: The Story Behind the U.S. Racial Wealth Divide](#)
- **Scot Spencer**, Manager of Baltimore Relations, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Laura Beavers**, National KIDS COUNT Project Coordinator, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Sandra Avila**, Consultant, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Susan Batten**, Senior Associate of Community Change Initiatives, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Dr. Ralph Bayard**, Senior Director for Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs
- **Bonnie Howard**, Senior Associate for The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Bart Lubow**, Program Manager for High Risk Youth, The Annie E. Casey Foundation
- **Christine McPherson**, Managing Director of Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs

WHERE: 2008 UNITY Convention
McCormick Place Convention Center
2301 S Lake Shore Dr
Chicago
Session Number/Code: 1009
Room: McCormick Place West – W179

To register for the Institute, please contact:

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