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**In Era of Tight Spending, Youth Policy Experts to Recommend Best Strategies for Assisting America's Most Disadvantaged Young People at NYC Conference**

*Economic downturn means higher unemployment for older youth in already vulnerable, low-income communities*

Top youth policy experts will convene in New York on Oct. 7 at a conference hosted by Public/Private Ventures to discuss evidence-based strategies for assisting the country's most disadvantaged youth as public funding for programs is jeopardized by dwindling federal and state budgets. Economic downturns always mean higher unemployment for teens and young adults in low-income communities, as they often lack the education and skills needed to compete in a tough job market. The consequences may be dire, resulting in higher instances of crime, incarceration, early parenthood, and unemployment – all of which have serious social and financial costs.

Some of the questions that will be answered include: In an era of economic difficulty, where should investments in older youth be made? With Election Day around the corner, what opportunities will a new administration present? Which policies have been working and which have been failing? And at what points in these youth's lives are interventions most likely to be effective?

Speakers will conclude by identifying what they believe to be the top youth policy priorities for the next administration and the years to come.

**What:** New Directions in Youth Policy Forum  
Hosted by Public/Private Ventures

**When:** Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008  
8:30am to 12:00pm

**Speakers:** **Brent Staples**, *New York Times*; **Brent Orrell**, U.S. Department of Labor; **Michele Cahill**, Carnegie Corporation of New York; **Sudhir Venkatesh**, Columbia University; **Jean Grossman**, Princeton University and P/PV; **Loren Harris**, Ford Foundation;

**Stacy Holland**, Philadelphia Youth Network; **Andrew Sum**, Northeastern University; **Jacquelynne Eccles**, University of Michigan

**Where:** The Ford Foundation Auditorium  
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