



# Children's homelessness:

*not only a matter of having a street address, but of building a more cohesive and inclusive society:  
the critical role of Early Childhood Development*

A side event to the 58<sup>th</sup> UN Commission on Social Development

**February 17, 2020**

**1:15-2:45 pm**

**Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters**

**Featuring:**

***Deborah K. Padgett***, PhD, MPH, New York University Professor at the Silver School of Social Work and Affiliate Professor at the Department of Anthropology and the College of Global Public Health  
*“The Impact of Homelessness on Children and Families: Examining the Evidence”*

***Chloe Stein***, Principal Policy Analyst, Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness, NYC  
*“Examining the Long-Lasting Impact of Homelessness on Children”*

***Christopher Hanway***, Executive Director, Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, NYC  
*“Educating Homeless Children: The Family Literacy Approach”*

***Nada Elattar***, Early Childhood Development (ECD) Specialist at UNICEF, Headquarters in NYC  
*“Survive and Thrive - Supporting young children and families impacted by humanitarian situations”*

***Moderator: Suna Hanöz-Penney***, Director of International Program, ACEV-Mother Child Education Foundation (Turkey)



## Speaker Biographies:

**Dr. Deborah K. Padgett** is a professor at the Silver School of Social Work at New York University. Dr. Padgett is known for her expertise in qualitative/mixed methods and is the author of two textbooks in this area. She is an expert on the ‘housing first’ approach to ending homelessness and is first author of a book on housing first published by Oxford University Press (2016). She has published extensively on homelessness and mental health services research in journal articles. Dr. Padgett received two all-qualitative R01 grants from the National Institute of Mental Health from 2004 to 2016, both of which examined mental health and substance abuse recovery among formerly homeless persons living in supportive housing. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare and former President of the Society for Social Work and Research.

**Chloe Stein** serves as a Principal Policy Analyst, leading ICPH’s work on housing and health, including *The Dynamics of Family Homelessness in New York City* and *No Longer Hidden: The Health and Well-Being of Homeless High School Students*. Before joining ICPH in 2016, Chloe served as Assistant to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health. She holds a Master’s degree in Health Policy and Management from Columbia University, and Bachelor’s degrees in Public Health and Spanish from Franklin & Marshall College.

**Chris Hanway** is the Executive Director at Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, a community-based social service organization in Long Island City, Queens. Before that, he was the organization’s Director of Development & Communications for five years. Mr. Hanway has 19 years of professional experience in the not-for-profit sector, most notably at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, the Institute for Classical Architecture, and the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He received his B.A. from Hunter College of the City University of New York and has a Master’s in Public Administration from Baruch College. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Migration. A native of Long Island, Chris has lived in four of New York City’s five boroughs and now resides on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with his partner, Kevin and their five-year old son.

**Nada Elattar** is the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Specialist at UNICEF, Headquarters in New York focused on ECD in emergency contexts globally. Nada is former Senior Director of Educational Programs, International Social Impact at Sesame Workshop. With a background in education, public health and communications, Nada has lead teams that develop and implement large scale early childhood initiatives that span across the globe. In addition to her roles at UNICEF and Sesame Workshop, Nada has worked for a number of prestigious international organizations. Nada holds a Bachelor’s of Science in Health Education from San Francisco State University and a Master’s of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University-Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Suna Hanöz-Penney** currently works as the Director of International Programs at AÇEV— Mother Child Education Foundation and is pursuing a Mid-Career Master’s in Public Administration at Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Her work involves building and maintaining collaborative partnerships, while she manages the transfer and implementation of AÇEV’s educational programs through partnerships with local organizations in numerous countries in Middle East, South East Asia and Central America. Her work focuses on both designing and supervising the early intervention programs for children and families implemented at both the national and international fields.