Building a Research Agenda in Behavioral Economics, Parenting, and Child Development: A RSF Workshop

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Agenda

9:30am   Continental Breakfast

10:00am  Welcome and Introductions
         Ariel Kalil, Sheldon Danziger

10:30am  Session 1: How does the context of poverty shape decision-making?
         Lead Discussants: Marianne Bertrand, Eldar Shafir

         Lead Discussant: Flavio Cunha

12:00pm  Session 3: Why are parenting interventions in families so challenging and what can behavioral economics contribute? How applicable are the lessons we learned from other fields (finance, health) to parenting? What are the lessons learned from parenting interventions that help us make that translation? What are the behavioral tools that we can apply to family life, especially closing the gaps between children and parents in advantaged and disadvantaged families?
         Lead Discussants: Lisa Gennetian, Larry Aber

12:45pm  Lunch

1:15pm   Session 4: What are the actual interventions that we would need to design to test some of these questions? What are the key elements of such interventions? What tools do we need? Families are not institutional settings – what special challenges does this pose? Is “light touch low cost” feasible or desirable? Where have efforts thus far failed and what have we learned from those failures?
         Lead Discussants: Phil Oreopoulos, Todd Rogers

2:00pm   Discussion of framing in the translation of these ideas to research, policy, and practice
         Maya Shankar

2:45pm   Wrap-up and Open Discussion
         Susan Mayer

3:30pm   Adjourn
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