Today most parents with children work outside the home. Yet the pace of progress toward family-friendly national work policies has been glacial, leaving many parents struggling to cope, often without even such basics as paid sick leave to enable them to take care of a sick child. Despite its rhetoric about valuing both families and work, the United States has fallen far behind other advanced nations in giving family-friendly words real meaning in the world of work.

Please join with leading experts on the subject for a discussion about what the U.S. can do to get serious about giving working parents the help and support they need in their efforts to provide for their families.

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
7:30-8:00

KEYNOTE & DISCUSSION
8:00 - 8:30

Rep. Rosa DeLauro
A senior Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, Congresswoman DeLauro represents the 3rd district of Connecticut and is the sponsor of the Healthy Families Act, which requires employers to provide at least seven days of paid sick leave a year.

PANEL PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION
8:30 - 10:00

Dr. Heidi Hartmann
President and Founder, Institute for Women’s Policy Research; Research Professor, The George Washington University; MacArthur Fellowship awardee for work on women and economics
Expanding the Social Contract to Include Family Care

Dr. Janet Gornick
Professor of Political Science, Baruch College, City University of New York
Director, Luxembourg Income Study

FILM AT 10! THE MOTHERHOOD MANIFESTO
10:00 - 11:00
This new documentary, aired on PBS stations around the country, shows the challenges working women still face, and what’s being done about it. It is produced by longtime PBS veteran John de Graaf (“AFFLUENZA”) and NOVA producer/director Laura Pacheco and filmed by five-time Emmy winner Diana Wilmar. Executive Producer: Joan Blades, co-founder of MoveOn.org.