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Len Tierney Lecture - 16th July 2009

The Len Tierney Lecture 2009

Naomi Eisenstadt

Director of the Social Exclusion Unit Cabinet Office UK,
former Director of Sure Start in the UK

*"From pre-pregnancy to old age: ensuring
early intervention reaches the most in need."*

10 years on, what we have learnt about children, parents and inequality?

The Social Exclusion Unit within the Cabinet Office in the United Kingdom has a primary remit to improve the opportunities and life changes for children and families living in the most disadvantaged circumstances. This lecture reports on learning from the UK about the processes and policies which can impact on inter-generational social disadvantage. The difficulties of addressing programs which impact on families with the most complex problems are highlighted alongside the dilemmas of targeting social policy appropriately to make a difference.

Naomi Eisenstadt is Director of the Social Exclusion Task Force at the UK Cabinet Office. She is responsible for the delivery of the first Public Service Agreement on Adults at risk of deep exclusion. This is a cross government commitment to deliver homes and meaningful employment for adults who are furthest from the job market, including adults with learning disabilities, serious mental health problems, and ex-offenders.

The Task Force also carries out short studies commissioned by government departments on issues of deep disadvantage for children and families where policy solutions must involve collaboration across departments and agencies.

From 1999 Naomi ran the Sure Start Programme. This grew over seven years into responsibility for the Government's policy on services for young children, extended schools and parenting.

She is a non-executive director of a primary care trust. In 2002 Naomi was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Open University. In 2004 she was awarded the CB in the New Year Honours list.

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