



The Fund for
New Jersey

CENSUS 2020 IS COMING... IS NEW JERSEY READY?

May 3, 2018

Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick

- 10:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Kiki Jamieson, The Fund for New Jersey

- 10:10 Why the Census Matters for New Jersey & the U.S. (plus Q&A)
Christine Harley, The Leadership Conference

- 11:00 Census 101: The Nuts and Bolts of a Complete Count (plus Q&A)
Jeff Behler, Regional Director, U.S. Census Bureau

- 11:20 Focus on New Jersey's Hard-to-Count Places and Groups (plus Q&A)
Alana Vega and Peter Chen, Advocates for Children of New Jersey

- 11:45 The Citizenship Question: What to Expect (plus Q&A)
Scott Novakowski, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

- 11:55 Strategies that have worked in other states and regions
Christine Harley, The Leadership Conference

- 12:15 Lunch served

- 1:00 Breakout discussions to share ideas for engagement in specific areas

PRESENTERS

Christine Soyong Harley is the Director of 2020 Census Counts, a nonpartisan initiative of The Leadership Conference of Civil and Human Rights to engage a diverse and broad base of stakeholders to support a fair and accurate decennial census count in 2020. Chris most immediately served as Deputy Director of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, working to increase the strategic impact of NCAPA's role in promoting just policies for vulnerable communities. Prior to joining NCAPA, Chris served as the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Jeff T. Behler began his Census Bureau career in the Detroit Regional Office in 1997 working as a survey statistician on various programs. In 2002, he transferred to Census Bureau Headquarters in Suitland, Maryland to work in the Decennial Management Division as a Project Manager on the 2004, 2005, and 2006 Census Tests and served as Chief of the Housing and Health Surveys Branch. Jeff transferred to the Dallas Regional Office in December of 2006 where he served as the Assistant Regional Director. In 2007, he was selected as the Deputy Regional Director and was responsible for a wide range of activities related to the 2010 Census for the Dallas Region. In January 2013, Jeff became the Director of the New York Regional Office.

Alana Vega is Kids Count Coordinator for Advocates for Children of New Jersey. She is ACNJ's data custodian, responsible for collecting, analyzing, and organizing state-, county-, and city-level data relating to the well-being of New Jersey's children. Alana leads the production and presentation of ACNJ's signature Kids Count publications. Prior to joining ACNJ, Alana worked on the Sandy Homeowner/Renter Assistance Program (SHRAP) where she assisted Superstorm Sandy victims to obtain financial resources to aid in the repair or rebuilding of their homes.

Peter Chen is policy counsel at Advocates for Children of New Jersey. Peter is responsible for policy analysis and advocacy at the state and local level in areas such as child lead poisoning, chronic absenteeism and young child development, as well as assisting families in advocating for their children in early intervention. Prior to joining ACNJ in 2014, Peter clerked for Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and taught high school English in Chicago.

Scott Novakowski is Associate Counsel at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, where he helps lead the Institute's Civic Engagement Pillar of work, including its campaign to restore voting rights to people in prison, on parole, and on probation in New Jersey. Scott was previously a voting rights attorney and senior policy analyst at Demos, a national policy organization.