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Taxing the Poor: Doing Damage to the Truly Disadvantaged

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
12:00 – 2:00 pm

Annie E. Casey Foundation
503 N. Charles St. 2nd Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

Please join us for an informative session with Katherine Newman, James B. Knapp Dean of the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences at Johns Hopkins University, as she discusses her new book, *Taxing the Poor: Doing Damage to the Truly Disadvantaged*.

Taxing the Poor looks at the way we tax the poor in the United States, particularly in the American South, where poor families are often subject to income taxes, and where regressive sales taxes apply even to food for home consumption. Katherine S. Newman and Rourke L. O'Brien argue that these policies contribute in unrecognized ways to poverty-related problems like obesity, early mortality, the high school dropout rates, teen pregnancy, and crime. They show how, decades before California's passage of Proposition 13, many southern states implemented legislation that makes it almost impossible to raise property or corporate taxes, a pattern now growing in the western states. *Taxing the Poor* demonstrates how sales taxes intended to replace the missing revenue--taxes that at first glance appear fair--actually punish the poor and exacerbate the very conditions that drove them into poverty in the first place.

To RSVP for the June 1st event, please contact Natisha Willis at natisha@jotf.org or 443-692-9420. Pre-registration required; lunch will be provided.