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Career Summary

- Bold and innovative thought leader informed and inspired by experience in research, policymaking, and philanthropy.
- Dedicated to finding evidence-informed solutions to improve the lives of vulnerable children and families.
- More than 30 years of experience using data and research evidence to inform policy reforms and implementation.
- Successfully designed advocacy and communications campaigns to raise awareness and build public and political will.
- Effectively facilitated diverse group discussions to help achieve consensus and aligned action on complex issues.
- Initiated and participated in numerous multi-funder collaborative projects.
- Nationally recognized expert in child welfare with research and policy experience in child abuse and neglect investigation, family preservation and family support programs and services, kinship care, adoption, foster parent support, youth transitioning from foster care, family courts, reducing the use of group placements, addressing racial disparities, crossover with juvenile justice, and child welfare financing.
- Experienced in a diverse set of research methods including randomized controlled trials, surveys, focus groups, and participatory action research.
- Authored or co-authored more than 50 articles and reports on child welfare issues, presented findings at dozens of national conferences and in Congressional testimony, a recurring guest on television and radio news programs, and frequently quoted in national newspapers.
- Professional experience supplemented with volunteer activities, advisory committee memberships, and board appointments; invited reviewer of foundation and government grant proposals and professional journal article submissions.

Professional Experience

Annie E. Casey Foundation (2008 – 2022) ***Director, Policy Reform and Advocacy***

Responsible for developing and implementing the foundation's policy agenda to successfully scale the work of the foundation's child welfare and juvenile justice strategy groups and the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative. Collaborated with other national and regional foundations focused on children. Educated and provided technical assistance to Congressional and state legislative staff and members. Managed a \$5.5 million portfolio with 50+ grants to national non-

profit organizations, research institutions and policy think tanks. Supervised a group of staff and expert consultants. Co-chaired the foundation's Committee of Managers.

Child Trends (2006 – 2008)

Vice President for Public Policy and Director of Child Welfare

Managed a team of 10 researchers and led evaluations of the Wendy's Wonderful Kids adoption program, Family Finding, states' financing of child welfare and evidence-based programs to prevent foster care placements and achieve permanency for children removed from their homes. Responsible for developing and implementing strategies for increasing the use of Child Trends research by federal and state policymakers.

U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means (2005 – 2007)

W.T. Grant Foundation Distinguished Fellow

Assisted in the development of congressional child welfare legislation including the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, proposed child welfare financing reform and funding to respond to hurricane Katrina. Worked with the Treasury Department to analyze the use of the Adoption Tax Credit.

Urban Institute (1996 – 2006)

Director, Child Welfare Research Program

Led a team of 12 researchers and directed studies of: programs for youth aging out of foster care, kinship care programs and supports, the Court Improvement Program, the involvement of non-custodial fathers of youth in foster care, immigrant children in foster care, states' use of Medicaid for child welfare purposes and the impact of managed behavior health care, recruitment of African American adoptive parents, the attrition of adoption applicants and the impact of welfare reform on child welfare agencies.

James Bell Associates (1995-1996)

Research Associate

Evaluated the impact of family preservation programs and state implementation of the Family Preservation and Family Support Act.

Macro International, Inc. (1993 – 1995)

Senior Associate

Evaluated numerous health and human services programs including child care subsidies, substance abuse treatment programs and technology solutions for linking service providers.

United States General Accounting Office (1989 – 1993)

Evaluator

Responded to Congressional requests for information on programs for vulnerable children including educational supports for handicapped children, Head Start, child welfare services, home visiting and the Women, Infant and Children nutrition program.

Education

M.P.P., Public Policy, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago

B.A., Public Policy, University of Chicago

Selected Publications

Books and Monographs

Rob Geen (Ed). 2003. *Kinship Care: Making the Most of a Valuable Resource*. Washington, DC: Urban Institute Press.

Rob Geen, Pamela Holcomb, Amy Jantz, Jacob Leos-Urbel, and Karin Malm. 2001 *On Their Own Terms: Supporting Kinship Care Outside of TANF and Foster Care*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Rob Geen, Shelley Waters Boots, Karen Tumlin, and Jacob Leos-Urbel. 2000. *Report to the Congress on Kinship Care*. Washington, DC: Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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Rob Geen. 2004. "The Evolution of Kinship Care Policy and Practice," *The Future of Children*, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation.

Rob Geen, Katherine Kortenkamp, Mathew Stagner. 2002. "Foster Care Experiences of Long-Term Welfare Recipients in California," *Social Services Review* 76 (4) 552-574.

Rob Geen and Jill Duerr Berrick. 2002. "Kinship Care: An evolving service delivery option," *Children and Youth Services Review*, Vol. 24, Nos. 1/2, pp.1-14.

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Jennifer Ehrle and Rob Geen. 2002. "Kin and Non-Kin Foster Care—Findings from a National Survey," *Children and Youth Services Review*, Vol. 24, Nos. 1/2, pp.15-35.

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Rob Geen. 2000. "Equal Rights for Kinship Care Children," *Protecting Children*, The American Humane Association, Vol. 16, No.2.

Rob Geen and Shelley Waters Boots. 1999. "The Potential Effects of Welfare Reform on States' Financing of Child Welfare Services," *Children and Youth Services Review* Vol. 21, No. 9/10.

Other Articles and Reports

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Karin Malm, Julie Murray, and Rob Geen. 2006. *What About the Dads? Child Welfare Agencies' Efforts to Identify, Locate and Involve Nonresident Fathers*. (Washington, D.C. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation).

Rob Geen, Anna Sommers, and Mindy Cohen. 2005. *Medicaid Spending on Foster Children*. Child Welfare Research Program Brief No.2, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Julie Boatright Wilson, Jeff Katz, and Rob Geen. 2005. *Listening to Parents: Overcoming Barriers to the Adoption of Children from Foster Care*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Cynthia Andrews Scarcella, Roseana Bess, Erica Hecht Zielewski, Lindsay Warner, and Rob Geen. 2004. *The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children IV: How Child Welfare Funding Fared during the Recession*, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Rob Geen. 2004. *The Fiscal Implications of Subsidized Guardianship*, Washington, DC: Children's Defense Fund

Rob Geen. 2003. *Finding Permanent Homes for Foster Children: Issues Raised by Kinship Care*. Assessing the New Federalism Policy Brief, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Rob Geen. 2003. *Foster Children Placed with Relatives often Receive Less Government Help*. Assessing the New Federalism Policy Brief, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Roseana Bess, Cynthia Andrews, Amy Jantz, Victoria Russell, and Rob Geen. 2002. *The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children III: What Factors Affect States' Fiscal Decisions?* Assessing the New Federalism Occasional Paper Number 61, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Karin Malm, Roseana Bess, Jacob Leos-Urbel, Robert Geen, Teresa Markowitz. 2001. *Running to Keep in Place: The Continuing Evolution of Our Nation's Child Welfare System*. Assessing the New Federalism Occasional Paper Number 54, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

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Rob Geen and Karen C. Tumlin. 1999. *Child Welfare Services: States Respond to New Challenges and Increased Scrutiny* Assessing the New Federalism Occasional Paper 29, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Rob Geen, Shelley Waters Boots, and Karen Tumlin. 1999. *The Cost of Protecting Vulnerable Children: Understanding Federal, State, and Local Child Welfare Spending*. Assessing the New Federalism Occasional Paper 20, Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.

Rob Geen and Shelley Waters. 1997. *The Impact of Welfare Reform on Child Welfare Financing*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.