



Empowering Tomorrow: A Special Conversation With Groundbreaking Leaders Who Make the Case for Youth Thriving

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Panelist Bios

MODERATOR



Michael Brown

**Principal and Co-Founder, City Year
Public Purpose Strategies**

One of the nation’s leading social entrepreneurs, Michael brings 30 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, social entrepreneurship, and policy development to his leadership of Public Purpose Strategies, which advises nonprofit CEOs on achieving breakthroughs in impact, scale, and policy. In 1988, Michael co-founded City Year, a leading national service organization that served as an inspiration for AmeriCorps, the federal initiative through which more than one million Americans have served their country. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Michael dedicated three decades to building City Year into one of the most successful nonprofits in the country, with programs in 29 U.S. cities, and affiliates in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

PRESENTERS



Ellen Galinsky

**Author
*The Breakthrough Years &
Mind in the Making***

Ellen Galinsky is the President of Families and Work Institute (FWI), an organization she co-founded in 1989. She’s the elected President of the WFRN, a network of several thousand researchers globally. She serves as senior science advisor to AASA, the School Superintendent Organization & as senior advisor to the Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary of Youth Mental Health at the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services. Between March 2016 & September 2022, she was the Chief Science Officer of the Bezos Family Foundation. Author of *Mind in the Making*, a best-selling book on early learning and her book on adolescence, *The Breakthrough Years*.



Karen Pittman

Author, “Too Essential to Fail”

Founding Partner, Knowledge to Power Catalysts

Karen Pittman has been a passionate advocate for the power of positive youth development approaches for more than 50 years. A sociologist who began her journey as a counselor at a research-based educational camp for teens, Karen led numerous initiatives, including a stint in the Clinton Administration as head of the President’s Crime Prevention Council in 1994. In 1998, she co-founded the Forum for Youth Investment with Merita Irby. In 2021, Karen stepped away from organizational management to help found Knowledge to Power Catalysts, a small consulting firm dedicated to galvanizing the growing interest in using science-informed strategies to truly change the odds that all children and youth can be successful. She sits on numerous boards, is a governing partner for the Science of Learning and Development Alliance, and an AIR Scholar at American Institutes for Research.