

**GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar**  
***Material Hardship Matters: Parent Voices from the RAPID Survey***

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Moderator and Presenter Bios

**MODERATOR**

**John Gomperts**

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John Gomperts is a long-time leader in non-profits and government organizations devoted to civic engagement and to creating greater opportunity for children and youth. From 2012 - 2020, Gomperts served as President & CEO of America's Promise Alliance. Prior to that, John served as the Director of AmeriCorps in the Obama Administration. Earlier in his career, John worked in the US Senate (Sens. Wofford, Kerry, Daschle), practiced law and served as a judicial clerk.

Gomperts earned his JD from Georgetown University Law Center and his AB in History from University of California, Berkeley. Gomperts has served on a wide range of boards including FoodCorps (Chair), Points of Light, Presidio Institute, News Literacy Project, and others.

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Danielle Buckner is the Prenatal to Kindergarten Program Manager for the Northside Achievement Zone. Her passion for creating equitable access to high-quality early childhood education and resources for children and families drives her work. When Danielle is not serving families through her work at NAZ, she is also a professionally trained and compassionate Birth Doula. She has an Undergraduate Degree in Sport Management with an emphasis in Community Relations and a minor in Youth

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Dr. Philip Fisher is the Diana Chen Professor of Early Childhood in the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University and the Director of the Stanford Center on Early Childhood, home of the RAPID Survey Project. His research focuses on developing and evaluating scalable early childhood interventions in communities, and on translating scientific knowledge regarding healthy development under conditions of adversity for use in social policy and programs. He is particularly interested in the effects of early stressful experiences on children's neurobiological and psychological development, and in prevention and treatment programs for improving children's functioning in areas such as relationships with caregivers and peers, social-emotional development, and academic achievement. He is currently the lead investigator in the ongoing RAPID-EC project, a national survey on the well-being of households with young children during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has published over 200 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals. He is the recipient of the 2012 Society for Prevention Research Translational Science Award, and a 2019 Fellow of the American Psychological Society.

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Allison Logan has her master's degree in early childhood studies and was the Executive Director at the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, under Bridgeport Prospers, their StriveTogether, Cradle to Career, Collective Impact Initiative. It was here where she and community partners focused on the prenatal to three years, through the creation of the Bridgeport Baby Bundle- a bundle of both universal and targeted supports, along with authentic community engagement. The nationally recognized "Bundle" was awarded one of ten, three-year, community investment grants by The Pritzker Children's Initiative. She helped advance the impact of the Baby Bundle throughout the city, including the advancement of developmental screening, expansion of Reach Out and Read, increasing access to Doula care, and the honor of being the first site for the state's ARPA funded, Universal Home Visiting pilot with Bridgeport Hospital. She recently transitioned out of her role in Bridgeport and now is the Co-Founder of the CT 359 Network, continuing to advance PN-3 best practices, policies, and supports to other communities, along with a focus on the transformation of statewide PN-3 systems, through a 3-year Community Systems Grant, funded by The Pritzker Children's Initiative. She also currently sits on the National Steering Committee and is an Ambassador for Nurture Connection, which advances the Early Relational Health (ERH) Framework, so that all families can experience the joy and lifelong health benefits that come from strong, positive, and nurturing relationships in early childhood.

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Over the past 50 years, Dr. Lombardi has made significant contributions in the areas of child and family policy as an innovative leader, policy advisor to organizations and foundations, and as a public servant. Joan served as the first Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood during the Obama Administration and the first Director of the Child Care Bureau during the Clinton Administration. She was the founding Chair of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance (now the Alliance for Early

Success). Joan has served as an advisor to a range of organizations including UNICEF, WHO, UNESCO, and The World Bank Group, among others. She serves on the Executive Leadership Council of the global Early Childhood Development Action Network and chairs their Global Policy and Advocacy Advisory group and as Co-Chair of the Research Forum for Early Childhood in Emergencies, in collaboration with the Moving Minds Alliance. She was the founder of Global Leaders for Young Children, hosted by the World Forum Foundation. She is the author of *Time to Care: Redesigning Child Care to Promote Education, Support Families and Build Communities* and co-editor of *Beacon of Hope: The Promise of Early Head Start for America's Youngest Children*.