Poster Symposium: Child Care Subsidies and Family Well-Being

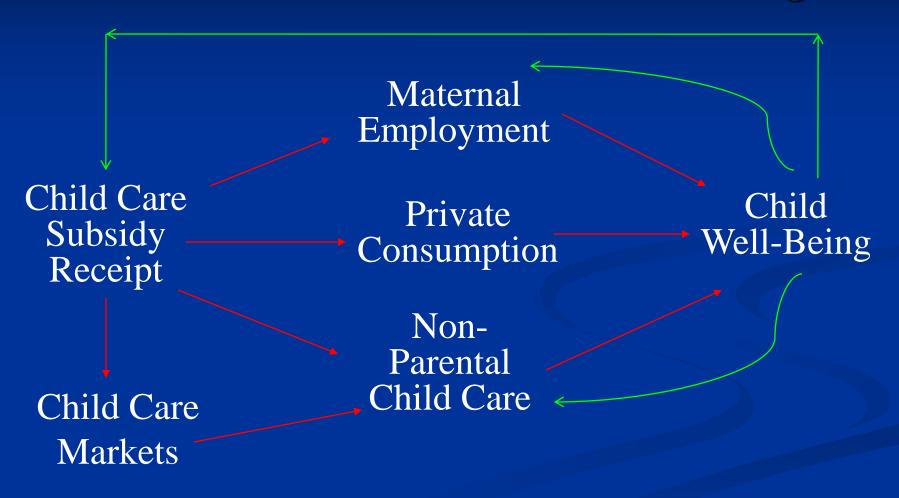
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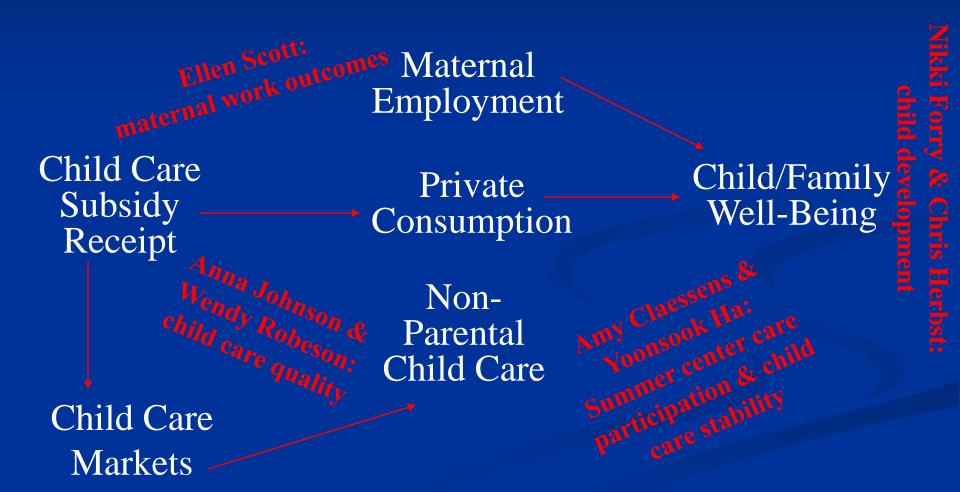
Overview and Goals of the Symposium

- Working assumption: subsidy receipt leads to critical changes in the lives of low-income families, which, in turn, are likely to influence child and maternal well-being
- Objective: understand the mechanisms through which child care subsidy policy influences family well-being
- Approach: introduce conceptual framework for thinking about subsidy effects, presentations of the latest research, and facilitated group discussion and processing
- Session structure:
 - Presentation of conceptual framework (15 min)
 - Poster symposium on subsidy research (45 min)
 - o Reconvene to discuss key results and directions for future research (30 min)

Key Pathways Through Which Child Care **Subsidies Influence Child Well-Being**



Introduction to Today's Presenters on Child Care Subsidies



Unpacking the Channels of a Subsidy Effect

Channel	Subsidy's Effect on Channel	Channel's Effect on Child Development
Maternal Employment		
 Employment 	+	-
 Standard work schedule 	+	+
 Mother-child interactions 	?/-	+
Non-Parental Child Care		
 Any participation 	+	?/-
· High-quality	-	+
· Continuity	?/-	neutral
 Mother-child interactions 	?/-	+
Consumption/Disposable \$?	+