Paid Family and Medical Leave in the United States: Options, Legal Barriers and Prospects for Change

The United States is one of very few developed countries that fails to provide universal paid family and medical leave benefits to workers. Yet, research shows that paid family and medical leave (PFML) increases the economic security of workers and the health and well-being of children, elderly adults, and disabled workers. Berkeley CHEFS, in collaboration with Georgetown University Law Center’s Workplace Flexibility 2010 Project, have spent over a year exploring the best policy model for a PFML program in the United States. Their findings and recommendations were published in a comprehensive report released in Washington, D.C. in December 2010. Come hear about their proposals, current legislative and legal issues in the area of work-family policy, and the prospects for change.

Light refreshments will be served at 3:00 pm.

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