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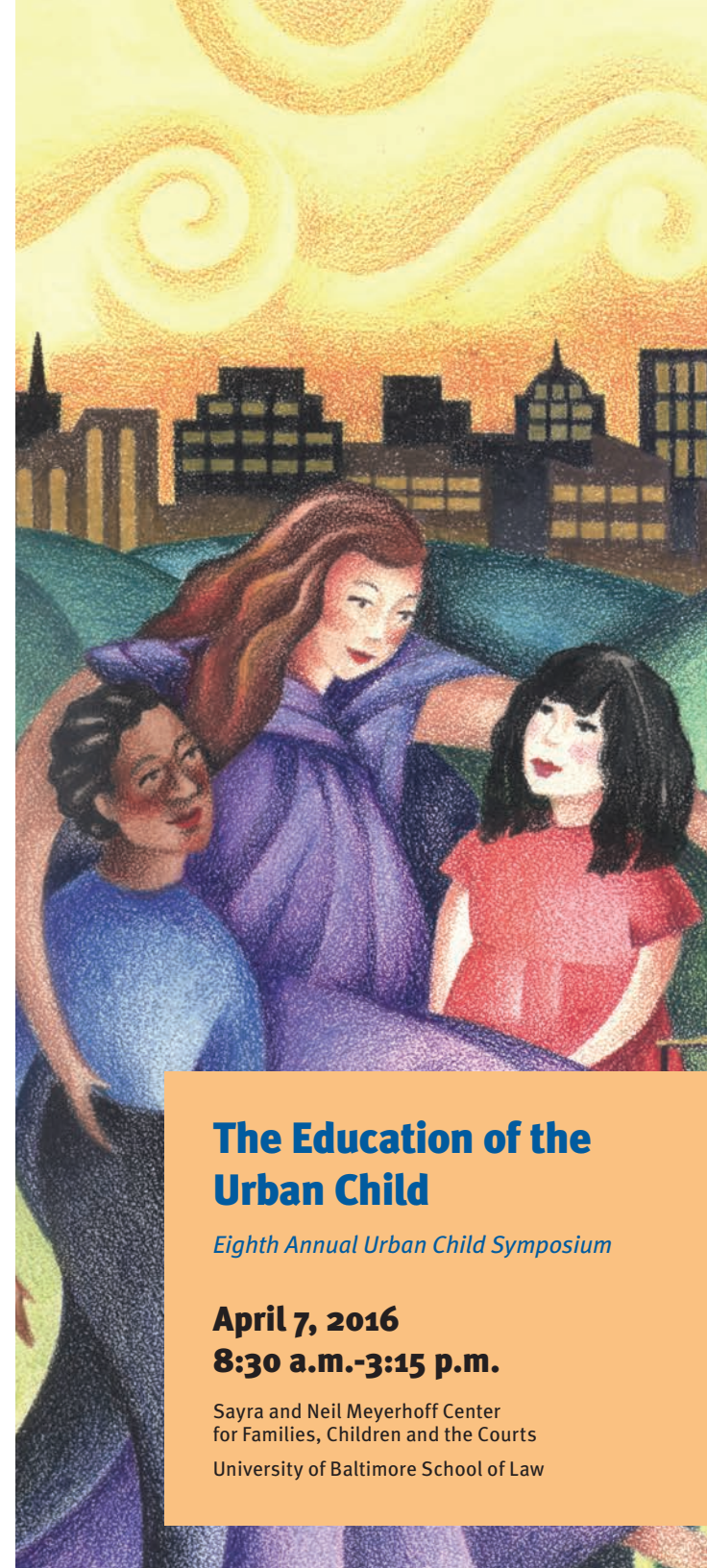
There are few, if any, aspects of a community's well-being more important than the quality of its public education. Education has an impact on every aspect of life: from employment rates to crime rates, from the number of houses bought to the number of teen pregnancies. We know that to have healthy and productive communities, education must be our first priority, particularly in low-income, urban neighborhoods.

The University of Baltimore School of Law Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts' eighth annual Urban Child Symposium examines some of the most difficult challenges facing Baltimore and other large urban areas as they confront troubled schools and the children and families they serve.

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Schedule

8:30-9 a.m.—Registration and Continental Breakfast

9-9:15 a.m.—Welcome and Opening Remarks

Kurt Schmoke, President, University of Baltimore

Ronald Weich, Dean, University of Baltimore School of Law

Barbara Babb, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

9:15-10 a.m.—Keynote Address

James Cole Jr.

General Counsel, Delegated Duties of Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

10:15 a.m.-noon

Panel One: Educational Inequality/Poverty

Panelists will outline the challenges that the school and justice systems face in responding to rampant educational inequality and poverty in our schools. Panelists will discuss ways in which agencies, individuals and organizations can work with students and their families to break the cycle of school dropout and failure that poverty and its consequences cause.

Panelists:

Jenny Egan, Assistant Public Defender, Juvenile Division, Office of the Public Defender, Baltimore City

Cassie Motz, Executive Director, CollegeBound Foundation

Bebe Verdery, Director, Education Reform Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland

Karen Webber, Director, Education and Youth Development, Open Society Institute—Baltimore

Moderator:

Gloria Danziger, Senior Fellow, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

noon-1:15 p.m.—Lunch On Your Own

1:15-3 p.m.

Panel Two: Special Needs, School Attendance, and Parent and Community Engagement

Panelists will examine the unique challenges that students with special needs face and the impact of these issues on school attendance. Panelists will present strategies to address some of the most difficult problems confronting our schools and communities, including the complicated Individualized Education Program process, truancy, and parent and community engagement.

Panelists:

Moshe Berry, School Social Worker, Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School

Monisha Cherayil, Attorney, Public Justice Center

Katherine Davis, Attorney, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts Truancy Court Program

Pat Halle, Paralegal, Maryland Disability Law Center

Robert Nixon, Community Organizer, Youth as Resources

Moderator:

Michele Hong-Polansky, Program Specialist, Sayra and Neil Meyerhoff Center for Families, Children and the Courts

3-3:15 p.m.—Closing Remarks, Collection of Evaluations and Thanks

Barbara Babb

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

There is no charge to attend the conference, but preregistration is strongly recommended as space is limited. To register online, visit law.ubalt.edu/calendar and locate the event on April 7. Contact Marcellus Anderson at 410.837.5615 with any questions.

The most current information about visitor parking at the University is available at www.ubalt.edu/parking.