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Ellen Galinsky , President , Families and Work Institute

Ellen Galinsky, President and Co-Founder of Families and Work Institute (FWI), helped establish the field of work and family life at Bank Street College of Education, where she was on the faculty for twenty-five years. Her more than forty books and reports include the highly acclaimed *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*, *Ask The Children* and the now classic *The Six Stages of Parenthood*. She has published over 100 articles in academic journals, books and magazines.

At the Institute, Ms. Galinsky co-directs the [National Study of the Changing Workforce](#), the most comprehensive nationally representative study of the U.S. workforce—updated every five years and originally conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor in the 1977. She also co-directs [When Work Works](#), a project on workplace flexibility and effectiveness funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation that has produced a series of research papers, and has launched the Sloan Awards for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility as well as conducted the [National Study of Employers](#), a nationally representative study that has tracked trends in employment benefits, policies and practices since 1998. Information from FWI's research has been reported in the media more than 3 times a day since January 2010.

At FWI, Ms. Galinsky is also directing the national [Mind in the Making](#) learning campaign which includes her new book, *Mind in the Making*, and Vook (video book), learning modules for early childhood teachers, learning modules and online videos for families, a DVD of cutting-edge child development research, community mobilization efforts and major media partnerships. *Mind in the Making* has had more than 150 million media impressions since its publication.

Ms. Galinsky is the Program Director for The Conference Board's Work Life Leadership Council, a group of business leaders who have spearheaded work life issues in the business community since 1983.

A leading authority on work family issues, Ms. Galinsky was a presenter at the 2000 White House Conference on Teenagers and the 1997 White House Conference on Child Care. She was a planner and participant at the March 2010 White House Forum on Workplace Flexibility and will be working with the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor on the Regional Forums on flexibility, the next step to follow the White House Forum. She served as the elected President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the largest professional group of early childhood educators

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2004 Distinguished Achievement Award from Vassar College and the 2005 Outstanding Volunteer and Professional Achievement Award from the National Cathedral School. She was elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources in 2005. A popular keynote speaker, she appears regularly at national conferences, on television and in the media, including *the CBS Evening News with Katie Couric*, *World News Tonight* and *Oprah*.

Ms. Galinsky is also a photographer. The latest shows of her photography were at the New York Hall of Science (September 2006), UMA Gallery in New York City (January 2007), RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon, New York (September 2008), GaGa in Rockland County, New York (October 2009) and Upstream Gallery in Dobbs Ferry, New York (February 2009 and February 2010).

She holds a Master of Science degree in Child Development/Education from Bank Street College of Education, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Study from Vassar College and numerous honorary degrees.

Ellen Galinsky is married to artist Norman Galinsky, and they are the parents of two grown children: Philip, an ethnomusicologist and founder-director of Samba New York—an inspiring new performance group—and Lara, Senior Vice President at Echoing Green. Since 1987, Echoing Green has provided seed funding to more than 470 social entrepreneurs with bold ideas for social change to launch groundbreaking organizations around the world.

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