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### **UC-Berkeley Research Specialist to Receive Child Welfare Award**

WASHINGTON, March 30, 2009— Barbara Needell, principal investigator/research specialist at the Center for Social Services Research, School of Social Welfare, University of California at Berkeley, will receive the 2008 Peter Forsythe Award at the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators' spring conference in Washington.

The award is given annually to a person who shows leadership in public child welfare in support of NAPCWA's mission. NAPCWA is a membership organization that represents child welfare administrators of city, county and state public human service agencies. The agencies provide child abuse prevention, family preservation and family support, child protection, foster care, adoption and independent living services to children and families

As principal investigator of the California Child Welfare Performance Indicators Project funded by the California Department of Social Services and the Stuart Foundation, Needell has worked extensively with statewide and county specific administrative data. She and her team at UC-Berkeley collaborate with state and county colleagues to produce and publicly disseminate ([http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb\\_childwelfare](http://cssr.berkeley.edu/ucb_childwelfare)) the data used in California's Child Welfare Service Outcomes System. She is providing technical assistance to the 25 California counties that are implementing the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Family to Family Initiative. She received her M.S.W. and Ph.D. from the School of Social Welfare at Berkeley.

The award will be given on Saturday, April 4, 2009, at The Fairmont Washington, D.C. during the awards reception.

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