

Agenda

8:30 a.m. REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Paulette Ann Meikle

Chair and Associate Professor, Sociology and Community Development
Director, Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED)
Delta State University

Dr. John M. Hilpert

President, Delta State University

Martha Perine Beard

Regional Executive, Memphis Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

9:15 a.m. Center for Community and Economic Development Initiatives

Dr. Leslie Green-Pimentel

Associate Director, CCED, Delta State University

9:45 a.m. The Case for Investing in Children's Savings Accounts

Ray Boshara

Senior Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

10:30 a.m. BREAK

**10:45 a.m. Connecting Families with Young Children to
Financial Empowerment Products and Services**

Amy Shir

Regional Consultant, Assets for Independence (AFI)

11:15 a.m. Payday Lending in Mississippi

Paheadra Bratton Robinson

Director of Consumer Protection, Mississippi Center for Justice

11:45 a.m. Coalition for a Prosperous Mississippi (CPM)

Melbah Smith

Director, CPM

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1:00 p.m. SPECIAL SESSION

Ray Boshara

2:00 p.m. ADJOURN
