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## QUALITY JOBS IN A NEW ECONOMY: Paid Sick Leave and Communities of Color

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### Location:

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Forty years ago, low-wage workers could depend on unions to help ensure that they received benefits and wages that are essential to a quality job. In the mid-1950s, 35 percent of all employees on private payrolls were union members; today only 7.2 percent of private sector workers belong to a union. The marked decline in union membership over time has meant that many workers are left to negotiate benefits and fair wages on their own.

Today, there are 30 million workers employed in low-wage jobs with minimal benefits, earning less than \$9.00 per hour. And only about a third of workers in the lowest wage percentile receive paid sick leave.

**Join leading experts from across the country as they discuss the need for paid sick leave for low-income communities and communities of color. The roundtable will also address the impact of work support measures on the economic security of low-wage workers and communities of color and propose policy recommendations and strategies for ensuring access to quality jobs.**

This discussion is a part of the Opportunity Series hosted by the Women of Color Policy Network at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The series brings together leading scholars, practitioners, advocates, and policy analysts to discuss building the economic security of women through quality jobs, work supports, and education. We will also examine wealth and asset disparities among women of color, how state and federal policies can support working families and communities, and explore opportunities to build the economic security of women and families over the long haul.

## NATIONAL WEBINAR ON THE IMPACT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PAID SICK LEAVE LEGISLATION

Thursday, December 9, 2010  
at 3:00 EST/12:00 PST

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