

DIW GC Masterclass: The role of parents and the home environment in promoting children's human capital development

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This course will focus on the role of parents and the home environment in supporting children's human capital development, with a special emphasis on the environments experienced by low income children. The first half of the course will focus on differences in parenting by family background (i.e. "the parenting gap) and the mechanisms underlying income-based gaps in parenting practices that may be related to income-based gaps in children's achievement. We will discuss such mechanisms as differences in investments of time and money, stress, attitudes, and decision-making. The second half of the class will highlight promising approaches to parenting interventions with low income parents in the United States, with a special focus on new insights from the field of behavioral economics.