

DEVIN O'CONNOR

(b)(6)

EXPERIENCE

Committee for Economic Development of The Conference Board (CED)

Deputy Director, Economic Research

October 2018 – present

- Coordinates and guides the development of research products and quarterly briefings for four CED Member Committees and Task Forces—comprised of current and former CEOs—focused on workforce, technology & innovation, New York City's economic recovery, and democratic institutions.
- Designs and leads the implementation of research projects that secure committee member-approval and credibly advance non-partisan positions on relevant economic and social policy issues targeted to an audience of business leaders and policymakers.
- Organized and conducted over 30 podcast interviews and organization-wide briefings with external experts on a wide-range of timely policy-relevant topics for Members and general audiences in 2020.

Economic and Policy Research

Independent Consultant

July 2017 –September 2018

- Produced a survey of key issues in state and local fiscal health, including changes in policies and overall condition since the end of the Great Recession; the outlook for public employees' retirement benefit systems' solvency; likely impacts of plausible changes in Federal tax and spending policy on state and local fiscal health; potential changes to state budgeting practices; and in-depth profiles of ten states
- Produced several interrelated projects related to growing economic opportunity in Maryland through legislative and executive action, including:
 - An analysis of Maryland's economic and fiscal outlook, and relevant budgetary rules and pressures
 - A comprehensive set of progressive, evidence-based policy proposals to reduce poverty and lift wages, with analysis of their strengths and drawbacks
 - An in-depth analysis of potential expansions and reforms of Maryland's State Earned Income Tax Credit and plausible approaches to raising additional revenues to finance such changes
- Designed a two-day retreat (including securing a site visit and expert speakers) for a bipartisan group of Congressional staffers working on poverty-related issues focused on the changing experience of low-income families in rural areas and challenges in the re-integration of ex-offenders; and produced a supporting overview of key issues in these areas based on expert interviews.

Office of Management and Budget

Associate Director for Economic Policy

September 2015 – January 2017

- Managed the Economic Policy Division, overseeing seven economists—responsible for helping develop the Administration's economic assumptions for the President's Budget and providing economic analysis, modeling, and expertise to other Resource Management Offices—and a team of four social scientists

charged with promoting a greater use of evaluation and evidence in Federal programs, as well as administrative staff and short-term detailees.

- Served as OMB's principal deputy on the White House tax policy team, and as a deputy on other White House policy teams in the realm of economic policy—leading or collaborating on the development of policy proposals and strategy across multiple agencies and councils for consideration of the President and his principal advisors.
- Led coordination of several complex, collaborative, multi-stakeholder decision-making processes, including, for example, the White House's macro-level budget and mandatory spending policy for the 2017 President's Budget and recommendations for presidential appointments to the US Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking.

Special Assistant to the Director

August 2013 – September 2015

- Served as an advisor to the Director and the Deputy Director on a wide-range of issues, including those related to the development and implementation of two President's Budgets.
- Staffed the Congressional negotiations that resulted in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015
- Analyzed macro-economic and fiscal trends, including helping build the analyses underlying the Administration's core budget messages.
- Designed and coordinated the collection of fast-turnaround multi-division or agency-wide responses to Director's Office requests for analysis or data, and produced rapid summary analyses and data products based on those responses.
- Helped lead government-wide planning for, and implementation of, the October 2013 lapse in appropriations ("government shutdown"), including working with agencies to understand appropriate legal requirements and keeping the President and other senior officials updated on activities occurring during the shutdown.
- Helped manage the response to unforeseen external crises and other unexpected developments that required significant cross-institution coordination, including the development of the Administration's supplemental budget request to address an increase in border crossings by unaccompanied children.

Budget Examiner

February 2011 – August 2013

- Worked to quickly and discretely marshal a wide range of expertise and perspectives to provide informed analysis to senior policy officials on a wide range of income maintenance programs at the Social Security Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Agriculture.
- Provided programmatic oversight on regulatory proposals received for OMB review, including, for example, coordinating with policy officials at the Administration on Children, Youth and Families on the appropriate design of child welfare waivers.
- Rapidly developed and analyzed policy options to strengthen Federal programs and projects, and provided recommendations to senior policy officials, including co-coordinating effort to secure funding for the Promoting Readiness of Minors in SSI (PROMISE) program.
- Provided oversight of agency budget requests and execution, including reviewing budget proposals and related public materials, execution of novel budget issues (like sequestration), and apportionments.

US Department of Health and Human Services

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Research and Policy Analyst

June 2009 – February 2011

- Provided quick-response analysis and prepared several briefing and decisional memorandums for the Secretary and other policy officials on a range of family policy issues, notably around child care policy proposals and community and school health collaboration efforts.
- Coordinated a Secretary-directed three Department collaboration consisting of ten discrete projects to better align and enhance federally-funded health, nutrition, physical activity, and safety efforts serving children in school settings.

EDUCATION

Duke University, Master of Public Policy, 2009

- Completed a quantitative Master's Project, "A Descriptive Analysis of the Relationship between Teacher Turnover and School Safety in North Carolina Public Secondary Schools"

Boston University, Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, 2004