Bio of Gordon Berlin

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Gordon Berlin is President of MDRC, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that develops and evaluates innovative education and social programs. Before joining MDRC in 1990, Berlin was Executive Deputy Administrator for Management, Budget, and Policy at the New York City Human Resources Administration. He also worked as Deputy Director of the Ford Foundation's Urban Poverty program and as a program analyst and project officer in the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration. Throughout his career, Berlin has developed and managed programs to address problems associated with welfare dependency, homelessness, disconnected youth, teenage pregnancy, early childhood development, poverty, health and unemployment, and other issues of concern to low-income families and communities. He founded and served as the Executive Director of the Social Research and Demonstration Corporation, a Canadian nonprofit formed at the request of the Canadian government to test innovative employment-focused programs. Berlin has authored and coauthored numerous publications on employment and social welfare issues. He is a member of the MacArthur Network on Transitions to Adulthood.