NEW YORK CITY – Dr. Myungsoon Kang, assemblywoman in the National Assembly of Korea, in New York for the 56th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, visited the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) March 1. Dr. Kang was eager to learn about the history and work of NCCP, a research center based at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, with an eye to helping establish a center like it in Korea. She was sponsor of a bill on “the Prevention of Child Poverty and Provision of Support,” which became law in 2011, making the Republic of Korea only the second country in the world (after the UK) to enact child poverty reduction legislation.

Pictured, left to right: Dr. Myungsoon Kang, assemblywoman of the National Assembly of Korea; Yumiko Aratani, PhD, acting director, Health and Mental Health, NCCP; Sheila Smith, PhD, director, Early Childhood, NCCP; Lee Kreader, PhD, interim director, NCCP; Seol Yoo, translator, MPA, Columbia University; Kwangjoo Rose Jeong, program officer; and Jang-ho Park, consul, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in New York.

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