

Gene Sperling is the White House ARP Coordinator and Senior Advisor to the President.

Previously, Sperling served as Director of the National Economic Council and National Economic Advisor to both President Obama (2011-2014) and President Clinton (1997-2001). He is the only person to hold that position for two Presidents. He also served as Deputy National Economic Advisor (1993-1996), Counselor to the Secretary of Treasury and Member of the President's Auto Task Force (2009-2010) and Economic Advisor to Governor Mario Cuomo, (1990-1992). Under Presidents Clinton and Obama he played a lead role in the significant expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other refundable tax relief for hard-pressed families. He was a key architect of the 1993 Economic Plan during the Clinton administration and a key negotiator in the 1997 Balanced Budget Agreement that led to the Children's Health Initiative Program (CHIP), higher education tax relief and played leadership roles in the creation of the New Markets Tax Credit, Community Development Financial Institutions, Gear-Up, Debt Relief for low-income nations, and anti-sweatshop and anti-child labor initiatives. Under President Obama, Sperling played a critical role in passage of expanded tax relief for low income families, the payroll-tax cut, the Small Business Jobs Act (including the State Small Business Credit Initiative), the proposed American Jobs Act, the Manufacturing Hubs Initiative, as well as in special initiatives on college opportunity and efforts to help long-term unemployed. Bob Greenstein, founder of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said of Gene's work: "There is no administration official who did more over the past 20 years to dramatically expand tax credits for low-income workers, with the result that these credits now lift 10 million people out of poverty."

Sperling is the author of *Pro-Growth Progressive: An Economic Strategy for Shared Prosperity* (2005) and *Economic Dignity* (2020). He is the founder and first Executive Director (2002-2008) of the Center for Universal Education at Brookings Institution, a center that focuses on education for girls and boys in developing nations. He is co-author of *What Works in Girl's Education: Evidence on the World's Best Investment* (2004, 2015) which included a forward from Malala Yousafzai. He has been a contributing editor at *The Atlantic*. He was a consultant on NBC's *West Wing* for four seasons where he had co-writing credit on four episodes. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, he currently resides in Santa Monica with his wife Allison Abner and their children.