## Child Welfare Legislation in the 117th Congress

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<td>H.R.4378</td>
<td>Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act</td>
<td>A bill to encourage the development of specialized programs designed specifically for large sibling groups, sibling groups with a wide age range, and sibling groups with complex needs.</td>
<td>Rep. Don Bacon [R-NE-2]</td>
<td>Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</td>
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<td>H.R.4348</td>
<td>Tribal Family Fairness Act</td>
<td>A bill to remove administrative barriers to participation of Indian tribes in Federal child welfare programs, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Rep. Karen Bass [D-CA-37]</td>
<td>Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</td>
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<td>H.R.4299</td>
<td>Foster Care Stabilization Act</td>
<td>To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration grant program to provide emergency relief to foster youth and improve pre-placement services offered by foster care stabilization agencies, and for other purposes.</td>
<td>Rep. Don Bacon [R-NE-2]</td>
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<td>S.2276</td>
<td>Keeping Girls in School Act</td>
<td>A bill to support empowerment, economic security, and educational opportunities for adolescent girls around the world, and for other purposes. This bill is a companion to H.R.4134.</td>
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<td>Rep. Lois Frankel [D-FL-21]</td>
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<td>S.2167</td>
<td>National Adoption and Foster Care Home Study Act of 2021</td>
<td>A bill to establish a national, research-based, and comprehensive home study assessment process for the evaluation of prospective foster parents and adoptive parents and provide funding to States and Indian tribes to adopt such process. This bill is a companion to H.R.4025.</td>
<td>Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY]</td>
<td>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</td>
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**H.R.4052: National Adoption and Foster Care Home Study Act of 2021**
Introduced: 06/22/2021
A bill to establish a national, research-based, and comprehensive home study assessment process for the evaluation of prospective foster parents and adoptive parents and provide funding to States and Indian tribes to adopt such process. This bill is a companion to S.2167. **Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.**

**S.2133: Focus on Children Act**
Introduced: 06/17/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Chris Van Hollen [D-MD]
A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for studies and reports relating to the impact of legislation on spending on children, and for other purposes. **Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.**

**S.2127: Children’s Budget Act**
Introduced: 06/17/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Robert Menendez [D-NJ]
A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require that Federal children’s programs be separately displayed and analyzed in the President’s budget, and for other purposes. **Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.**

**H.R.3988: Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings (MINDS) Act**
Introduced: 06/17/2021
A bill to enhance mental health and psychosocial support within United States foreign assistance programs. This bill is a companion to S.2105. **Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.**

**H.R.3938: Support UNFPA Funding Act**
Introduced: 06/16/2021
A bill to restore U.S. funding to the United Nations Population Fund. **Status: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.**

**S.2105: Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings (MINDS) Act**
Introduced: 06/17/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Bob Casey [D-PA]
A bill to enhance mental health and psychosocial support within United States foreign assistance programs. This bill is a companion to H.R.3988. **Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.**

**S.2086: RISE from Trauma Act**
Introduced: 06/16/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Dick Durbin [D-IL]
A bill to improve the identification and support of children and families who experience trauma. **Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.**

**S.2003: Central American Women and Children Protection Act**
Introduced: 06/10/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio [R-FL]
A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault. **Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.**
S.1927: CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2021
Introduced: 05/27/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray [D-WA]
A bill to reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). **Status:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

S.Res.240: Resolution Supporting Continued U.S. Leadership in Expanding Global Access to Quality Education
Introduced: 05/26/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Cory Booker [D-NJ]
A resolution affirming the role of the United States in improving access to quality, inclusive public education and improved learning outcomes for children and adolescents, particularly for girls, in the poorest countries through the Global Partnership for Education. This bill is a companion to H.Res.225. **Status:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R.3111: Grandfamily Housing Act 2021
Introduced: 05/11/2021
To provide grants to owners of intergenerational dwelling units, and for other purposes. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

S.1562: Creating Pathways for Youth Employment Act
Introduced: 05/11/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Dick Durbin [D-IL]
A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide funding, on a competitive basis, for summer and year-round employment opportunities for youth ages 14 through 24. This bill is a companion to H.R.3106. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R.3107: HERO for Youth Act
Introduced: 05/11/2021
Sponsor: Rep. Robin Kelly [D-IL-2]
A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit for certain youth employees. This bill is a companion to S.1560. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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Introduced: 05/11/2021
Sponsor: Sen. Dick Durbin [D-IL]
A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the work opportunity credit for certain youth employees. This bill is a companion to H.R.3107. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.R.3106: Creating Pathways for Youth Employment Act
Introduced: 05/11/2021
Sponsor: Rep. Robin Kelly [D-IL-2]
A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide funding, on a competitive bases, for summer and year-round employment opportunities for youth ages 14 through 24. This bill is a companion to S.1562. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R.3083: Foster Youth Mentoring Act of 2021
Introduced: 05/11/2021
To support the establishment or expansion and operation of programs using a network of public and private community entities to provide mentoring for children and youth with experience in foster care. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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**H.R.3031: The Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2021**  
Introduced: 05/07/2021  
Sponsor: Rep. Danny Davis [D-IL-7]  
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**H.R.2908: The Childhood Offenders Rehabilitation and Safety Act of 2021**  
Introduced: 04/30/2021  
To amend title 18, United States Code, to account for the age of certain juvenile offenders and to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award competitive grants to enhance collaboration between State child welfare and juvenile justice systems. **Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**S.1483: The Child Abuse Death Disclosure Act**  
Introduced: 04/29/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Sherrod Brown [D-OH]  
A bill to amend part B of Title IV of the Social Security Act to require States to review child fatalities from maltreatment, and for other purposes. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**S.1451: Reach Every Mother and Child Act**  
Introduced: 4/29/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Susan Collins [R-ME]  
A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to implement policies to end preventable maternal, newborn, and child deaths globally. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**S.1469: Amendment to McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**  
Introduced: 4/29/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Dianne Feinstein [D-CA]  
A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the needs of the homeless children, youth, and families, and honor the assessments and priorities of local communities. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**S.1497: Amendment to Child Abuse Prevention Act**  
Introduced: 04/29/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Tim Kaine [D-VA]  
To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to ensure protections LGBTQ youth and their families. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**S.1496: Recruitment and Retention Act**  
Introduced: 04/29/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Tim Kaine [D-VA]  
To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to fund demonstration projects to improve recruitment and retention of child welfare workers. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**S.1156: Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act**  
Introduced: 04/15/2021  
Sponsor: Sen. Robert Casey [D-PA]  
To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
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<td>To require in-state tuition rates for qualifying foster youth. <strong>Status:</strong> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</td>
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<td>S.967: Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2021</td>
<td>To provide for the automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals. This bill is the companion to H.R.1593. <strong>Status:</strong> Read twice and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.</td>
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<td>H.R.2121: Improving Child Care for Working Families Act of 2021</td>
<td>This bill increases the limitation on the exclusion from employee gross income for the employer-paid dependent care assistance from $5,000 to $10,500. This bill is the companion to S.897. <strong>Status:</strong> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</td>
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<td>S.897: Improving Child Care for Working Families Act of 2021</td>
<td>This bill increases the limitation on the exclusion from employee gross income for employer-paid dependent care assistance from $5,000 to $10,500. This bill is the companion to H.R.2121. <strong>Status:</strong> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</td>
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<td>S.836: Timely Mental Health for Foster Youth Act</td>
<td>To amend sub part 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care. <strong>Status:</strong> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</td>
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<td>To amend sub part 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to ensure that mental health screenings and assessments are provided to children and youth upon entry into foster care. <strong>Status:</strong> Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.</td>
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<td>H.R.2028: Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster Youth and Homeless Youth Act</td>
<td>To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize a program to recognize institutions of higher education that offer outstanding services and programs for foster and homeless youth. <strong>Status:</strong> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</td>
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<td>H.Res.236: House Resolution Supporting Social Work</td>
<td>To express support for the goals and ideals of Social Work Month and World Social Work Day. This bill is the companion to S.Res.115. <strong>Status:</strong> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.</td>
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### H.Res.225: Resolution Supporting Continued U.S. Leadership in Expanding Global Access to Quality Education
- **Introduced:** 3/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Rep. Grace Meng [D-NY-6]

A resolution affirming the role of the United States in improving access to quality, inclusive public education and improved learning outcomes for children and adolescents, particularly for girls, in the poorest countries through the Global Partnership for Education. **Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact.

### H.R.1795: Expand Coverage for Foster Youth Act
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Rep. Karen Bass [D-CA-37]

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### S.709: Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Sen. Robert Casey [D-PA]

To expand eligibility for Medicaid to 26 coverage to former foster youth who were in the system and exited foster care to a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver. This is the companion bill to H.R.1795. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### S.792: Educational Equity Challenge Grant Act of 2021
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Sen. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]

To create a $100 billion application based grant program to help accelerate progress and address students’ needs related to COVID-19. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

### H.R.1794: The Foster Youth Dental Act
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Rep. Karen Bass [D-CA-37]

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to strengthen coverage under the Medicaid program for certain foster youth individuals. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### H.R.1793: Amendment to SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Rep. Karen Bass [D-CA-37]

To ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth. This is the companion bill to S.712. **Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### S.712: Doha Joi Immediate Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act
- **Introduced:** 03/11/2021
- **Sponsor:** Sen. Bob Casey [D-PA]

To ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth. This is the companion bill to H.R.1793. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### S.656: Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act
- **Introduced:** 03/10/2021
- **Sponsor:** Sen. Tim Scott [R-SC]

To protect child welfare providers from being discriminated against for acting in accordance with their deeply held religious beliefs. **Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
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<td>S.643: S.643: Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2021</td>
<td>To reduce the number of children in deep poverty as well as reducing child poverty among racial or ethnic groups with disparate poverty rates. This bill is the companion to H.R.1558.</td>
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<td>S.634: Girls LEAD Act</td>
<td>This bill directs the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to jointly report to Congress a strategy to strengthen the participation of adolescents, particularly girls, in democracy, human rights, and governance. This bill is the companion to H.R.1661.</td>
<td>Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.</td>
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<td>Sponsor: Sen. Susan Collins [R-ME]</td>
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<td>S.Res.100: Support International Women’s Day</td>
<td>A resolution expressing support for International Women’s Day and recognition that women’s empowerment is inextricably linked to generation economic growth and self-reliance, sustainable peace and democracy, and inclusive security. The resolution also reaffirms the Senate’s commitment to end discrimination and violence against women and to pursue policies that guarantee fundamental human rights for women worldwide.</td>
<td>Status: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.</td>
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<td>H.R.1688: Native American Child Protection Act</td>
<td>To amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act by authorizing three programs aimed at ensuring that Tribes have the tools they need to treat, prevent, investigate, and prosecute instances of family violence, child abuse, and child neglect.</td>
<td>Status: Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.</td>
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<td>H.Res.196: House Resolution Calling for a Feminist U.S. Foreign Policy</td>
<td>To promote gender equity and women’s participation in public life, including women’s education, access to health care, representation in public office, economic security and opportunity, access to rights and resources, inclusion in foreign markets, and participation in peacekeeping, military, and diplomatic missions.</td>
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<td>H.R.1620</td>
<td>Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021</td>
<td>To authorize funding for a variety of critical grant programs including victim services, prevention, training, education, enforcement, economic stability, and other programs that support survivors. This is the companion bill to S.527. <strong>Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.</strong></td>
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<td>H.R.1593</td>
<td>Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2021</td>
<td>To provide for automatic acquisition of U.S. citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals. Confirms citizenship status regardless of when they were adopted or their age at the time CCA was passed. This is the companion bill to S.967. <strong>Status: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.</strong></td>
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<td>H.R.1500</td>
<td>Global Learning Loss Assessment Act of 2021</td>
<td>To direct the Administrator of the USAID to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global basic education programs. This is the companion bill to S.552. <strong>Status: Passed in the House.</strong></td>
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<td>S.552</td>
<td>Global Learning Loss Assessment Act of 2021</td>
<td>To direct the Administration of the USAID to submit to Congress a report on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global basic education programs. This is the companion bill to H.R.1500. <strong>Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.</strong></td>
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<td>S.462</td>
<td>Additional Emergency Funding for Child Protection Act</td>
<td>To provide additional funding to states for child abuse or neglect prevention and treatment programs in response to COVID-19 and to provide support to community-based organizations, and purchase emergency supplies, among other uses. This is the companion bill to H.R.1377. <strong>Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</strong></td>
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<td>H.R.1238</td>
<td>PROKID Act</td>
<td>To ensure that rights afforded to immigrant children under the Flores Settlement Agreement and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act are protected and to create a permanent Office of the Ombudsperson to act as an advocate for ensuring that these rights afforded to children are recognized, applied, and enforced. This is the companion bill to S.382. <strong>Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.</strong></td>
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<td>S.382</td>
<td>Establishment of the Office of the Ombudsperson for Immigrant Children in Government Custody Bill</td>
<td>Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY]</td>
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<td>H.R.571</td>
<td>Safe From the Start Acts</td>
<td>Rep. Grace Meng [D-NY-6]</td>
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<td>S.117</td>
<td>Intercountry Adoption Advisory Committee Bill</td>
<td>Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]</td>
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H.R.485: The Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
Introduced: 01/25/2021
Sponsor: Rep. Robert Scott [D-VA-3]

To ensure states receive assistance to address the recent rise in child abuse and neglect by providing strategic funding to build networks of prevention services designed to strengthen families and to improve the quality of child protective services. To reauthorize and amend the current Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This is the companion bill to H.R.573. Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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