

Date: February 25, 2025
Time: 3:30PM - 5:00PM
Location: SVC 208
Host: CCA & CCAI

Honorary Co-Host:
Senate Caucus on Foster Youth
U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley | Chair & Founder

119TH NEW CONGRESS FORUM ON CHILD WELFARE

Forum Agenda

Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) Co-Chairs

- U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer | *Senate Co-Chair, CCA*
- U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar | *Senate Co-Chair, CCA*
- U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt | *House Co-Chair, CCA*
- U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis | *House Co-Chair, CCA*

Welcome & Opening Remarks

3:30 PM - 3:40PM

- Toria Parsons | *Policy Director, CCAI*

Panel

3:40PM - 4:20PM

- Moderator: Kate McLean | *Executive Director, CCAI*
- Philip Goldman | *Founder & President, Maestral International*
- Zach Laris | *Founder & Executive Director, Bolder Horizon*
- Sixto Cancel | *Founder & CEO, Think of Us*
- Dawn Wilson | *Director, National Training Institute, Center for Adoption Support and Education*
- Kristi Craig | *Senior Director of Public Policy, Casey Family Programs*
- Ryan Hanlon | *President & CEO, National Council for Adoption*

Closing Remarks

4:20PM - 4:30PM

- Kate McLean | *Executive Director, CCAI*

Reception & Resource Fair

4:30PM - 5:00PM



Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is the nonprofit, nonpartisan partner of Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA), the historic largest bipartisan, bicameral caucus in the U.S. Congress, dedicated to eliminating the barriers that prevent children from being part of a safe, nurturing, and permanent family. To learn more, visit www.ccaainstitute.org.

About the Forum

The 119th New Congress Forum on Child Welfare is an educational event designed to equip Members of Congress and their staff with essential insights on current permanency challenges affecting children and families both domestically and internationally. This forum will address key issues including adoption, permanency for older youth, post-permanency family supports, kinship care and foster care, family strengthening, system improvements, and global child protection.

About the Caucus: CCA

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption is the historically largest bipartisan, bicameral caucus in the U.S. Congress. Over the last 40 years, CCA Members have led Congress in the passage of historic legislation that has dramatically impacted the lives of children and families including but not limited to: Supporting America's Children and Families Act, Family First Prevention Services Act, The Adoption and Safe Families Act, John Chafee Foster Care Independence Act, and Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act.

About the Institute: CCAI

As an organization uniquely founded "by Congress, for Congress," CCAI has served as a trusted, principal source of the information, expertise, and resources needed by Members of Congress to make informed policy decisions about domestic and international child welfare. CCAI is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit dedicated to eliminating the barriers that prevent children from being part of a safe, nurturing, and permanent family. Both the CCA and CCAI are deeply committed to bipartisanship, strengthening families, and permanency.

Panelist Bios:



CCAI's Online Resources:



Regularly updated resources including legislation, fact sheets, policy reports, and more on domestic and international child welfare issues



For more information or to get in contact with CCAI, please reach out to CCAI Policy Director Toria Parsons at toria@ccainstitute.org.

Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) Leadership:



Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

CCA Senate Co-Chair



Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

CCA Senate Co-Chair



Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

CCA House Co-Chair



Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL)

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CCA Membership:

