

2025 ANGELS IN ADOPTION® PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

DAY 1: Leadership Conference

Dress Code: Business

The Angels in Adoption® Leadership Conference gathers honorees on Capitol Hill to learn from each other and policy experts. This immersive experience focuses on sharing lived experiences and best practices in child welfare advocacy. Participants engage in sessions designed to educate and empower them and Members of Congress, fostering effective advocacy for child welfare issues.

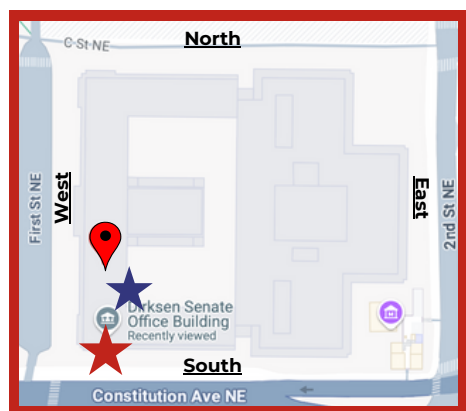
LOCATION

DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING (ROOM B48)
50 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC

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directions

1. Enter the building through the south staff and visitor entrance on Constitution Ave. This is indicated with a **red star** on the map.
2. Walk down the west hallway and take the elevator down to the "B" (basement) floor. This is indicated with a **purple star** on the map.
3. Head to Room B48. Exit the elevators and turn right. CCAI will be ready with a table across from the mini cafe. This is indicated with the **red** location symbol on the map.



- ★ ENTRANCE Lost? Look out for CCAI staff & volunteers in pink t-shirts!
- ★ ELEVATOR
- ★ ROOM B48

SCHEDULE

11:30PM - 12:00PM – ARRIVAL & SECURITY

Angels begin to arrive at Dirksen Senate Office Building. Plan to arrive at 11:30AM to give yourself plenty of time to go through security.

12:00PM - 1:00PM – INDEPENDENT LUNCH

Angel Honorees are encouraged to enjoy lunch in the Dirksen Cafeteria, located in the Dirksen Basement, NW corner, before heading to Room SD-B48 for check-in beginning at 1:00 PM.

1:00PM – 1:15PM – REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN

Honorees check-in outside of Room SD-B48 and receive information about the Angels in Adoption® events.

1:30PM – 2:00PM – WELCOME

CCAI officially welcomes the 2025 Angel Honorees to Washington, DC and provides an overview of what to expect over the next two days during the Angels in Adoption® program.

2:00PM – 2:30PM – SPOTLIGHT ON NATIONAL PARTNERS

Hear from representatives of leading national adoption and foster care organizations as they share about their work, highlight recent successes, and provide insight into ongoing efforts to improve outcomes for children and families across the country.

2:30PM – 2:45PM – BREAK

Angels will have a brief break to grab refreshments from the provided snack bar and use the restroom before the afternoon policy series begins.

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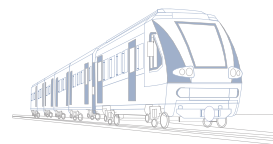
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METRO

The closest Metro stations to the Dirksen Senate Office Building are Union Station (Red Line) and Capitol South (Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines). Union Station is located on the Red Line and is a common option for reaching the Dirksen Building, while Capitol South is on the other side of the Capitol, but also a viable option with a slightly longer walk.



Afternoon Policy Session Agenda (2:45PM – 5:30PM)

Purpose: *To spotlight national policy experts and ideas while fostering engaging, interactive discussions for honorees, local leaders, and congressional staff.*

2:45PM - 2:55PM – POLICY SERIES KICK-OFF

CCAI's Policy Director sets the stage for the afternoon's policy series by providing a brief overview of the themes guiding our discussions.

2:55PM - 3:00PM – TABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Take a few minutes to turn to the person next to you, introduce yourself, and spend a few minutes getting to know each other.

3:00PM - 3:25PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #1, Q&A, AND BREAKOUT

National expert speaks on reunification and family preservation, followed by brief Q&A and breakout discussions on focused policy challenges with guiding questions at each table.

3:25PM - 3:50PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #2, Q&A, AND BREAKOUT

National expert shares key insights on kinship guardianship in a 5-minute talk, followed by Q&A and focused table discussions.

3:50PM - 4:00PM – 10 MINUTE SNACK BREAK + REFLECT

Angel honorees have time to stretch, grab a snack, and reflect on discussions thus far.

4:00PM - 4:25PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #3, Q&A, AND BREAKOUT

The final national expert in this policy series will share key insights on adoption in a brief talk, followed by Q&A and focused table discussions.

3:50PM - 4:00PM – 10 MINUTE SNACK BREAK + REFLECT

Angel honorees have time to stretch, grab a snack, and reflect on discussions thus far.

4:25PM - 4:45PM – GROUP REPORTS BACK & LIVE SYNTHESIS

Three to four breakout groups will share brief insights with the group at large. The moderator will highlight emerging themes and key questions, and summarize shared priorities and takeaways.

4:45PM - 5:00PM – EXPERT REFLECTIONS

Experts respond to group insights and themes, discuss next steps, and open the floor for final questions and reflections.

5:00PM - 5:15PM – CLOSING AND CALL TO ACTION

Moderator thanks attendees, highlights key takeaways, explains how their input will be used, and invites future involvement with an inspiring send-off.

5:30PM – HONOREES DEPART THE HILL

Honorees begin to leave after a successful first day of the Angels program, wrapping up a day of meaningful connections and policy engagement.

5:45PM – OPTIONAL GROUP PHOTO

Angels have the opportunity to participate in an optional group photo in front of the Capitol Building. For those who are interested, we will walk to the front east side of the Capitol Building as a group from Dirksen.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

DAY 2: Hill Day

Dress Code: Business + comfortable walking shoes

Angels in Adoption® Hill Day brings together advocates to use their voices and expertise to inform Members of Congress and their staff about the needs of their communities. With the guidance of our wonderful Hill Day Leaders, your Hill Day groups will visit congressional offices to bring very important child welfare issues to the attention of congressional members and their staff. Angel Honorees will also receive their honorary Angels pin and certificates during their Hill Day meetings.

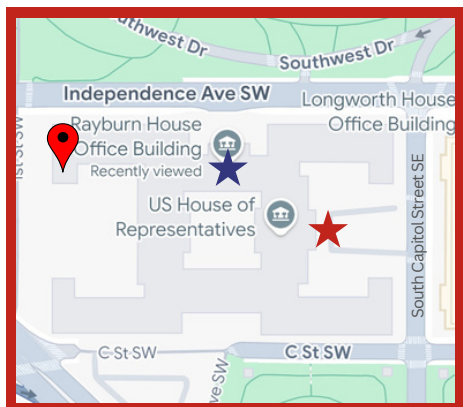
LOCATION

RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING (ROOM 2043)
45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

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directions

1. Enter the building through the entrance on South Capitol Street SE. This is indicated with a **red star** on the map.
2. Complete the security checkpoint.
3. Follow the signs for room Rayburn 2043. The room is located in the basement so you will need to take the elevator down a level. This is indicated with a **purple star** on the map.



★ ENTRANCE

★ ROOM 2043

★ ELEVATOR

SCHEDULE

7:45AM – ARRIVE TO RAYBURN

Plan to arrive by 7:45AM to give yourself time at security. Find a CCAI staff/volunteer in a blue shirt and make your way to Rayburn 2043.

8:00AM - 8:15AM – CHECK IN

Arrive at Room 2043 to check-in with CCAI, and then enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries to start your day.

8:15AM - 9:00AM – HILL DAY WELCOME & KICKOFF

Connect with your Hill Day Leader and group, and enjoy a warm welcome from former Senator Dodd and former Congressman Kind.

9:00AM - 4:30PM – HILL DAY MEETINGS

Each Hill Day group will have a unique schedule. We will disseminate the schedules as soon as possible.

4:30PM - 6:00PM – BREAK BEFORE CELEBRATION

meeting tips & tricks

- Meetings will be with Members of Congress and/or their staff.
- Be on time / respect other people's time.
- Treat everyone like they are the decision maker. Staffers advise Members on policy and legislative issues, and Members trust their staff members.
- Build a rapport and connection. Have an ASK.
- Stick to the Angels in Adoption Program and your story.
- Always thank the Member and/or staff for their time, interest, and leadership.

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DAY 2: Celebration

Dress Code: Business OR cocktail attire

The Angels in Adoption® Celebration is a gathering of the adoption and permanency community from around the country hosted in Washington, D.C. to celebrate with a cocktail reception, entertainment, and short program for a night centered around community, connection, and building momentum so that one day every child knows the love and support of a permanent family.

LOCATION

CAPITAL TURNAROUND

770 M St SE, Washington, DC

Please have your QR code tickets ready to scan after entering the doors to the venue.

directions

1. Enter the building through the 7th St. entrance.
This is indicated with a star on the map.



★ ENTRANCE

27TH ANNUAL ANGELS IN ADOPTION Celebration

SCHEDULE

6:00PM – COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Celebrate with light bites and refreshments featuring a variety of global cuisines connected to CCAI's Congressional delegation trips.

7:30PM - 8:30PM – PROGRAM

Enjoy a brief program centered on community, connection, and building momentum in child welfare.

