

DAY 1 SCHEDULE: LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
WASHINGTON, DC

2026 ANGELS IN ADOPTION® PROGRAM SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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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.

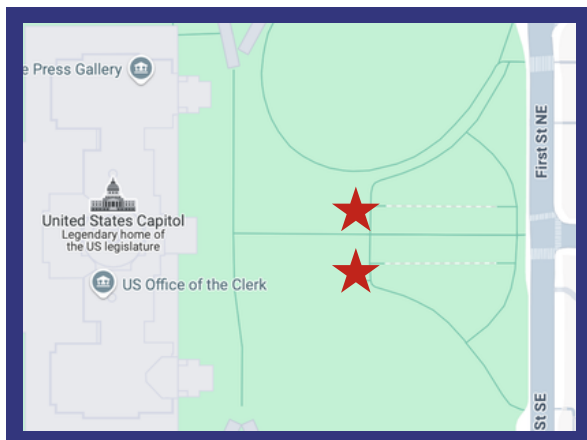
LOCATION

UNITED STATES CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER (CVC 200)
1st St SE, Washington, DC

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directions

1. Enter the building through the Capitol Visitor Center Entrance, located on the East side of the Capitol Building (facing the U.S. Supreme Court and Library of Congress). This is indicated with a red star on the map.
2. Go through security and proceed inside.
3. Once past security, head into the main great hall (Emancipation Hall). Follow overhead signs toward the auditorium or find a CCAI volunteer wearing a white CCAI t-shirt to guide you to room CVC 200.



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SCHEDULE

10:00AM - 11:00AM – CAPITOL TOURS [OPTIONAL]

Angel Honorees who signed up for a tour begin to arrive at the Capitol Visitor Center. Plan to arrive an hour before your assigned tour to give yourself plenty of time to go through security and collect your capitol tour ticket(s) from CCAI.

11:00AM - 12:00PM – LUNCH AT CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Angels can enjoy an optional complimentary lunch at the Capitol Visitor Center Cafeteria before heading to the Atrium for check-in beginning at 12:00 PM. Angels are also welcome to do an independent lunch.

12:00PM – REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN (ATRIUM)

Angels check-in in the Atrium and receive information about the Angels in Adoption® events.

12:00PM – 1:00PM – ADVOCACY FAIR (CVC 217)

During the advocacy fair, Angels meet other honorees and hear from representatives from national adoption and foster care advocacy organizations about their work, available resources, and ways to get involved.

1:00PM – 1:30 PM – WELCOME (CVC 200: AUDITORIUM)

CCAI officially welcomes the 2026 Angels to Washington, DC and provides an overview of what to expect over the next two days during the Angels in Adoption® program.

1:30PM - 2:00PM – FEDERAL INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT (CVC 200: AUDITORIUM)

This panel will explore how Fostering the Future Accounts are helping youth in foster care build financial literacy and a foundation for long-term stability as they transition to adulthood.

2:00PM - 2:20PM – BREAK

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

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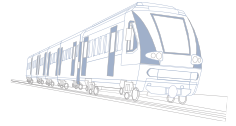
LOCATION

U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER (CVC 200)
First St SE, Washington, DC 20515

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METRO

The closest Metro station to the Capitol Visitor Center is Capitol South, served by the Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines.



Afternoon Policy Session Agenda (2:20PM – 5:00PM)

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

2:20PM – POLICY SERIES KICK-OFF (CVC 200: AUDITORIUM)

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

2:25PM - 2:40PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #1 w/ Q&A

National expert speaks on reunification and family preservation, followed by brief Q&A.

2:40PM - 2:55PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #2 w/ Q&A

National expert shares key insights on kinship guardianship in a short talk, followed by Q&A.

2:55PM - 3:10PM – EXPERT LIGHTNING TALK #3 w/ Q&A

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

3:10PM - 3:20PM – 10 MINUTE SNACK BREAK + REFLECT

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

3:20PM - 4:10PM – BREAKOUT (ATRIUM & CVC 217)

Angels go to atrium and CVC 217 for breakout discussions on focused policy challenges with guiding questions at each table.

4:10PM - 4:30PM – GROUP REPORTS BACK & LIVE SYNTHESIS (CVC 200: AUDITORIUM)

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.

4:30PM - 4:45PM – EXPERT REFLECTIONS

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

4:45PM - 5:00PM – 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.

5:00PM – 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.



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

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 certificates during their Hill Day meetings.

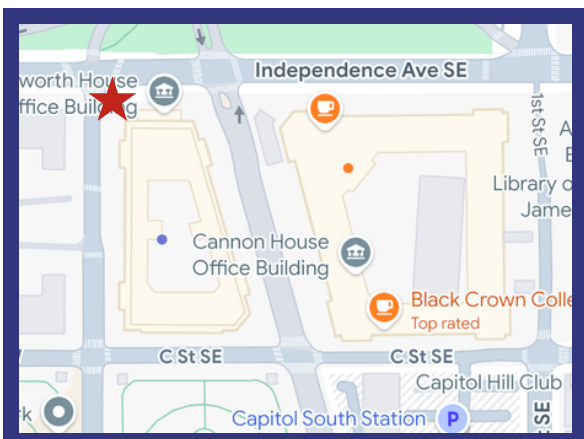
LOCATION

Cannon House Office Building (Room 390)
27 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

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directions

1. Enter the building through the main public entrance, located at the intersection of Independence Ave SE and New Jersey Ave SE. This is indicated with a red star on the map.
2. Go through security and proceed inside.
3. Once past security, head left or right to go up the stairs or elevator to floor 3. Head to room 390 (Speaker Nancy Pelosi Caucus Room) at the center of the rotunda. If needed, Find a CCAI staff/volunteer wearing a blue CCAI t-shirt or security to help guide you to the room.



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SCHEDULE

7:45AM – ARRIVE TO CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Plan to arrive by 7:45AM to give yourself time at security. Find a CCAI staff/volunteer in a blue t-shirt and make your way to Cannon 390.

8:00AM – 8:15AM – CHECK IN

Arrive at Cannon 390 to check-in with CCAI, and then enjoy complimentary coffee and tea 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

28TH 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.

