

# CONGRESSIONAL COALITION ON ADOPTION INSTITUTE

## ABOUT:

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 2001 to eliminate the barriers that prevent children from safe, nurturing, and permanent families. For more than twenty years, CCAI has served as a trusted, principal source of the information, expertise, and resources needed by members of Congress' Adoption Caucus, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA), on permanency issues in the United States and around the world.

Although the CCA and CCAI are distinct entities, they are closely linked in partnership. Both CCA and CCAI are deeply committed to bipartisanship, strengthening families, and permanency. CCAI's initial and continued mandate includes service to the caucus.

**THE CCA IS THE LARGEST  
BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL,  
CAUCUS IN THE U.S.  
CONGRESS.**

For three decades, since establishing in 1985, CCA Members have led Congress in the passage of historic legislation that has dramatically impacted the lives of children, youth, and families including:

- Supporting Foster Youth and Families through the Pandemic Act
- Family First Prevention Services Act
- The Adoption and Safe Families Act
- John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act
- Hope for Children Act
- Intercountry Adoption Act
- Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act
- Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

## THE MODEL:

**Knowledge is powerful.**

CCAI's main purpose and expertise is bringing awareness and education to the U.S. Congress by providing experiential and interactive resources and opportunities to the active membership of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) to stay up to date on child welfare policy information. CCAI's programs are led by voices of both experience and professional expertise. CCAI's programs provide policymakers the knowledge they need to use the power they have to make a difference on behalf of vulnerable children and families.



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# ANGELS IN ADOPTION®

## SUMMARY:

Through the Angels in Adoption® Leadership Program, Members of Congress have an opportunity to recognize individuals, families, and organizations from across the country who have made extraordinary contributions to adoption, permanency, and child welfare. Once selected, the Angels travel to Washington, D.C. to both celebrate their hard work and dedication to the issues and participate in special events designed to engage them in using their lived experience to effect change such as meeting with federal policymakers, participating in policy roundtables, and receiving advocacy training. Since 1999, thousands of Angels have traveled to Washington, D.C. to take part in this program, and these extraordinary leaders return home more empowered and better equipped to effect change on behalf of vulnerable children and families.

## goals:

### 1 engagement

*Engaging Members of Congress and their staff on the issues of adoption, child welfare, and permanency*

### 2 empowerment

*Empowering Angel honorees as effective advocates and leaders*



SINCE 1999,

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ANGELS HAVE BEEN  
RECOGNIZED AS LEADERS  
IN THEIR COMMUNITY.



## impact:

- Create hundreds of **direct engagement** opportunities for Members of Congress and their staff with child welfare advocates
- **Celebrate thousands of hometown heroes** who emphasize the importance of safe, nurturing, permanent families and caring communities
- Generate **positive media attention** to inspire communities across the nation
- Empowered honorees leave D.C. with a **renewed excitement and strong connections** to further their adoption, foster care, and permanency work



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