



Foster Care & Adoption Legislation in the 118th Congress

Bill	Summary
<p>H.R.6484 To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth. Introduced: 11/28/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove [D-CA-37]</p>	<p>This bill intends the continuity of health insurance coverage for former foster youth as in the title XIX of the Social Security Act.</p>
<p>H.Res.893 Designating November 2023 as "National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month" Introduced: 11/28/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Suzanne Bonamici [D-OR-1]</p>	<p>Designating November 2023 as "National Homeless Children and Youth Awareness Month".</p>
<p>H.Res.875 - Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children. Introduced: 11/17/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Robert B. Aderholt[R-AL-4]</p>	<p>Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.</p>
<p>S.Res.471 - A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national</p>	<p>Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure</p>

<p>awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.</p> <p>Introduced: 11/16/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]</p>	<p>safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.</p>
<p><u>H.R.6423</u> - To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to provide certain alternative eligibility requirements applicable to foster care youth, and homeless youth, who are enrolled at least half-time in an institution of higher education; and for other purposes.</p> <p>Introduced: 11/15/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Danny K. Davis [D-IL-7]</p>	<p>This bill intends to qualify foster care and homeless youth who are enrolled in a higher education institution for at least half time to qualify for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.</p>
<p><u>S.3333</u> - Supporting Adopted Children and Families Act</p> <p>Introduced: 11/15/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]</p>	<p>To enhance pre- and post-adoption support services, and for other purposes.</p>
<p><u>H.R.6220</u> ADOPT Act of 2023</p> <p>Introduced: 11/03/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Ann M. Kuster [D-NH-2]</p>	<p>To amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize unlawful adoption practices with an intention of protecting adoptive families, children, and expectant mothers from exploitation by unlicensed adoption intermediary.</p>
<p><u>H.R.6133</u> Protecting Religious Freedom for Foster Families Act</p> <p>Introduced: Rep. Josh Brecheen [R-OK-2] Sponsor: 11/01/2023</p>	<p>To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing the proposed rule, entitled “Safe and Appropriate Foster Care Placement Requirements for Titles IV–E and IV–B”.</p>
<p><u>S.3196</u> Ensuring Medicaid Continuity for Children in Foster Care Act of 2023</p> <p>Introduced: 11/01/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio [R-FL]</p>	<p>To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide a State option to extend Medicaid coverage for foster care children while receiving treatment from a qualified residential treatment program.</p>
<p><u>S.3070</u> Youth Prevention and Recovery Reauthorization Act of 2023</p> <p>Introduced: 10/18/2023</p>	<p>This proposed legislation aims to modify the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to reauthorize the youth prevention and recovery initiative.</p>

Sponsor: Sen. Gary C. Peters [D-MI]	
<u>S.3060</u> Youth Mental Health Research Act Introduced: 10/17/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]	This bill plans to establish a Youth Mental Health Research Initiative in the National Institutes of Health for purposes of encouraging collaborative research to improve youth mental health.
<u>H.R.5908</u> Strengthening Communities through Summer Employment Act Introduced: 10/06/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Mikie Sherrill [D-NJ]	This bill aims to provide funding to summer youth employment programs to expand the availability of subsidized jobs for youths and to develop innovative program activities that improve academic, economic, and criminal justice outcomes for youths, and for other purposes.
<u>H.R.5876</u> Building Child Care for a Better Future Act Introduced: 10/03/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Danny K. Davis [D-IL]	This bill aims to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide funding to sustain and increase the supply and quality of child care, access to child care, and the child care workforce, and for other purposes.
<u>S.2895</u> A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit Introduced: 09/21/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Robert P. Casey [D-PA]	Allows a refundable adoption tax credit for families with adoption-related expenses.
<u>H.R.5581</u> Child Care Assistance for Maternal Health Act Introduced: 09/20/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer McClellan [D-VA-4]	To amend the Social Security Act to authorize grants for demonstration projects to support mothers and families during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period by increasing access to short-term child care, and for other purposes.
<u>S.2836</u> Foster Youth Mental Health Act of 2023 Introduced: 09/19/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Robert P. Casey [D-PA]	To amend subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to support the mental health and well-being of children and youth in, and formerly in, foster care, and for other purposes.”
<u>S.2837</u> Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act Introduced: 09/19/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Robert P. Casey [D-PA]	To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.
<u>S.2849</u> A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide formula grants to States to improve higher education opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth, and for other purposes Introduced: 09/19/2023	Seeks to provide grants to States to improve higher education opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth.

Sponsor: Sen. Robert P. Casey [D-PA]	
H.Res.694 Expressing support for the designation of September 2023 as "National Kinship Care Month" Introduced: 09/18/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove [D-CA-37]	Seeks to recognize September 2023 as the "National Kinship Care Month."
H.R.5540 In Good Standing Adoption Agencies Act of 2023 Introduced: 09/18/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Doug Lamborn [R-CO-5]	A bill allows for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to maintain a national list of licensed private child placement agencies.
H.R.5511 Opening Doors for Youth Act of 2023 Introduced: 09/14/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Scott (D-VA-3)	To provide subsidized summer and year-round employment for youth who face systemic barriers to employment and viable career options and to assist local community partnerships in improving high school graduation and youth employment rates, and for other purposes.
S.2777/H.R.5433 Child Care Stabilization Act Introduced: 09/13/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Patty Murray [D-WA], Rep. Catherine Clark [D-MA-5]	To increase child care options for working families and support child care providers.
S.Res.330 A resolution expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month Introduced: 09/06/2023 Sponsor: Sen. John Cornyn [R-TX]	A resolution that supports the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
H.R.3667 Social Security Child Protection Act of 2023 Introduced: 06/07/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Brad Wenstrup [R-OH-2]	To amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised.
H.R.3852 Amendment to Title IV of the Social Security Act Introduced: 06/06/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL-2)	Seeks to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to address the shortage of appropriate foster homes, the need to keep sibling groups together in foster care, and a system of checks and balances to ensure the safety of children in the foster care system.

<u>S.1697/H.R.3583</u> Real Education and Access for Healthy Youth Act of 2023 Introduced: 05/22/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-12) and Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)	This legislation seeks to provide for the overall well-being and health of America's youth, to include promoting healthy relationships and sexual health.
<u>S.1700/H.R.3548</u> Pursuing Equity In Mental Health Act Introduced: 05/18/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12) and Sen. Robert Mendez (D-NJ)	To address mental health issues for youth, especially for youth of color.
<u>S.454/H.R.3416</u> Youth Workforce Readiness Act of 2023 Introduced: 02/15/2023 and 05/17/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN) and Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-9)	To establish a competitive grant program to support out-of-school-time youth workforce readiness programs, providing employability skills development, career exploration, employment readiness training, mentoring, work-based learning, and workforce opportunities for eligible youth.
<u>H.Res.393</u> Honoring All Families Introduced: 05/11/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Robert Garcia (D-CA-42)	A resolution to recognize all families as equal, to include foster and adoptive families, and those with parents in the LGBTQ+ community.
<u>H.R.3183</u> EATS Act of 2023 Introduced: 05/10/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34)	To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to remove certain eligibility disqualifications that restrict otherwise eligible students enrolled in institutions of higher education from participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.
<u>S.Res.115</u> Countering International Parental Abduction Month Agreed to in senate: 05/10/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Thomas Tillis (R-NC)	This resolution recognizes the Senate's observation of Countering International Parental Child Abduction Month in April 2023. It also urges the United States to continue to lead in raising awareness about the devastating impact of international parental child abduction.
<u>H.R.349</u> Recognizing National Foster Care Month Introduced: 05/02/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37)	This resolution recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to convince Congress to help better the lives of foster children, as well as to raise awareness surrounding the issues that foster children and foster families face.
<u>S.1351/H.R.2955</u> Stop Institutional Child Abuse Act Introduced: 04/27/2023	This legislation is meant to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs like foster homes.

Sponsor: Rep. Ro Khana (D-CA-17) and Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	
<u>S.1313/H.R.3058</u> Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2023 Introduced: 04/26/2023 and 05/02/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA) Rep. Daniel Kildee (D-MI-8)	A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act in an effort to increase foster and adoptive parent recruitment.
<u>S.1276/H.R.2841</u> Helping to Encourage Real Opportunities (HERO) for Youth Act of 2023 Introduced: 04/25/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2) and Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	This bill seeks to modify the work opportunity tax credit for youth summer employees who will be students who are in secondary education and hold a job, to increase the amount of credit for youth employees, and to expand the credit to disconnected youth.
<u>S.1270/H.R.2840</u> AID Youth Employment Act Introduced: 04/25/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2)	This bill seeks to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to provide competitive funding for both year-round and summer employment for youth ages 14-24.
<u>H.R.2762</u> Tribal Family Fairness Act Introduced: 4/20/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37)	This bill seeks to remove administrative barriers for Indian tribes to participate in Federal child welfare programs.
<u>H.R.2510</u> To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the credit for the adoption of special needs children refundable. Introduced: 04/06/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Zachary Nunn (R-IA-3)	This bill makes the tax credit for adopting children with special needs refundable.
<u>H.R.2540</u> End Child Poverty Act Introduced: 04/06/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-12)	This bill replaces the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit with a universal child assistance program. The program establishes a set monthly assistance payment for each child of a taxpayer less than 19 years of age.
<u>H.R.56</u> - RAISE Act of 2023 Introduced: 04/06/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Raul Ruis (D-CA-25)	To provide alternatives to incarceration for youth, and for other purposes.
<u>S.1095/H.R.2597</u> Reserve Component Parental Leave Parity Act of 2023 Introduced: 03/30/2023	Authorizes members of reserve components to take parental leave for the long term foster placement or adoption of children.

Sponsor: Sen. Margaret Hassan (D-NH) and Rep. Jeff Jackson (D-NC-14)	
<u>S.1065</u> Tribal Adoption Parity Act Introduced: 03/29/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	This bill allows governments of Indian tribes to determine whether a child has special needs for the purposes of the adoption tax credit.
<u>S.Res.128/H.Con.R.29</u> Condemning the Russian Federation's Kidnapping of Ukrainian Children Introduced: 03/28/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	This resolution condemns Russia's abduction of Ukrainian children and the relocation of those children to reeducation camps. The resolution also rebukes nations that provide support to Russia's kidnapping enterprise, condemns forced adoptions of Ukrainian children by Russian citizens, and implores Russia to work with international organizations to return Ukrainian children to their home country.
<u>H.R.1708</u> Housing is a Human Right Act of 2023 Introduced: 03/22/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7)	This bill seeks to find out and address the root causes of homelessness, end penalties of being homeless, and try to create housing solutions.
<u>S.762/H.R.1493</u> HCBS Access Act Introduced: 03/09/2023 and 03/17/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6)	To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of, and expand access to, home and community-based services under the Medicaid program; to award grants for the creation, recruitment, training and education, retention, and advancement of the direct care workforce and to award grants to support family caregivers; and for other purposes.
<u>H.R.1475</u> Hospital Adoption Education Act of 2023 Introduced: 03/08/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11)	This bill requires that the Department of Health and Human Services develop resources to increase the knowledge and understanding of healthcare workers on the subject of adoption.
<u>S.699/H.R.1446</u> Foster Youth and Driving Act Introduced: 03/08/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Margaret Wood Hassan (D-NH) and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7)	This bill seeks to provide state foster care resources to include those relating to driving lessons, obtaining automobile insurance, completing driver's education, purchasing a vehicle, and obtaining a driver's license. It also seeks to provide adequate training for foster parents and their foster children on these issues.
<u>H.R.171</u> Expressing support for the designation of February 2023 as "National Youth Leadership Month" Introduced: 02/27/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-4)	This resolution seeks to designate February as National Youth Leadership Month.

H.R.1045 Title X Code Amendment Introduced: 02/14/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Patrick Ryan (D-NY-18)	To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve dependent coverage under the TRICARE Young Adult Program.
H.R.953 Child Care for Every Community Act Introduced: 02/09/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Mikie Sherill (D-NJ-11)	This bill provides funds to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for an affordable child care and early learning program. Children who are not yet required to attend school may participate in the program regardless of family income, disability status, citizenship status, or employment of a family member.
S.365 Dream Act of 2023 Introduced: 02/09/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)	To authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children, and for other purposes.
S.268 Child Care Workforce and Facilities Act of 2023 Introduced: 02/02/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)	This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide states and tribal entities with grants to increase access to licensed child care services.
H.R.755 Protecting Sibling Relationships in Foster Care Act Introduced: 02/02/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	To encourage the development of specialized foster care programs designed specifically for large sibling groups, sibling groups with a wide age range, and sibling groups with complex needs.
S.182/H.R.653 Transition-to-Success Mentoring Act Introduced: 01/31/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Rep. Andre Carson (D-IN-7)	To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to award grants to eligible entities to establish, expand, or support school-based mentoring programs to assist at-risk middle school students with the transition from middle school to high school.
S.166 HEALING Mothers and Fathers Act Introduced: 01/31/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)	This bill revises the family and medical leave entitlement and limits funding to certain family planning programs.
H.R.663 Native American Child Protection Act Introduced: 01/31/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-3)	This bill reauthorizes through FY2028 and otherwise revises certain programs related to the prevention, investigation, treatment, and prosecution of family violence, child abuse, and child neglect involving Indian children and families.
H.R.623 - Human Trafficking and Exploitation Prevention Training Act	To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the implementation of curricula for training students, teachers,

<p>Introduced: 01/30/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)</p>	<p>and school personnel to understand, recognize, prevent, and respond to signs of human trafficking and exploitation in children and youth, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>S.102/H.R.756: Foster Care Stabilization Act of 2023 Introduced: 01/26/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-NE) and Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)</p>	<p>This bill requires the Administration for Children and Families to award demonstration grants to foster care stabilization agencies to improve services for foster youth awaiting placement and for other emergency assistance.</p>
<p>S.65/H.R.525 - Mentoring to Succeed Act of 2023 Introduced: 01/25/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-9) and Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)</p>	<p>This bill requires the Department of Education to award grants to high-need local educational agencies, high-need schools, and local governments to establish, expand, or support school-based mentoring programs that assist at-risk students in developing cognitive skills and promoting social-emotional learning to prepare them for success in high school, postsecondary education, and the workforce.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill directs the Institute of Education Sciences to conduct a study to identify successful school-based mentoring programs and evaluate the effectiveness of the grant program established by this bill.</p>
<p>H.R.478 WFCA Act Introduced: 01/24/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV-1)</p>	<p>This bill includes certain additional expenses in a dependent care flexible spending arrangement (FSA), specifically qualified sports, tutoring, and music or art expenses. It also increases the eligibility age for dependent care benefits to 15, allows a carry forward of unused benefits to the next plan year, and increases to \$15,000 the maximum amount of dependent care benefits excludable from employee gross income.</p>
<p>S.35 - New Parents Act of 2023 Introduced: 01/24/2023 Sponsor: Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)</p>	<p>A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to make available parental leave benefits to parents following the birth or adoption of a child, and for other purposes.</p>
<p>H.R.223 - Adoption Information Act Introduced: 01/09/2023 Sponsor: Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA-1)</p>	<p>This bill requires federally funded family planning programs to provide each person who inquires about their services with specified information about adoption centers in their state. The Department of Health and Human Services must provide the programs with pamphlets containing the required information.</p>