



How Can States Help Prevent Child Maltreatment?

Joint Fellows Convening

Child Welfare · Early Childhood · Youth Homelessness

Embassy Suites, Seattle Downtown Pioneer Square
King St. Ballrooms | Seattle, Wash. | June 27-29, 2022

Meeting Overview:

Child welfare systems are undergoing a sea change throughout the United States as policymakers and researchers explore how to shift focus and resources to proactively *preventing* child abuse and neglect rather than primarily *reacting* when it does occur. This meeting will introduce fellows to essential concepts in an interactive peer-learning setting.

This program is designed to help you achieve the following goals:

- Strengthen your knowledge of child welfare and child maltreatment prevention.
- Explore options to prevent child maltreatment and mitigate the consequences when it does occur.
- Foster new relationships among fellows, faculty and NCSL staff.
- Develop an individual legislative action plan.
- Identify opportunities for NCSL to support your individual action plan.

For the first time, Child Welfare Fellows will learn about and consider the relationships between child welfare, early childhood and youth homelessness through cross-over programming with Early Childhood Fellows and Youth Homelessness Fellows.

Monday, June 27 | Room: King St. I (*unless otherwise noted*)

3:30 p.m.	Registration Opens Pick up your name tag and meeting folder.
4-5 p.m.	Program Introduction: Child Welfare Fellows Cohort Welcome, introductions and program goals <i>Facilitators:</i> Jenna Bannon and Kate Blackman, NCSL
5-5:45 p.m.	Welcome & Networking Reception Gather to network and mingle with fellows from all three cohorts, faculty, guests and NCSL staff. <i>Location:</i> Perch Patio
5:45-6 p.m.	Transition to Dinner



6-7:30 p.m.	<p>Dinner and Keynote Address</p> <p>Enjoy dinner with Child Welfare Fellows, Early Childhood Fellows and Youth Homelessness Fellows. William Bell will set the stage for all three Fellows programs by drawing on his more than 40 years of experience leading efforts to improve the well-being of our nation’s children and families.</p> <p><i>Moderators:</i> Kate Blackman and Wade Fickler, NCSL <i>Speaker:</i> William Bell, Ph.D., Casey Family Programs</p>
<p>Tuesday, June 28 Room: King St. I (unless otherwise noted)</p>	
8-9 a.m.	<p>Breakfast and Networking</p> <p>Breakfast is provided by the hotel and available in the restaurant on the second floor.</p>
9-10:30 a.m.	<p>Opening Plenary: Brain Science and the Importance of Building a Strong Foundation</p> <p>This plenary session will provide an overview of brain development, examining neuroscience research and considering the impact of experiences and the neurobiology of trauma.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Kate Blackman, NCSL <i>Speaker:</i> Melanie Berry, Psy.D., Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University; Greta Massetti, Ph.D., Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p> <p><i>Location:</i> King St. III & IV</p>
10:30-10:40 a.m.	<p>Break and Room Change</p> <p><i>Move into smaller cohort rooms.</i></p>
10:40-10:50 a.m.	<p>Child Welfare Fellows Welcome</p> <p>This session will set the stage for the rest of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Kate Blackman and Jenna Bannon, NCSL</p>
10:50 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	<p>Setting the Stage: A New Era for Child Welfare</p> <p>This session will feature national experts to provide an overview of the current federal and state child welfare policy landscape, including a look back at the key historical moments that laid the groundwork for today’s system and a look ahead at the sea change shift towards prevention.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jenna Bannon, NCSL <i>Speakers:</i> Krista Thomas, Ph.D., Chapin Hall Beth Jordan, J.D., Child Trends</p>



12:30-1:45 p.m.	<p>Joint Networking Lunch & Wellness Walk</p> <p>Lunch will be provided by NCSL. Fellows and faculty are invited to engage in conversation and join a wellness walk.</p>
1:45-2:45 p.m.	<p>Becoming System Involved: Understanding Child Maltreatment and Case Outcomes</p> <p>This session will highlight ways in which families enter the child welfare system and examine the role poverty, housing insecurity, substance use and state definitions of neglect impact involvement in the system. State policy options for prevention and intervention will be explored.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Tammy Hill, NCSL <i>Speakers:</i> Diane Moore, Utah Division of Child and Family Services; Greta Massetti, Ph.D., Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p>
2:45-3 p.m.	<p>Break</p>
3-3:30 p.m.	<p>Interactive Relationship-Building Activity</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Alex McWard, NCSL</p>
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<p>Strengthening Families and Fostering Care</p> <p>This session will examine kinship care, foster care, congregate care, adoption and guardianship, and what states are doing to prevent removal, expand reunification and strengthen caregiver supports.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jill Yordy, NCSL <i>Speaker:</i> Nadia Nijim, Administration for Children and Families</p>
4:30-5 p.m.	<p>Debrief, Action Planning and Group Photo</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> Khanh Nguyen, NCSL</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Dinner on Your Own</p> <p>Venture out on your own or with others to enjoy Seattle’s food scene.</p>



Wednesday, June 29 | Room: King St. I (unless otherwise noted)

8-9 a.m.	<p>Breakfast and Networking</p> <p>Breakfast is provided by the hotel and available in the restaurant on the second floor.</p>
9-9:15 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Kick-Off for Final Day</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> NCSL Staff</p>
9:15-10 a.m.	<p>Upstream Prevention Strategies to Strengthen Family Success</p> <p>This session will explore how comprehensive prenatal-to-3 policy strategies can decrease child maltreatment and improve the systemic supports families need to thrive.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Jenna Bannon, NCSL</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Cynthia Osborne, Ph.D., Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center</p>
10-10:30 a.m.	<p>Break/Check Out of Hotel Room</p>
10:30-11:30 a.m.	<p>Financing Child Welfare and Prevention Systems</p> <p>This session will focus on federal and state financing strategies for child welfare and prevention, make sense of the “alphabet soup” of funding streams and explore the role of philanthropy in funding innovation and promising practices to inform policy.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Wade Fickler, NCSL</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Kristina Rosinsky, Child Trends; Antoinette Malveaux, Casey Family Programs; Kathy Stohr, Pritzker Children’s Initiative.</p>
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	<p>Closing and Final Reflections</p> <p>Fellows will reflect on the past few days of learning and determine action steps to put your new knowledge to use. Please also share your feedback on ways that we can improve our programming.</p> <p><i>Facilitator:</i> NCSL Staff</p>
12:30-2 p.m.	<p>Networking & Learning Lunch (combined with Early Childhood Fellows)</p> <p><i>Enjoy lunch with child welfare and early childhood experts and fellows.</i></p>

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