



How Can States Prevent Youth Homelessness?

Joint Fellows Convening

Child Welfare · Early Childhood · Youth Homelessness

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

Meeting Overview:

Each year 4.2 million youth and young adults experience some form of homelessness, and state policymakers across the country are seeking guidance on how best to address the problem in their states. NCSL is answering the call with a new policy fellows program through which participants will enhance their subject-matter knowledge in a cohort-based, peer-learning environment.

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

- Strengthen your knowledge of youth and young adult homelessness.
- Explore options to prevent homelessness 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, fellows will learn about and consider the relationships between youth and young adult homelessness, early childhood and child welfare through cross-over programming with Early Childhood Fellows and Child Welfare Fellows.

Agenda

| Monday, June 27 | |
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| 3:30 pm | <p>Registration Opens</p> <p>Pick up your name tag and meeting folder.</p> <p><i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 4 – 5 p.m. | <p>Program Introduction: Youth Homelessness Fellows Cohort #1</p> <p>Meet Youth Homelessness Fellows, faculty and NCSL staff, and prepare for the experience of working together to achieve the goals of the program.</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Heather Hanna, NCSL; Cameron Rifkin, NCSL; Walker Stevens, NCSL; Heather Wilson, NCSL</i></p> <p><i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 5 – 5:45 p.m. | <p>Welcome & Networking Reception</p> <p>Gather for informal networking and mingle with fellows from all three cohorts, faculty, guests and NCSL staff.</p> <p><i>Location: Perch Patio</i></p> |



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| 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, NCSL and Wade Fickler, NCSL <i>Speaker:</i> William Bell, Ph.D., president and CEO, Casey Family Programs <i>Location:</i> King St. III & IV</p> |
| Tuesday, June 28 | |
| 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>Joint 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</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Melanie Berry, Psy.D., senior specialist, Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University; Greta Massetti, Ph.D., branch chief, Field Epidemiology and Prevention Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p> <p><i>Location:</i> King St. III</p> |
| 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. | <p>Break and Room Change</p> <p>Move into assigned cohort rooms.</p> |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | <p>An Introduction to Youth Homelessness</p> <p>Learn and engage with faculty as they define youth homelessness, vulnerable populations and demographics, root causes and consequences, toxic stress and prevention factors. We will dive into national and state data while examining the causes and outcomes of youth homelessness.</p> <p><i>Faculty:</i> Kim Justice, executive director, Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and</p> |



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| | <p>Protection, Washington State Department of Commerce; Kahran LaTourette, youth project coordinator, Innovations HTC; Matthew Morton, research fellow, Chapin Hall; Katie Meyer Scott, senior youth attorney, National Homelessness Law Center</p> <p><i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. | <p>Joint Lunch, Networking and Wellness Walk</p> <p>Lunch will be provided by NCSL. Fellows and faculty are invited to engage in conversation and join the wellness walk.</p> <p><i>Location: King St. III and Perch Patio</i></p> |
| 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. | <p>Youth Homelessness Policy Landscape and Trends</p> <p>Explore how the federal landscape impacts states. What are the state policy trends related to youth experiencing homelessness?</p> <p><i>Faculty: Patricia Julianelle</i>, senior strategist for program advancement & legal affairs, SchoolHouse Connection; Rodd Monts, director of state policy, SchoolHouse Connection; Katie Meyer Scott, senior youth attorney, National Homelessness Law Center</p> <p><i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 2:30 – 4 p.m. | <p>Learning Lab: Exploring Policy Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>Building upon the previous session, this interactive learning lab is an opportunity to engage in discussion with faculty and NCSL staff on key topics in youth homelessness.</p> <p><i>Faculty: Patricia Julianelle</i>, senior strategist for program advancement & legal affairs, SchoolHouse Connection; Kim Justice, executive director, Office of Homeless Youth Prevention and Protection, Washington State Department of Commerce; Kahran LaTourette, youth project coordinator, Innovations HTC; Rodd Monts, director of state policy, SchoolHouse Connection; Katie Meyer Scott, senior youth attorney, National Homelessness Law Center; Liz Trautman, director of public policy & advocacy, Mockingbird Society</p> <p><i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 4 – 4:15 p.m. | <p>Break</p> |
| 4:15 – 5 p.m. | <p>Where Do We Go from Here?</p> <p>Engage in discussion and reflection with colleagues on new learnings, policy considerations and questions to be answered.</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Heather Hanna</i>, NCSL; Cameron Rifkin, NCSL; Walker Stevens, NCSL;</p> |



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| | <p>Heather Wilson, NCSL <i>Location: King St. III</i></p> |
| 6 p.m. | <p>Dinner on Your Own Venture out on your own or with others to enjoy Seattle’s food scene.</p> |
| Wednesday, June 29 | |
| 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. | <p>Breakfast and Networking Please check out of your room by 8:15 a.m. You can store your luggage in the meeting room or with the hotel.</p> |
| 8:30 – 9 a.m. | <p>Travel to Mockingbird Society Fellows, faculty and NCSL staff will meet in the hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m. for private bus transportation to the site visit.</p> |
| 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | <p>Site Visit Tour the Mockingbird Society and learn about their work in Washington to support youth experiencing homelessness. During this site visit, we will hear from two panels 1) lived expertise in the policymaking process and 2) Washington’s cross-system and collaborative efforts.</p> <p><u>Panel 1: Lived Expertise in the Policymaking Process</u> <i>Moderator: Kahran LaTourette</i>, youth project coordinator, Innovations HTC <i>Panelists: Sabian Treasure Hart-Wall</i>, northern engagement coordinator, Mockingbird Society and alumni of care; Sierra Rodgers, interim outreach coordinator, Mockingbird Society; Esther Taylor, youth leadership team member, Mockingbird Society</p> <p><u>Panel 2: Best Practices in Systems Coordination</u> <i>Moderator: Paula Carvalho</i>, program officer, youth homelessness, Raikes Foundation <i>Panelists: Rep. Lisa Callan</i>, Washington State Legislature; Matt Davis, systems change manager, Office of Homeless Youth, Washington State Dept. of Commerce; Kahran LaTourette, youth project coordinator, Innovations HTC; Liz Trautman, director of public policy & advocacy, Mockingbird Society</p> <p>Lunch will be provided on site.</p> |
| 1:30 – 2 p.m. | <p>Return to Embassy Suites Fellows, faculty and NCSL staff will return to the hotel on the bus.</p> |



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| 2 p.m. | Adjourn |

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