



## Human Services Committee Chairs: State Innovations and Opportunities to Improve Outcomes for Children and Families

*Renaissance Nashville Hotel*

Nashville, Tennessee

October 2-4, 2017

### Meeting Agenda

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Build expertise in key policies to make informed decisions about anti-poverty strategies, including multi-generational approaches designed to meet the needs of children and parents simultaneously
- Consider early learning strategies leveraging recent changes from the federal ESSA legislation and child care reauthorization
- Discuss new approaches to support foster parents and caseworkers
- Create a personal plan for action

Monday, October 2 · Ryman Room · Level 3	
<b>Noon-1 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Networking Lunch</b> <i>Location: The Bridge · Level 3</i>
<b>1-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>1:30-3 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Multi-Generational Strategies to Help Parents Work and Children Succeed</b> Many states are using a two-generational framework to align child and adult serving systems to support the whole family’s success, recognizing the effect of a parent’s education, economic stability and overall health on a child’s trajectory, and similarly, the impact of children’s health and education on parent’s success. Learn how this framework can inform your legislative work and hear from a program that has embedded this strategy into their service delivery system.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rosa Maria Castañeda, Annie E. Casey Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Monica Barczak, CAP Tulsa</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Julie Poppe, NCSL</i></li> </ul>
<b>3-3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:30-5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Child Welfare Reforms – Supporting Foster Parents and Caseworkers</b>

	<p><b>Supporting Foster Families</b></p> <p>Legislators are often asked to appropriate money to recruit more foster parents. But what does it really take to recruit and keep great foster parent families? What do foster parents really need to succeed? Learn about strategies to equip foster families with the tools to provide quality caregiving for children, be treated as equal partners in the child welfare system and to improve recruitment and retention. This session will also discuss how partners such as pediatricians and other health professionals are key to helping foster families provide vulnerable children with the support they need to thrive and grow while in care.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator A.J. Griffin (R-Okla.)</li> <li>• Dr. Linda Davidson Sagor, MD, MPH, University of Massachusetts Medical School, American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Foster Care, Adoption, and Kinship Care Executive Committee Member</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob Geen, Annie E. Casey Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Caseworkers</b></p> <p>Caseworker burnout and turnover are costly for state child welfare agencies and even costlier for children and youth in care. Experts from Colorado and Tennessee will describe recent efforts to invest in reducing secondary trauma and turnover in human services agencies and discuss specific policies your state can consider to reduce turnover.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Dawn Matera Bassett, MSW, LCSW, Ph.D. Associate Professor, College of Professional Studies, Chair Colorado Child Welfare Caseworker Resiliency Task Force, Colorado</li> <li>• Dr. Michael Cull, Ph.D., Tennessee Department of Children and Families</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nina Williams-Mbengue, NCSL</li> </ul>
6-8:30 p.m.	<p><b>Joint Reception and Dinner with Human Services Chairs, Education Chairs and Legislative Education Staff Network (LESN)</b></p> <p><i>Location: Music City Ballroom · Level 2</i></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, October 3 · Music City Ballroom · Level 2</b></p>	
8-8:30 a.m.	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p>
8:30-10 a.m.	<p><b>Improving Outcomes for Young Children, Students and Their Families</b></p> <p>Connecting what we know about adverse childhood experiences and the opportunity gap to support vulnerable children and families.</p> <p><i>Joint Session with Human Services Chairs and Education Chairs</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, Center for Youth Wellness [by video]</li> <li>• Sara Marques, Center for Youth Wellness</li> <li>• Jabeen Yusuf, Center for Youth Wellness</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Liz Huntley, Esq., Lightfoot, Franklin &amp; White, LLC</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meghan McCann, NCSL</i></li> <li>• <i>Matt Weyer, NCSL</i></li> </ul>
<b>10–10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15–11:45 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Early Learning Effects: What does the research say and what can we learn from high-performing countries?</b></p> <p>National experts in early childhood education have reached consensus on six research-based effects of preschool. Hear the Assistant Superintendent for Early Learning and Literacy, a state legislator and one of the researchers involved in the consensus study as they discuss the implications from the study and what’s next. Lessons from international leaders will also be shared and audience members will have time for collaboration and discussion.</p> <p><i>Joint Session with Human Services Chairs and Education Chairs</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Elizabeth Alves, Tennessee Department of Education</i></li> <li>• <i>Dale Farran, Vanderbilt Peabody College</i></li> <li>• <i>Representative Raumesh Akbari (D-Tenn.)</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Matt Weyer, NCSL</i></li> </ul>
<b>Noon-1:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Using Data to Inform Decisions in Human Services and Education</b></p> <p>Data can serve as a critical asset in crafting policy and budget solutions to solve complex challenges in education and human services. Learn about the central role data played in improving educational attainment and human capital in Delaware and in combatting veterans’ homelessness in Virginia. Panelists will also share key actions identified in new research from Pew Charitable Trusts to help states become data-driven.</p> <p><i>Joint Lunch with Human Services Chairs, Education Chairs and LESN; sponsored by Pew Charitable Trusts</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Matt Leslie, Virginia Housing Development for Veterans</i></li> <li>• <i>Meg Nipson, Center for Education Policy Research Harvard University</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jennifer Thornton, Pew Charitable Trusts</i></li> </ul>
<b>1:45-2:45 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Speed Round Session</b></p> <p><i>Location: Ryman Room · Level 3</i></p> <p>This session will provide a quick look at various human services issues, presented by NCSL staff.</p> <p><i>Topics to include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Child Support (Meghan McCann)</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Home Visiting (Alison May)</i></li> <li>• <i>Children’s Caucuses (Bethany Anderson)</i></li> <li>• <i>Child Fatalities (Nina Williams-Mbengue)</i></li> </ul>
2:45-3 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3-4 p.m.	<p><b>Strategies for Addressing Parental Substance Use</b></p> <p>Given the growing emphasis on innovative strategies to address the opioid epidemic and the interest in two-generation approaches to keep families together, this session will provide a look at Safe Baby Court Teams and a multi-disciplinary/two-generation approach to the issue.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Darneshia Bell, Zero to Three</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meghan McCann, NCSL</i></li> </ul>
4-5 p.m.	<b>Roundtable Discussion on Emerging Policy Trends</b>
	<b>Dinner on Your Own</b>

**Wednesday, October 4 · Ryman Room · Level 3**

8-8:30 a.m.	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><i>Location: Fisk Room · Level 2</i></p>
8:30-9 a.m.	<p><b>Federal Update</b></p> <p>This session will focus on the latest federal actions happening on human services programs. Hear about federal legislation dealing with child care and support, foster youth and children, trauma care for children, homeless youth, home visiting programs and initiatives promoting financial independence. Additionally, learn about recent announcements regarding the TANF program, background checks under the Child Care and Development Fund, Title IV-E funding, and nutrition assistance programs.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Haley Nicholson, NCSL</i></li> </ul>
9-10 a.m.	<p><b>Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Reauthorization Implementation</b></p> <p>Hear about the current implementation efforts of the CCDBG reauthorization law and final rule, including efforts on health and safety, eligibility and quality. The session will examine more closely the background check requirements. Give your thoughts on opportunities and challenges on child care implementation and other child care system issues, including providing quality care to children and its ability to provide a valuable work support for low-income families.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Shannon Christian, Office of Child Care at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i></li> <li>• <i>Mary Sprague, Office of Child Care at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</i></li> </ul>

	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Poppe, NCSL</li> </ul>
10-11 a.m.	<p><b>What's Next for the Safety Net?</b></p> <p>The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program has been around for 20 years and other safety net programs even longer. What's next for the safety net and what is needed in order to meet the changing needs of children and families? Hear from the new federal director of TANF and a former state agency leader on their perspectives for these and other programs.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarence Carter, Office of Family Assistance at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</li> <li>• Susan Dreyfus, Alliance for Strong Families and Communities</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghan McCann, NCSL</li> </ul>
11-11:15 a.m.	<p><b>Break</b></p>
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	<p><b>Innovative Human Services Financing Strategies</b></p> <p>Hear from your colleagues who serve as committee chairs with jurisdiction over the financing for human services programs. How can budgets be better aligned to meet the needs of children and families? What innovations have states tried in order to pay for services and ensure public dollars are creating the best outcome for families?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julie Poppe, NCSL</li> </ul>
12:15-1 p.m.	<p><b>Wrap-Up and Next Steps</b></p> <p>Boxed lunches available</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghan McCann, NCSL</li> </ul>