

September 15, 2008

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
528 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
61-A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Office of the House Republican Leader
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McConnell, and Republican Leader Boehner:

We are writing to urge you to take necessary steps to ensure passage this month of important improvements in supports for children and youth in foster care, including new opportunities for permanent families through adoption and relative guardianship and other assistance for older youth transitioning from foster care. The House unanimously passed the Fostering Connections to Success Act in June and the Senate Finance Committee approved a similar bill last week. Today, the relevant committees announced agreement on H. R. 6893 that reconciles the House and Senate bills. As 581 national and state and local organizations from every state that advocate for the children and youth who will benefit from these improvements, we want to ensure that H.R. 6893, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, will be passed during this session of Congress.

The Act has bipartisan support and is fully paid for. Its important improvements will help hundreds of thousands of children and youth in foster care by:

- Extending and increasing incentives for adoption, particularly incentives for the adoption of children with special needs and older youth in foster care and making many more children with special needs eligible for federal adoption assistance.
- Allowing states to offer, for the first time with federal assistance, guardianship payments for children who are in foster care but who have grandparents or other relative guardians who want to care for them permanently outside of foster care.
- Making it easier for immediate relatives to step in to raise children when their parents cannot by requiring notification of relatives when children are removed from their parents and grants to link caregivers with the services their children need.
- Offering important protections and supports for American Indian children in foster care, by allowing tribes, for the first time, the same direct access to federal foster care, adoption assistance and relative guardianship funding that states have.
- Increasing opportunities for success for older youth in foster care as they transition into adult life by allowing them to receive federal foster care payments beyond the age of 18.
- Improving educational opportunities for children and youth in foster care, which will also increase their opportunities for later success.
- Promoting the health care of children and youth in foster care.
- Expanding training opportunities for relative guardians, staff in private agencies and the courts, and attorneys and other representing children.

These reforms encompass many of the critical improvements that former foster youth, adoptive parents, relative caregivers, and others have been requesting of Congress for years. We commend you for your leadership and commitment to addressing the needs of our nation's most vulnerable children and youth. The organizations below support timely enactment of these important improvements for children and youth in foster care.

Respectfully yours,

National Organizations

Adopt America Network
Alliance for Children and Families
American Academy for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Adoption Attorneys
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of Children's Residential Centers
American Humane Association
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
American Psychological Association
The Arc of the U.S.
Association on American Indian Affairs
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Black Administrators in Child Welfare, Inc.
Catholic Charities USA
Center for Law and Social Policy
Child Welfare League of America
Childhelp, Inc.
Children Awaiting Parents
Children's Action Network
Children's Defense Fund
Children's Rights
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Coalition on Human Needs
Community Action Partnership
Council for Health and Human Service Ministries
United Church of Christ
Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
Docs for Tots
Family Violence Prevention Fund
First Focus
First Star
Foster Care Alumni of America
Foster Family-based Treatment Association
FosterClub
GrandFamilies of America
Grandfamilies Teens
Generations United
Holt International
Jewish Labor Committee
Juvenile Law Center
The Kids are Waiting: Fix Foster Care Now Campaign
Kidsave
Lutheran Services in America
Mental Health America
National Advocacy Center for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National African-American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association of Black Social Workers
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association of Counsel for Children
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
National Association of Counties
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

National Association of Social Workers
National CASA Association
National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence
National Center on Housing and Child Welfare
National Child Abuse Coalition
National Children's Alliance
National Collaboration for Youth
National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights
National Council for Adoption
National Council of Jewish Women
National Foster Care Coalition
National Foster Parent Association
National Indian Child Welfare Association
National Network for Youth
National Policy Partnership for Children of the Incarcerated
National Relative Caregiver Consultants
National Resource Center for Youth Services
Native American Children's Alliance
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
North American Council on Adoptable Children
Orphan Foundation
Pre-K Now
Prevent Child Abuse America
The Rebecca Project for Human Rights
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of America
Teaching-Family Association
United Cerebral Palsy
United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries
United Neighborhood Centers of America
United Way of America
USAction
Voice for Adoption
Voices for America's Children
Youth Law Center
Zero to Three

Alabama

Gateway (Birmingham, AL)
VOICES for Alabama's Children (Montgomery, AL)

Alaska

Alaska Center for Resource Families (Fairbanks, AK)
Alaska Children's Services, Inc. (Anchorage, AK)
Alaska's Voice on Children's Behavioral Health (Anchorage, AK)
Boys and Girls Home of Alaska (Fairbanks, AK)
Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation (Dillingham, AK)
Denali Family Services (Anchorage, AK)
Dept. of Health and Social Service, Office of Children's Services (Juneau, AK)
Housing Assistance Program (Juneau, AK)

Juneau Youth Services (Juneau, AK)
Salvation Army Booth Memorial and Family Services (Anchorage, AK)
Salvation Army Cares for Kids Emergency Crisis Center (Anchorage, AK)

Arizona

AARP Arizona (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona Advocacy Network (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona Council of Human Service Providers (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona Department of Economic Security (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona Partnership for Children, LLP (Phoenix, AZ)
Arizona's Children Association (Tucson, AZ)
Casa de los Ninos (Tucson, AZ)
Child and Family Resources, Inc. (Tucson, AZ)
Child Crisis Center (Mesa, AZ)
Childhelp Arizona (Scottsdale, AZ)
Children's Action Alliance (Phoenix, AZ)
Christian Family Care Agency (Phoenix, AZ)
Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth (Flagstaff, AZ)
Crisis Nursery, Inc. (Phoenix, AZ)
Free Arts of Arizona (Phoenix, AZ)
Graham County interfaith Care Alliance, Inc. (Safford, AZ)
In My Shoes, Inc. (Tucson, AZ)
Pan de vida Foundation (Queen Creek, AZ)
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona (Prescott, AZ)
Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (Phoenix, AZ)
Southwest Human Development (Phoenix, AZ)
Touchstone Behavioral Health (Glendale, AZ)
Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development (Phoenix, AZ)
West Valley Child Crisis Center (Glendale, AZ)

Arkansas

ACCESS, Inc. (Pine Bluff, AR)
Arkansas Advocates for Children (Little Rock, AR)
Arkansas State CASA Association (Little Rock, AR)
Arkansas Voices for Children and Caregivers (Little Rock, AR)
Voices for Children—CASA (Pine Bluff, AR)

California

Advocates 4 Family Caregivers (Carson, CA)
Advokids (Corte Madera, CA)
Alameda County Foster Youth Alliance (Oakland, CA)
Allied Housing (Fremont, CA)
Alternative Family Services (Santa Rosa, CA)
Bay Area Lawyers for Children (San Francisco, CA)
Boys Town California (Santa Ana, CA)

Butte County Department of Employment and Social Services (Oroville, CA)
California Alliance of Child and Family Services (Sacramento, CA)
California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (Los Angeles, CA)
California State Association of Counties (Sacramento, CA)
California/Nevada Community Action Partnership (Sacramento, CA)
Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Oakland, CA)
Charis Youth Center (Grass Valley, CA)
Children's Advocacy Institute (San Diego, CA)
Children's Law Center of Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA)
The Children's Village of Sonoma County (Santa Rosa, CA)
City and County of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)
Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (San Bernardino, CA)
Concept 7 Family Support & Treatment Center (Santa Ana, CA)
County of Santa Clara Social Services Agency (San Jose, CA)
County of Ventura (Ventura, CA)
County Welfare Directors Association of California (Sacramento, CA)
Crossroads Treatment Center (Citrus Heights, CA)
David & Margaret Youth & Family Services (La Verne, CA)
Del Norte County Department of Health and Human Services (Crescent City, CA)
EMQ Children and Family Services (Campbell, CA)
Everychild Foundation (Pacific Palisades, CA)
Five Acres-The Boys' and Girls' Aid Society of L.A. (Altadena, CA)
Grandparents Parenting...Again (Santa Rosa, CA)
Greater Hope Foundation Foster Family Agency (Barstow, CA)
Half Way Ranch (Sutter Creek, CA)
Hathaway-Sycamores Child and Family Services (Pasadena, CA)
Honoring Emancipated Youth (San Francisco, CA)
HUGS Foster Family Agency (Terneucula, CA)
Humboldt County Dept. of Health and Human Services (Eureka, CA)
Jewish Labor Committee Western Region (Los Angeles, CA)
John Burton Foundation
Juma Ventures (San Francisco, CA)
Juvenile Division of the Office of the Marin Public Defender (San Rafael, CA)
Kinship Center (Salinas, CA)
L.A. Youth: The Newspaper by and About Teens (Los Angeles, CA)
L.A.S.T Transition House (Solano County, CA)
Larkin Street Youth Services (San Francisco, CA)
Legal Advocates for Permanent Planning (Half Moon Bay, CA)

Lilliput Children's Services (Sacramento, CA)
The Lincoln Child Center (Oakland, CA)
Masonic Homes of CA at Covina (Covina, CA)
Monterey County, California (Salinas, CA)
Nevada County Foster Youth Independent Living (Nevada City, CA)
Office of Samoan Affairs (Carson, CA)
Olive Crest (Santa Ana, CA)
On the Capitol Doorstep (Davis, CA)
Pacific Lodge Youth Services (Woodland Hills, CA)
Para los Niños (Los Angeles, CA)
Phoenix Houses of CA (Lake View Terrace, CA)
Prevent Child Abuse California (North Highlands, CA)
Public Counsel Law Center (Los Angeles, CA)
Rebekah Children's Services (Gilroy, CA)
The Salvation Army, Door of Hope (San Diego, CA)
San Luis Obispo County Department of Social Services (San Luis Obispo, CA)
Sierra Adoption Services (Sacramento, CA)
Sierra Vista Child & Family Services (Modesto, CA)
Sonoma County Human Services Development (Sonoma, CA)
Stanislaus County Community Services Agency (Modesto, CA)
Stars Behavioral Health Group (Oakland, CA)
Sunny Hills Services (San Anselmo, CA)
Tehama County Department of Social Services (Red Bluff, CA)
TLC Child & Family Services (Sebastopol, CA)
Tri-City Homeless Coalition (Fremont, CA)
Triad Family Services (Colton, CA)
Trinity Youth Services (Colton, CA)
Walden Family Services, Inc. (San Diego, CA)
WestCoast Children's Clinic (Oakland, CA)
Yolo County Board of Supervisors (Woodland, CA)
Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Services (Woodland, CA)
Youth for Change (Paradise, CA)
Youth Homes, Inc. (Walnut Creek, CA)
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside (Santa Monica, CA)

Colorado

CASA Advocates for Children, Colorado (Aurora, CO)
Colorado Children's Campaign (Denver, CO)
Colorado Coalition of Adoptive Families (Louisville, CO)
Colorado Progressive Action (Denver, CO)
Colorado Springs Branch NAACP (Colorado Springs, CO)
Gilpin County Department of Human Services (Black Hawk, CO)
University of Colorado Law School, Juvenile and Family Law Program (Boulder, CO)

Connecticut

Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents (Rocky Hill, CT)
Connecticut Citizen Action Group (Hartford, CT)
Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies (Wethersfield, CT)
Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc. (Waterbury, CT)
FSW INC. Family Services (Youth Department) (Bridgeport, CT)
Klingberg Family Centers, Inc. (New Britain, CT)
University of Connecticut School of Law, Center for Children's Advocacy (Hartford, CT)

Delaware

Child, Inc. (Wilmington, DE)
GrandParents United DE, Inc. (Hockessin, DE)

District of Columbia

Afro-Americans C.A.R.E. (Washington, DC)
The Children's Law Center (Washington, DC)
Consortium for Child Welfare (Washington, DC)
Covenant House Washington (Washington, DC)
DC Action for Children (Washington, DC)
DC Metropolitan Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (Washington, DC)

Florida

Adoption Related Services of Pinellas (Pinellas, FL)
Center for Independent Living of South Florida, Inc. (Miami, FL)
Children's Home Society of FL (Winter Park, FL)
Everyday Blessings (Thonotosassa, FL)
Family Resources, Inc. (Pinellas Park, FL)
Family Service Centers, Inc. (Clearwater, FL)
Florida Association for Community Action, Inc. (Tallahassee, FL)
Florida Consumer Action Network (Tampa, FL)
Florida State Foster Adoptive Parent Association (Venice, FL)
Gulf Coast Jewish Family Services (Clearwater, FL)
JWB Children's Services Council of Pinellas County (Pinellas Park, FL)
Northeast Florida Parent/Adopted Association (Jacksonville, FL)
Partnership for Strong Families (Gainesville, FL)
Pax Christi Northeast Florida (St. Augustine, FL)

Georgia

Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic (Atlanta, GA)
Families First (Atlanta, GA)
Fulton County Human Services Dept. Office of Children and Youth (Atlanta, GA)
Georgia Association of Homes and Services for Children (Atlanta, GA)
Georgia Rural Urban Summit (Decatur, GA)
Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers (Cedartown, GA)
ROOTS, Inc. (Hapeville, GA)

Spirit of Oneness, Inc. (Dunwoody, GA)

Hawaii

Hawaii Foster Parent Association (Honolulu, HI)

Idaho

BSU Child Welfare Center (Boise, ID)
Community Action Partnership (Lewiston, ID)
Idaho Children's Trust Fund/Prevent Child Abuse
Idaho (Boise, ID)
Idaho Head Start Association (Boise, ID)
Idaho KINCARE Coalition (Boise, ID)
Idaho Voices for Children (Boise, ID)
Treasure Valley Grandparents as Parents (Boise,
ID)
United Vision for Idaho (Boise, ID)

Illinois

Allendale Association (Lake Villa, IL)
The Baby Fold (Normal, IL)
Child Care Association of Illinois (Springfield, IL)
Children's Home + Aid (Chicago, IL)
Citizen Action/Illinois (Chicago, IL)
Community Action Partnership of Lake County
(Waukegan, IL)
Latino Consortium (Chicago, IL)
Matthews and Associates (Herrin, IL)
Methodist Youth Services, Inc. (Chicago, IL)
Northwestern University Settlement Association
(Chicago, IL)
Project IRENE (Berwyn, IL)
SOS Children's Village of IL (Chicago, IL)
UCAN (Chicago, IL)
Voices for Illinois Children (Chicago, IL)
Youth Outreach Services, inc. (Chicago, IL)

Indiana

A Better Way (Muncie, IN)
Children's Bureau, Inc. (Indianapolis, IN)
Haven House Services, Inc. (Jeffersonville, IN)
IARCCA, An Association of Children and Family
Services (Indianapolis, IN)
Scott County Partnership, Inc. (Scottsburg, IN)

Iowa

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services (Sioux
City, IA)
Family Resources, Inc. (Davenport, IA)
Iowa Citizen Action Network (Des Moines, IA)
Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association
(Ankeny, IA)
Orchard Place (Des Moines, IA)

Kansas

Children's Alliance of Kansas (Topeka, KS)
KF & AC Kansas Foster and Adoption
Corporation (Overland Park, KS)

Kentucky

Adoption Support for Kentucky (Lexington, KY)
Boys' Haven (Louisville, KY)
Brooklawn Child & Family Services (Louisville,
KY)
Campbell Lodge Boys' Home (Cold Spring, KY)
Center for Great Neighborhoods (Covington, KY)
Children, Inc. (Covington, KY)
The Children's Alliance (Frankfort, KY)
Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road
(Lexington, KY)
Giving Love Understanding and Encouragement
(GLUE) (Louisville, KY)
The Grandparent Connection (Vine Grove, KY)
Holly Hill Children's Services (California, KY)
Kentucky Youth Advocates (Jeffersontown, KY)
Necco (Lexington, KY)
Open Arms Grandparents/Acting Parents Raising
Children Support Group (Elizabethtown, KY)
Redwood Rehabilitation Center (Ft. Mitchell, KY)
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Central Leadership
(Nazareth, KY)
Sunrise Children's Services (Mt. Washington,
KY)
United Way of Greater Cincinnati-Northern
Kentucky (Cincinnati, KY)

Louisiana

Advocacy Center (New Orleans, LA)
Open Arms Adoption Services, Inc. (Shreveport,
LA)

Maine

Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine (Old
Town, ME)
Community Health and Counseling Services
(Bangor, ME)
Families and Children Together (Bangor, ME)
Maine Children's Alliance (August, ME)
Maine People's Alliance (Portland, ME)

Maryland

Board of Child Care (Baltimore, MD)
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of
Baltimore (Baltimore, MD)
Citizens' Review Board for Children (Baltimore,
MD)
Progressive Maryland (Silver Spring, MD)
Public Justice Center (Baltimore, MD)
Sheridan Patterson Center for Holistic Family
Services, Inc. (Baltimore, MD)
Solutions for Children and Caregivers of
Maryland, Inc. (Thurmont, MD)

Massachusetts

Adoption Community of New England, Inc.
(Westborough, MA)
Cambridge Family & Children's Service
(Cambridge, MA)

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston, Inc. (Boston, MA)
Children's Friend & Family Service (Salem, MA)
Children's League of Massachusetts (Boston, MA)
GrandParents Raising Grandchildren, Plymouth Council of Aging (Plymouth, MA)
Lutheran Social Services of New England (Wellesley, MA)
Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (Boston, MA)
Massachusetts Alliance for Families (Winchendon, MA)

Michigan

Bethany Christian Services (Grand Rapids, MI)
Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan (Detroit, MI)
Catholic Social Services of Wayne County (Detroit, MI)
Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan (Traverse City, MI)
Eagle Village (Hersey, MI)
Holy Cross Children's Services (Clinton, MI)
IHM Justice, Peace, and Sustainability Office (Monroe, MI)
Lutheran Child & Family Service of Michigan (Bay City, MI)
Michigan Citizen Action (Kalamazoo, MI)
Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency (Lansing, MI)
Michigan County Social Services Association (Lansing, MI)
Michigan League for Human Services (Lansing, MI)
Michigan's Children (Lansing, MI)
Spaulding for Children (Southfield, MI)
Starr Commonwealth (Albion, MI)

Minnesota

The City, Inc. (Minneapolis, MN)
Hennepin Human Services and Public Health Department, Adoption Program (Minnetonka, MN)
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (St. Paul, MN)
Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies (St. Paul, MN)
Minnesota Kinship Caregivers Association (St. Paul, MN)
NASW-MN Chapter (St. Paul, MN)
Northern Connections (Perham, MN)
Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (Minneapolis, MN)
Pax Christi NW Minnesota (Crookston, MN)
Therapeutic Services Agency (Pine City, MN)

Mississippi

Catholic Charities, Inc. of MS (Jackson, MS)
Harden House Adoption/Foster Care Program (Jackson, MS)

Mississippi Children's Home Services (Jackson, MS)
Public Policy Center of Mississippi (Jackson, MS)

Missouri

Butterfield Youth Services (Marshall, MO)
Child Advocacy Services Center (Kansas City, MO)
Citizens for Missouri's Children (St. Louis, MO)
Cornerstones of Care (Kansas City, MO)
Crittenton Children's Center (Kansas City, MO)
Epworth (St. Louis, MO)
Family Resource Center (St. Louis, MO)
Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood (O'Fallon, MO)
Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri (St. Louis, MO)
The Master's House (Kansas City, MO)
Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies (Jefferson City, MO)
Missouri Progressive Vote Coalition (St. Louis, MO)
Parenting Life Skills Center (Springfield, MO)
Partnership for Children (Kansas City, MO)
Saint Vincent Home for Children (St. Louis, MO)

Montana

Big Sky Foster/Adoptive Parent Association (Helena, MT)
Intermountain (Helena, MT)
Montana Children's Initiative Provider Association (Billings, MT)
Montana State Foster Adoptive Parent Association (Stevensville, MT)
Summit Preparatory School (Kalispell, MT)
Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (Billings, MT)

Nebraska

Boys and Girls Home of Nebraska (South Sioux City, NE)
Boys Town (Boys Town, NE)
Child Saving institute (Omaha, NE)
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest (Lincoln, NE)
Voices for Children in Nebraska (Omaha, NE)

Nevada

The Adoption Exchange (Las Vegas, NV)
Boys Town (Las Vegas, NV)
Nevada Children's Center (Las Vegas, NV)
Reaching Our Community's Kids (R.O.C.K.) (Las Vegas, NV)

New Hampshire

Children's Alliance of New Hampshire (Concord, NH)
New Hampshire Citizens Alliance (Concord, NH)

New Jersey

Association for Children of New Jersey (Newark, NJ)
The Bridge, Inc. (Caldwell, NJ)
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton (Trenton, NJ)
Children's Aid and Family Services, Inc. (Paramus, NJ)
Corporation for Supportive Housing (Trenton, NJ)
CWA Local 1081 (Newark, NJ)
The Crisis Ministry (Trenton, NJ)
Family Service Association of New Jersey (Trenton, NJ)
Family Voices of NJ (Newark, NJ)
Hoboken Organization against Poverty & Economic Stress (HOPES, Inc.) (Hoboken, NJ)
New Jersey Alliance for Children Youth and Families (Hamilton Square, NJ)
New Jersey Citizen Action (Newark, NJ)
Robins' Nest (Glassboro, NJ)
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey (Newark, NJ)

New Mexico

Outcomes, Inc.: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Albuquerque, NM)
New Mexico CASA Network (Albuquerque, NM)
New Mexico Child Advocacy Network (Albuquerque, NM)
New Mexico Voices for Children (Albuquerque, NM)
PB&J Family Services, Inc. (Albuquerque, NM)
St. Joseph Church (Laguna, NM)

New York

ARISE (Syracuse, NY)
The Children's Aid Society (NY, NY)
The Children's Village (Dobbs Ferry, NY)
Citizen Action of New York (NY, NY)
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York (NY, NY)
City of New York Administration for Children's Services (NY, NY)
City of New York Department for the Aging (NY, NY)
City of New York Department of for Youth and Community Development (NY, NY)
Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (NY, NY)
Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (NY, NY)
Grandparents Advocacy Project, Inc. (Bronx, NY)
Greene County Foster and Adoptive Families Association (Catskill, NY)
Hillside Family of Agencies (Rochester, NY)
Jewish Child Care Association (NY, NY)
LaSalle School (Albany, NY)
The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Practice (NY, NY)
Liberty Resources, Inc. (Syracuse, NY)
Lutheran Social Services of New York (NY, NY)
McQuade Children's Services (Windsor, NY)

NYS Association of Family Service Agencies (Poughkeepsie, NY)
NYS Citizens' Coalition for Children, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY)
NYS Kinship Navigator (Rochester, NY)
NYS Office of Children and Families (Albany, NY)
Parsons Child and Family Center (Albany, NY)
Prevent Child Abuse New York (Albany, NY)
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy (Albany, NY)
Social Justice Center at Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare (Stony Brook, NY)
St. Matthew's & St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center, Inc. (NY, NY)
West Side Campaign Against Hunger (NY, NY)

North Carolina

Action for Children North Carolina (Raleigh, NC)
Buncombe County Department of Social Services (Asheville, NC)
Children and Family Services Association (Raleigh, NC)
Children First/Communities in Schools of Buncombe County (Asheville, NC)
Children's Home Society of NC (Greensboro, NC)
Durham County Department of Social Services (Durham, NC)
Jackson County Department of Social Services (Sylva, NC)
LFS Carolinas (Raleigh, NC)
NC Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (Greensboro, NC)
Wilson County Department of Social Services (Wilson, NC)

North Dakota

Adults Adopting Special Kids (Fargo, ND)
Catholic Charities North Dakota (Fargo, ND)
NDPeople.org (Bismarck, ND)
PATH ND, Inc. (Fargo, ND)

Ohio

Adams County Children Services (West Union, OH)
Allen County Children Services (Lima, OH)
Alliance of Child Caring Service Providers (Cleveland, OH)
Athens County Children Services (Athens, OH)
Clark County Job and Family Services (Springfield, OH)
Clinton County Job & Family Services (Wilmington, OH)
County Commissioners Association of Ohio (Columbus, OH)
Defiance County Job and Family Services (Defiance, OH)
Erie County Job and Family Services (Sandusky, OH)
Fairfield County Job & Family Services (Lancaster, OH)

Franklin County Children Services (Columbus, OH)
Fulton County Job and Family Services (Wauseon, OH)
Greene County Children Services (Xenia, OH)
Guernsey County Children Services (Cambridge, OH)
Hamilton County Job and Family Services (Cincinnati, OH)
Heart to Heart Family Support Center (Akron, OH)
Highland County Children Services (Hillsboro, OH)
Kinship Navigator, the Rehabilitation Center of NCO (Mansfield, OH)
Lucas County Children Services (Toledo, OH)
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (Cleveland, OH)
Medina County Job & Family Services (Medina, OH)
Mental Health America of Summit County (Cuyahoga Falls, OH)
National Alliance of Mental Illness of Ohio (Columbus, OH)
National Council of Jewish Women, Ohio (Cleveland, OH)
Necco (South Point, OH)
Northeast Ohio Adoption Services (Warren, OH)
Ohio Adoption Planning Group (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Child Support Enforcement Directors Association (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Council of Churches (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office for Children and Families (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Job & Family Services Directors Association (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Society for Respiratory Care (Columbus, OH)
Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (Gahanna, OH)
Pathway Caring for Children (North Canton, OH)
Pickaway County Job & Family Services (Circleville, OH)
Preble County Job and Family Services (Eaton, OH)
Prevent Child Abuse Ohio (Columbus, OH)
Public Children Services Association of Ohio (Columbus, OH)
Stark County Job and Family Services (Canton, OH)
Starr Commonwealth (Columbus, OH)
Summit County Children Services (Akron, OH)
Tuscarawas County Job & Family Services (New Philadelphia, OH)
Van Wert County Job & Family Services (Van Wert, OH)
Voices for Ohio's Children (Cleveland, OH)
Washington County Children Services (Marietta, OH)

Wayne County Children Services Board (Wooster, OH)
Wendy's Wonderful Kids, Franklin County (Columbus, OH)

Oklahoma

Lincoln County Child Welfare, OK Dept. of Human Services (Chandler, OK)
Oklahoma Therapeutic Foster Care Association (Norman, OK)

Oregon

Baker County CASA, Inc. (Baker City, OR)
Children First for Oregon (Portland, OR)
FosterClub (Seaside, OR)
Human Services Coalition of Oregon (Portland, OR)
Southern Oregon Adolescent Study and Treatment Center (Grants Pass, OR)
Oregon Action (Portland, OR)
Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs (Salem, OR)
Oregon Center for Public Policy (Silverton, OR)

Pennsylvania

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (Pittsburgh, PA)
Dignity Housing (Philadelphia, PA)
Methodist Home for Children (Philadelphia, PA)
Grands as Parents, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA)
Family and Community Service of Delaware County (Media, PA)
FLOC- For Love of Children (Morrisville, PA)
KidsVoice (Pittsburgh, PA)
Kinship Institute, Philadelphia Society for Services to Children (Philadelphia, PA)
Liberty Lutheran Services (Philadelphia, PA)
Lutheran Children and Family Services of Eastern PA (Philadelphia, PA)
Maternity Care Coalition (Upper Darby, PA)
PathWaysPA (Holmes, PA)
Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children (Harrisburg, PA)
Pressley Ridge (Pittsburgh, PA)
The Salvation Army Children's Services (Allentown, PA)
Three Rivers Adoption Council (Pittsburgh, PA)
Together as Adoptive Parents (Harleysville, PA)
United Way of Beaver County (Monaca, PA)

Rhode Island

Family Resources Community Action (Woonsocket, RI)
National Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island Chapter (Providence, RI)
Neighborhood Alliance of Pawtucket (Pawtucket, RI)
Ocean State Action (Cranston, RI)
Rhode Island Community Action Association (Cranston, RI)

Rhode Island Foster Parents Association (East Providence, RI)

South Carolina

Adoption Advocacy (Greenville, SC)
Children Unlimited of Family Service Center (Columbia, SC)
Growing Home Southeast (Cayce, SC)

South Dakota

Association on American Indian Affairs (Sisseton, SD)

Tennessee

Coalition Addressing Juvenile Issues (Jacksboro, TN)
REACHS, Inc. (Jacksboro, TN)
Tennessee Citizen Action (Nashville, TN)

Texas

Center for Public Policy Priorities (Austin, TX)
CHILDREN AT RISK (Houston, TX)
The Children's Shelter (San Antonio, TX)
Dallas Minority Adoption Council (Dallas, TX)
DePelchin Children's Center (Houston, TX)
Dominican Sisters of Houston (Houston, TX)
Family Services of Southeast Texas (Beaumont, TX)
Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc. (Austin, TX)
Spaulding for Children in Texas (Houston, TX)
Texans Care for Children (Austin, TX)
Texas Association for Child Placing Agencies (Austin, TX)
Texas CASA (Austin, TX)
Texas Foster Family Association (Pflugerville, TX)

Utah

The Adoption Exchange (Murray, UT)
Children's Service Society of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT)
The Christmas Box International (Salt Lake City, UT)
uFOSTERsuccess (Sandy, UT)
Utah Division of Child and Family Services (Salt Lake City, UT)
Utah Foster Care Foundation (Murray, UT)
Utah Foster/Adoptive Families Association (Salt Lake City, UT)

Vermont

Vermont Foster and Adoptive Family Association (Essex Junction, VT)
Vermont Kin as Parents (Winooski, VT)

Voices for Vermont's Children (Montpelier, VT)

Virginia

Franklin County Office of Comprehensive Services (Rocky Mount, VA)
The Law Center for Children (Falls Church, VA)
The Up Center (Norfolk, VA)
Voices for Virginia's Children (Richmond, VA)

Washington

Building Changes (Seattle, WA)
Catholic Family & Child Service (Yakima, WA)
Children's Alliance (Seattle, WA)
Children's Home Society of Washington (Seattle, WA)
Lutheran Community Services Northwest (SeaTac, WA)
NASW Washington State Chapter (Seattle, WA)
Southeast Youth and Family Services (Seattle, WA)
Washington Community Action Network (Seattle, WA)

West Virginia

Braley & Thompson, Inc. (Dunbar, WV)
Children's Home Society of West Virginia (Charleston, WV)
West Virginia Citizen Action Group (Charleston, WV)

Wisconsin

Citizen Action of Wisconsin (Madison, WI)
La Crosse County Human Services (La Crosse, WI)
Madison Department of Children and Families (Madison, WI)
St. Rose Youth & Family Center (Milwaukee, WI)
Voices United, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI)
Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies (Madison, WI)

Wyoming

AppleTree Learning Center (Casper, WY)
Wyoming Children's Action Alliance (Cheyenne, WY)