



About

Child Welfare Forward is a new national engagement initiative hosted by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), built on previous reform efforts launched by the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), to foster thoughtful and informed dialogue about opportunities to strengthen child welfare policy and practice.

The initial focus of Child Welfare Forward is on federal child welfare financing and accountability reform, drawing on recommendations outlined in BPC's Charting the Course: A Blueprint for Child Welfare Financing and Accountability Reform (the Blueprint). By creating spaces for stakeholder conversations, Child Welfare Forward seeks to deepen understanding, gather feedback, and strengthen recommendations through broad stakeholder participation across the sector.

This initiative continues the commitment to nonpartisan, evidence-informed policy development through a new stakeholder engagement phase. Through a series of formats, Child Welfare Forward brings together national, state and local leaders, advocates, researchers, people with lived experience, providers, judges, attorneys, policymakers and others to examine important policy questions and help shape practical, field-informed solutions.

Child Welfare Forward is guided by a commitment to:

- ▶ Broad stakeholder engagement
- ▶ Meaningful inclusion of lived experience
- ▶ Respectful dialogue across diverse perspectives
- ▶ Evidence-informed policy development
- ▶ Practical, implementation-focused solutions



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Join the Conversation



Host a stakeholder conversation.

Invite our team to engage your stakeholders and gather feedback on the Blueprint's six recommendations for child welfare financing and accountability reform.



Make your voice heard.

Share your experience and expertise and contribute to the ongoing conversation around the Blueprint's six recommendations for child welfare financing and accountability reform.

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