

Comprehensive Reform Proposals

10:35 – 10:40	Alliance for Children and Families, American Public Human Services Association, National Organization of State Associations for Children	Guaranteed floor of federal spending. States may combine funding streams for IV-B, IV-E, CAPTA. New annual federally-certified state continuous quality improvement (CQI) process. States responsible for first 5% of spending over their floor, above that Federal and state share funding responsibility. Capped amount of enhanced FFP for certain activities. Combined annual reports required for TANF, Medicaid, SSBG, etc.
10:40 – 10:45	Children's Defense Fund	Provide Title IV-E services for children in their homes. De-link from AFDC. Redirect freed-up funds to preventative, specialized treatment and post-permanency services. Reimburse child placement and court activities at a higher rate. Reduce the number of "long stayers" (in system over 24 months). Enhance Title IV-E funding for workforce training. Maintain child protections and the entitlement. Promote accountability.
10:45 – 10:50	Annie E. Casey Foundation, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative	Realign federal funds to focus on what works best for children. Protect the entitlement, while altering reimbursement. Provide federal investments needed to allow state to provide timely permanency to children. Invest in family foster care, caseworkers, and ensure therapeutic/support services are available. Maintain the current level of investment in child welfare.
10:50 – 10:55	Casey Family Programs	Federal funding should be available for any child/family based on risk, not income. Federal funding should promote investments that achieve better outcomes. No child should be in long-term foster care. Federal funding should allow states to address their unique challenges. Federal funding should help build and expand practice models with better outcomes. Federal oversight should support accountability and support caseworkers.
10:55 – 11:05	Discussion/Q&A	

Targeted Finance Reforms

11:05 – 11:09	Heritage Foundation	Protect the freedom of private and faith-based providers to operate according to their values, especially their religiously-informed beliefs about marriage.
11:09 – 11:13	Children and Family Futures	Maximize coordination between child welfare funding streams and federal funding streams that provide substance use prevention, treatment, and post-permanency supports. Require states to submit substance use prevention and treatment framework as part of state IV-E/IV-B plans.
11:13 – 11:17	First Focus, Voice for Adoption, Children's Defense Fund, Foster Family-based Treatment Association	Reduce psychotropic drug over-prescription. Invest \$50M per year to improve coordination between state Medicaid and child welfare agencies. Provide \$100M over five years for incentives for states that show improvement in these areas.
11:17 – 11:21	National Association for Children's Behavioral Health	Do not reduce federal payment for existing placement/treatment option until capacity and appropriate treatment options are established in other settings. Develop common terminology to distinguish between placements, settings, and services. Direct HHS to develop a 5-10 year child welfare/mental health development plan.
11:21 – 11:25	SPARC (State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center), Voice for Adoption	Study the role of Medicaid in providing services to children and families in the child welfare system.
11:25 – 11:29	Center for Adoption Support and Education	Provide funding to build the capacity of the adoption-competent mental health workforce. Support a national certification in adoption competency. Clarify rules allowing use of IV-E funds in training mental health professionals. Support stronger research focus on integrated care models that include mental health care for children in foster care or who have been adopted.
11:29 – 11:39	Discussion/Q&A	

Realigning Funding

11:39 – 11:43	Child Welfare League of America	Maintain SSBG funding but re-write the definitions of programs and the requirements on states to provide Congress better oversight and insight. 6-7 page paper forthcoming with greater detail.
11:43 – 11:47	Generations United	Restrict federal reimbursement for non-treatment group care. Reinvest these savings in recruiting/ supporting therapeutic foster, adoptive, and kinship families. Fund evaluated demonstrations. Increase Title IV-B funding. Designate funds for support services for different types of caregivers. Provide flexible funding to states (e.g., TANF, SSBG).
11:47 – 11:51	North American Council on Adoptable Children	Restrict federal reimbursement for non-treatment group care. Reinvest these savings in recruiting/ supporting therapeutic foster, adoptive, and kinship families. Fund evaluated demonstrations. Increase Title IV-B funding. Designate funds for support services for different types of caregivers. Provide flexible funding to states (e.g., TANF, SSBG).
11:51 – 11:55	National Crittenton Foundation, Children's Home Society of America	Federal policies should support a broad continuum of care, including intensive residential treatment, when needed.
11:55 – 11:59	Becky Shipp (Sen. Hatch)	Limit the reliance on congregate care in favor of family foster care. Redirect SSBG to prevention, supporting normalcy, housing for emancipated youth and victims of trafficking, among other purposes.
11:59 – 12:03	American Bar Association (ABA) Center on Children and the Law	Allow IV-E funding for prevention, family reunification, post-permanency. Provide more services to those in riskiest geographical areas through altered funding formula. Enhance legal protection of parents and children. Enact permanency incentives.
12:03 – 12:13	Discussion/Q&A	
12:13 – 12:30	General Discussion	