RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):
Casey Family Programs

Travel Dates:
05/28/2026 to 05/30/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$626.31	$163.00	$122.00	$0.00

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1)
- The final Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

11/6/26
Date

Brianna Tibbetts
Printed Name of Traveler

Brianna Tibbetts
Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/6/26
Date

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

○ Yes ● No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no changes to the pre-approved itinerary.

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.



April 22, 2026

Brianna Tibbetts
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Brianna_Tibbetts@help.senate.gov

Dear Brianna,

On behalf of Casey Family Programs (Casey), the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care while improving the safety and well-being of children, you are cordially invited to an educational site visit to Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, May 28, 2026 - Friday, May 29, 2026. The site visit will provide an opportunity to meet with state and county officials, families and children impacted by child welfare, community leaders, and program providers regarding their efforts to ensure child safety and strengthen families. This site visit will highlight Ohio's child protection system and offer opportunities to learn about the state and counties' work to increase permanency for foster youth, address the impact of substance use on children and families, and develop a "kin-first" culture and other programs and services that strengthen families in Ohio.

The site visit will begin with an afternoon flight from Washington National Airport (DCA) on Thursday, May 28 (departing at 2:00 pm) and will end with a flight back to DCA on Friday, May 29 (arriving at DCA at 6:55 pm). Casey Family Programs will, in accordance with respective U.S. House and Senate Ethics Committees[1], arrange and directly pay for the cost of the flights to and from Cincinnati, Ohio and other travel-related costs, including ground transportation, lodging, and meals while in Cincinnati. Incidental expenses cannot be reimbursed.

Attached is the itinerary for the site visit that provides an overview of the presentations and topics that will be addressed during this visit. The U.S. House of Representatives official rules require staff to submit documentation for travel including:

- Employee Pre-Travel Authorization Form (RE-1) to be completed by you and your supervisor Senate RE-1 Pre Travel Authorization

[1] As a private foundation, Casey Family Programs also is required only to pay federal per diem rates for Congressional Members or staff in accordance with Treas. Reg. 26.CFR § 53.4941 (d)(3).

- Private Sponsor Official Invitation (this document)
- Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (completed by Casey and attached)
- Complete Itinerary (attached)
- List of Senate Invitees (to be provided by Casey)

Additional information on Senate travel rules can be obtained from the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics website. This completed pre-travel information is due to the U.S. House Committee on Ethics 30 days prior to travel so must be submitted to them by **Tuesday, April 28, 2026.**

After the site visit, we invite you to join Casey Family Programs in a follow-up conversation on Friday, June 5, 2026, via zoom from 12:00 – 1:00 pm to dive deeper into the topics discussed during the site visit, and the implications for federal policy.

I hope you are able to join us for this educational opportunity. If you have any questions about this site visit or to confirm your interest in attending, please be in touch with Emily Hecht-McGowan at 202-491-1112 or ehecht-mcgowan@casey.org. Space is limited, so we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Christine Calpin
Managing Director, Public Policy
Casey Family Programs

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Brianna Tibbetts

Employing Office/Committee:
HEALTH, EDUC, LAB, AND PENSIONS - REP

Private Sponsor(s):
Casey Family Programs

Destination(s):
Cincinnati, Ohio

Travel Dates:
04/28/2027 to 04/30/2027
NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

The site visit will provide an opportunity to meet with state and county officials, families and children impacted by child welfare, community leaders, and program providers regarding their efforts to ensure child safety and strengthen families. This is a policy our committee directly oversees.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

4/23/26
Date

Brianna Tibbetts
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Senator Bill Cassidy
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Brianna Tibbetts
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

4/23/26
Date

Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Casey Family Programs: Child Welfare Site Visit to OH

Brianna Tibbetts

Title:
Education Policy Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
HEALTH, EDUC, LAB, AND PENSIONS - REP

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Cincinnati, Ohio

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

The site visit will provide an opportunity to meet with state and county officials, families and children impacted by child welfare, community leaders, and program providers regarding their efforts to ensure child safety and strengthen families. This is a policy our committee directly oversees.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Casey Family Programs

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Private Foundation

Address
1200 17th Street, NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 410

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

Phone Number
(202)491-1112

Organization URL
casey.org

History of Congressional Travel

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care and improving outcomes for children. We have a history of sponsoring congressional site visits for Congressional staff to learn more about the implementation of child welfare laws and funding in jurisdictions, and the many state and federal programs that support children and families. Most recently, we have traveled to Connecticut (2022), New Orleans, LA (2020), New Jersey (2019), and Ohio/Kentucky (2017) to learn about child welfare.

Educational Activities

Casey Family Programs works in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and with tribal nations across North America to influence long-lasting improvements to the well-being of children, families, and the communities in which they live. We are a nonpartisan resource for federal, tribal, state, and local policmakers, child welfare leaders, and courts and provide comprehensive child welfare information and education driven by data and based on evidence of what works best to improve the lives of children and families. We also draw on our experience in providing direct services to children and their families in our nine field office locations.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The visit to Cincinnati, Ohio will offer opportunities for Congressional staff to learn about state/county work to increase permanency for children and youth, efforts to address the impact of substance use on children and families, and the state's development of a "kin-first" culture to strengthen families in Ohio.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care and improving outcomes for children. While entries into foster care are slowing, a large proportion of children coming into foster care is due to parental substance use and mental health issues. In addition, evidence shows that placement of children with family (kin) improves outcomes for children in their development and builds lifelong connections so that children may thrive. This trip aligns with Casey's work to educate policymakers on child welfare issues, and will lift up the efforts of Ohio and Hamilton County (which includes Cincinnati) to keep children and families safely together and to improve outcomes for children -- including how the state and county implement the Ohio START program, promotes a "kin-first" culture for placement of children, and makes resources available to families prior to crisis through the 211 system.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [x] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- [x] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- [ ] The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- [ ] The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
05/28/2026 @ 03:00 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
05/29/2026 @ 08:00 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $626.31 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$469.31
Ground Transportation	Coach	$157.00

Note
Bus

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $163.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
05/28/2026	05/29/2026	The Westin - Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Ohio	United States	1	$163.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $122.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/28/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$36.00	$0.00	**$36.00**	Cincinnati	Ohio	United States	No
05/29/2026	$22.00	$23.00	$36.00	$5.00	**$86.00**	Cincinnati	Ohio	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

Trip Name: Casey Family Programs Child Welfare Site Visit May 28-29, 2026

Organization Information

Organization Name:
Casey Family Programs

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:
[✔] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

Address:
2001 8th Avenue, Suite 2700

City, State, Zip:
Seattle, WA 98121

Phone Number:
703.963.2175

Organization URL:
casey.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care and improving outcomes for children. We have a history of sponsoring congressional site visits for Congressional staff to learn more about the implementation of child welfare laws and funding in jurisdictions, and the many state and federal programs that support children and families. Most recently, we have traveled to Connecticut (2022), New Orleans, LA (2020), New Jersey (2019), and Ohio/Kentucky (2017) to learn about child welfare.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

Casey Family Programs works in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and with tribal nations across North America to influence long-lasting improvements to the well-being of children, families, and the communities in which they live. We are a nonpartisan resource for federal, tribal, state, and local policmakers, child welfare leaders, and courts and provide comprehensive child welfare information and education driven by data and based on evidence of what works best to improve the lives of children and families. We also draw on our experience in providing direct services to children and their families in our nine field office locations.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

(●) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

[✔] I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

[✔] I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

[✔] I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

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Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

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Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ○ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ◉ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☑ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☑ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☑ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ◉ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ○ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ○ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☑ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees list

- ☑ A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- ☑ Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:	⇄	Trip End Date/Time:
May 28, 2026		May 29,2026

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $$469.31 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airline Flight	coach	$469.31
Ground transportation - bus	coach	$157

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $$163 Accompanying Family Member: $__0__)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
5/28/26	5/29/26	The Westin Cincinnati	Cincinnati	OH	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
1	$163	No	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $122 Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
5/28/26			$36		$36	Cincinnati	OH	USA	No
5/29/26	$22	$23	$36	$5	$86	Cincinnati	OH	USA	No

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $n/a Accompanying Family Member: $n/a)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Casey Family Programs Child Welfare Site Visit May 28-29, 2026

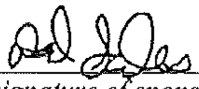
Travel Date(s): May 28-29, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Cincinnati, OH

Sponsor: Casey Family Programs

David Sanders
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Vice President Syste
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

4/7/2026
(date)

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Agenda Overview

Thursday, May 28, 2026

American Airlines - Depart at 2:00 pm from Washington, D.C. Reagan National Airport (DCA) and arrive at 3:51 pm at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). On arrival, we will all meet at the gate to proceed to meet our bus. We will travel to the hotel (20-30 minutes), and proceed to check in. We will meet in the lobby at 5:45 pm to walk to dinner.

6:00 – 8:00 pm **Welcome Dinner and discussion with the Ohio Dept of Children and Youth and Hamilton County Job and Family Services**

Location: Nicholson's
625 Walnut Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

The welcome dinner will include an overview of Ohio's state-supervised, county-administered system, and the state and county vision for transformation to better serve children and families to achieve better outcomes.

Jeff Van Deusen, Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Children and Youth will share the Department's efforts to keep children safe and strengthen families. Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services, will provide an overview of how counties engage with the state Department of Children and Youth and other state and local agencies, including health and human services, on prevention efforts to serve children and families.

This time also will be used by Casey Family Programs to walk through the agenda for Friday.

Presenters:

Jeff Van Deusen, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY)

Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services

Friday, May 29, 2026

Please check out of the hotel and meet in the lobby to board the bus. Bus will be departing at 7:30 am to travel to the United Way of Greater Cincinnati (travel time of 5-10 minutes expected).

7:45 am *Breakfast will be provided at the United Way Greater Cincinnati. Please select breakfast and be seated for presentation to start at 8 am. Please feel free to eat during the presentation.*

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Strengthening families to prevent entry into child welfare – State and Community efforts in Cincinnati**

Location: United Way Greater Cincinnati
2400 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

This portion of the agenda will be a conversation with the Department of Children and Youth leadership and the United Way of Greater Cincinnati on community efforts to improve family outcomes and prevent unnecessary entry into foster care. This session will include a discussion of the Family Success Network and the 211 system to connect families to community resources (such as health and mental health services, meals, and other social services etc.). This session also will include a discussion on parent ambassadors and a tour of the 211-call center.

Presenters:

Jeff Van Deusen, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY)

Moira Weir, President and CEO at United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Amy Story, Director, Community Connections at United Way of Cincinnati

9:00 am Travel to the Hamilton County Central Campus 1701 Patricia McCollum Way, Cincinnati, OH 45237. Travel time of 10-20 minutes expected

9:20 - 9:35 am Welcome to the new Hamilton County Central Campus, Job and Family Services and tour of family visitation rooms.

Location: Hamilton County Central Campus.
1701 Patricia McCollum Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Presenter:

Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services

9:40 am -10:45 am **Roundtable Discussion: Transforming child welfare to improve outcomes - the many facets of Ohio's Kin First Culture**

Location: Hamilton County Central Campus.
1701 Patricia McCollum Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

This visit will highlight Ohio's focus on kinship families, and the supports provided to help families. Kinnect is an Ohio-based nonprofit dedicated to ensuring permanent families for all children in the shortest time possible and connecting those families with individualized support to meet their

unique needs. We will learn about Kinnect's two-pronged approach using evidence-based models to identify caregivers through urgent family search and engagement and connecting these families and youth with services to meet their needs. Additionally, we will learn how other providers work to support kinship care in Hamilton County and hear from kin caregivers who have benefited from these programs.

Presenters:

Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services

Shannon Deinhart, Co-founder and Executive Director, Kinnect

Kristi Burre, Chief Strategy Officer, Kinnect

Onita Morgan Edwards, Kinship Caregiver

10:45 -10:55 Break (10 minutes)

10:55 – 12:00 pm **Roundtable Discussion: Ohio's efforts to Achieve Permanency**

Location: Hamilton County Central Campus.
1701 Patricia McCollum Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

This session will discuss what it takes to achieve permanency for children and youth in Ohio. We will learn about Ohio's use of Youth Centered Permanency Roundtables to lead to lifelong connections and the goal of establishing legal permanency, and the Wendy's Wonderful Kids evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model used in Ohio and other states to increase adoption. We also will hear from youth with lived experience with the child welfare system.

Presenters:

Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services

Shannon Deinhart, Co-founder and Executive Director, Kinnect

Kristi Burre, Chief Strategy Officer, Kinnect

Brook Winstead, Youth navigator/youth with lived experience

Rita Soronen, Dave Thomas Foundation, Wendy's Wonderful Kids

12:00 pm Travel to First Step Home, 2211 Fulton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio. Travel time of 15 -20 minutes is expected.

12:20 pm *Lunch will be provided at First Step Home facilities. The presentation will start at 12:35 pm. Please feel free to eat during the presentation.*

12:35 – 1:35 pm **Ohio Families and Substance Use: Solutions for Recovery**

Location: First Step Home, 2211 Fulton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio

This session will include a conversation on how Ohio is implementing Plans of Safe Care and providing services to women and children. We will will learn about the Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma) Program, an evidence-based child welfare program approved by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse to serve women impacted by substance use and their children, being implemented in 56 counties in Ohio. We also will learn about addiction treatment centers, which enable children to live with their mothers while they are in treatment, and the impact this has on treatment and reunification.

Presenters:

Margie Weaver, Director of Children's Services, Hamilton County Job and Family Services

Fawn Gadel, Director of Ohio Start

Melissa From, Ohio START Caseworker

Ashley Krebs – Ohio START Caseworker

Theresa Roberts, Family Peer Mentor

Justine Harrison, Ongoing Section Chief- Children Services

Tia Birkley, Young Parent, FTC and START Manager

1:35 pm *Break (10 minutes)*

1:45 – 3:00 pm **Visit and tour of First Step Home**

Location: First Step Home, 2211 Fulton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio

First Step Home is the only addiction treatment center in the greater Cincinnati region allowing children, up to the age of 12, to live with their mothers while they are in treatment. We will receive a tour and learn of their programs.

3:00 pm Grab Boxed Dinner and get on Bus
Reflections of the Day - On Bus (*Casey and Congressional staff)*

Location: On Bus

Bus will pick up site visit participants at 3:00 pm and transport them to the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). Our travel will take approximately 30 minutes. American

Airlines flight is scheduled to leave at 5:15 pm for the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) with arrival time at DCA scheduled for 6:55 pm.