



Partners to the CHAMPS Campaign

National Steering Committee

These organizations provide strategic direction to CHAMPS, helping to shape the campaign's goals and activities. These organizations serve as liaisons to networks of stakeholders by disseminating information and connecting interested stakeholders in their networks to campaign activities.

Youth Law Center * Jennifer Rodriguez, Executive Director, Youth Law Center is co-chair to CHAMPS

Children's Village * Jeremy Kohomban, CEO of Children's Village, Jeremy Kohomban, is co-chair to CHAMPS

National Foster Parent Association

Foster Club

American Academy of Pediatrics

Children's Defense Fund

North American Council on Adoptable Children

Christian Alliance for Orphans

State-based CHAMPS Campaigns, Lead Partners

These organizations lead state-based CHAMPS campaigns to improve child outcomes by strengthening foster parenting policies. Lead organizations work in partnership with state and local organizations, including parent and youth groups, provider organizations, health and social service providers and others.

New York: Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy and Families Together in New York State

Virginia: Voices for Virginia's Children

West Virginia: West Virginia Foster, Adoptive & Kinship Parents Network

Vermont: Voices for Vermont's Children

Ohio: Ohio Children's Alliance

Georgia: Voices for Georgia's Children

Oregon: Oregon Foster Parents Association

Maine: Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine

Maryland: Maryland Resource Parent Association

Colorado: Foster Source

Nebraska: To be announced soon

Child Welfare Leaders' Advisory Board

CHAMPS is grateful to these child welfare leaders for lending their leadership and expertise to CHAMPS on foster parenting policy issues.

Tim Decker, former Director, Missouri Children's Division, Department of Social Services;

Mischa Martin, Director, Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services;

Greg Rose, Deputy Director, California Department of Social Services;
Linda Spears, Commissioner, Massachusetts Health and Human Services;
Marketa Garner Walters, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services;
Bobby Cagle, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services;
Virginia Pryor, Casey Family Programs
Jami Ledoux, Casey Family Programs

State Legislative Network

CHAMPS is grateful to work with a network of state legislators who partner with CHAMPS with the support of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Legislators in the network share their policy expertise with the campaign and conduct outreach to other legislators to spark interest and cultivate new legislative champions.

Representative Ivy Spohnholz (Alaska), chair of the CHAMPS State Legislative Network

Other legislators involved from from Indiana, Oregon, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont.

Research Partner

CHAMPS is grateful to leverage the research expertise of its national research partner on the development and dissemination of evidence-based information on foster parenting.

Brookings Institution, Center for Children and Families (Washington, DC)

Funding Partners

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Collaborating Organizations

CHAMPS is grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with national organizations who share an interest in promoting policies that support strong, healthy families for children in foster care. Collaborations include leveraging policy expertise, information sharing, communications activities and stakeholder engagement.

Generations United, American Bar Association, Foster Family-based Treatment Association, National Conference of State Legislatures, Quality Parenting Initiative, ZERO to THREE, National Indian Child Welfare Association, and others

Staff Support

The CHAMPS campaign is managed by consultants who facilitate partnerships; coordinate the development of the campaigns policy, research and communications materials; provide and broker technical assistance to policy makers; and organize campaign events and activities. Hope Cooper, CHAMPS campaign director, hope@fosteringchamps.org