



CHAMPS-Brookings Convening
Driving Better Outcomes for Children Through Improved Foster Parent
Recruitment and Retention
January 15-16, 2019 at the Brookings Institution
1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW Washington, D.C.

Meeting objectives: facilitate information sharing about effective strategies for recruiting, supporting and retaining foster parents; and provide information and new tools to assist agencies and their partners in developing strategic diligent recruitment plans.

Tuesday, January 15

- 8:00 am Breakfast and Networking
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Setting the Stage
- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
 - Jennifer Rodriguez, Youth Law Center and CHAMPS Co-Chair
- 8:45 a.m. Diligent Recruitment Planning: An Opportunity to Drive Better Outcomes for Children and Families
- Tim Decker, Consultant, former Director of Missouri's Children Division
- 9:00 a.m. Introductions
- Jeremy Kohomban, The Children's Village and CHAMPS Co-Chair
- 9:30 a.m. What Success Looks Like
- Darlene Bell, foster parent, Minneapolis
 - Ramond Nelson, Young Leader, FosterClub
 - Celeste Bodner, FosterClub
 - Denise Goodman, Consultant, Facilitator
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Driving Better Outcomes
- Jennifer Rodriguez, CHAMPS Co-chair
 - Alicia Groh, Consultant, Facilitator
- 10:45 a.m. Igniting Solutions, Part 1
- Nick Honey, Director, Family, Youth and Children's Services, Sonoma County, California
 - Teri Saunders, CEO, Heartland for Children, lead agency for Community Based Care in Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties, Florida

- Taylor Jerome, Case Advisor for the Department of Children and Family Services for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- Darlene Bell, foster parent, Minnesota
- Lisa Weber Zetley, MD, FAAP (Wisconsin), Executive Committee Member, American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Foster Care, Adoption and Kinship Care
- Jill Marshall May, Executive Director, Washington Association for Children and Families
- Marketa Garner Walters, Secretary Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
- Alicia Groh, Consultant, Facilitator

12:15 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Keynote

- Jerry Milner, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau, HHS Administration on Children, Youth and Families

1:30 p.m. A Roadmap for Successful Implementation

- Allison Metz, Director, National Implementation Research Network

2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Introducing the CHAMPS Toolkit

- Hope Cooper, CHAMPS manager
- Alicia Groh, Consultant

2:45 p.m. Igniting Solutions, Part 2

- Small Group Discussions

4:15 p.m. Large Group Debriefing

- Alicia Groh, Facilitator

4:45 p.m. Reflections and Wrap Up

- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
- Jennifer Rodriguez, Youth Law Center and CHAMPS Co-Chair
- Jeremy Kohomban, The Children's Village and CHAMPS Co-Chair

5:00 p.m. Conclude

5:15 p.m. Reception

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Networking

8:30 a.m. Recap and Framing the Day

- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
- Alicia Groh, Consultant

- 8:45 a.m. Lessons Learned from Federal Diligent Recruitment Grants
- Taffy Compain, National Foster Care Specialist, HHS/Children’s Bureau
- 9:45 a.m. Policy Roundtable, facilitated by Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
- State policymakers share policy examples and offer key insights*
- Marketa Garner Walters, Secretary Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
 - Tamara Barringer, Chair, Child Well-Being Transformation Council, former state Senator, North Carolina
 - Tim Decker, Consultant, Missouri
 - Alexandra Cawthorne Gaines, National Governor’s Association, Center for Best Practices
- Family members share perspectives on priorities and opportunities*
- Darlene Bell, foster parent, Minnesota
 - Ramond Nelson, Young Leader, FosterClub
 - James McIntyre, Young Leader, FosterClub
- Federal policymakers offer responses and share insights*
- Morna Miller, House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources
 - Anne DeCesaro, House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources
 - Ryan Martin, Senate Committee on Finance
 - David Kelly, Children’s Bureau, HHS Administration on Children, Youth and Families
- 11:15 a.m. Break
- 11:30 a.m. The Diligent Recruitment Journey
- Panel of Agency Leaders
 - Denise Goodman, Facilitator
- 12:00 p.m. Overview of Action Steps for Success
- 12:15 p.m. Working Lunch: Using the CHAMPS Toolkit
- Small Group Table Discussions
- 1:15 p.m. Large Group Debriefing
- Alicia Groh, Facilitator
- 1:45 p.m. Wrap Up
- Ron Haskins, Brookings Institution
 - Hope Cooper, CHAMPS manager
- 2:00 p.m. Conclude