

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

- Name of Traveler: Clotilde Michelle Galdamez
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Dates: Departure: May 28 Return: May 29  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
- Departure City: Dc Destination: Cincinnati Return City: DC
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Casey Family Programs
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Learn more about child welfare and topics which impact families, including Medicaid payment model of OH for wrap around services.
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:*
  - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 06/08/2026

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Robin Kelly Date: 06/08/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: 

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Casey Family Programs

2. Travel Destination(s): Cincinnati, Ohio

3. Date of Departure: May 28, 2026 Date of Return: May 29, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Michelle Galdamez, Kobe Walker

*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$ 620.01 airfare	\$163.00	\$102.39	\$128.57 (ground transportation)
Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.  
*Signify statement is true by checking box.*

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

Signature:  Date: 6/1/2026

Name: David Sanders Title: Executive Vice President, Systems Improvement

Organization: Casey Family Programs

**I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 2001 8th Avenue, Suite 2700 Seattle, Washington 98121

Telephone: Contact: Christine Calpin 703-963-2175 Email: ccalpin@casey.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

**This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).**

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

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

Signature: Michelle Galdamez

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

**NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.**

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

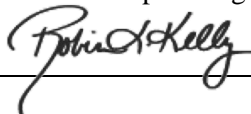
1. Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Programs \_\_\_\_\_
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_
4. a. Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Return: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

4/28/26

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Casey Family Programs

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See attached

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: May 28, 2026 Date of Return: May 29, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Cincinnati, Ohio

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
 Casey Family Programs, the sole sponsor of the trip, is the nation's largest operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the need for foster care and improving outcomes for children. The visit will offer opportunities for staff to learn about state/county work to increase permanency for older youth, the impact of substance use on children and families, and the development of a "kin-first" culture to strengthen families in Ohio.
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13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
  - b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
    - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Day 1 \$36 (dinner) and Day 2 \$86 (Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and incidental).
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Ohio is using evidence-based models to build a "kin-first" culture to keep children with family and is using evidence based child welfare models to address substance use in families with children.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: The Westin Cincinnati City: Cincinnati, OH Cost Per Night: \$163  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to site visit locations and meets per diem rate

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$469.31	\$163	\$122
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$157 pp over two days	ground transportation (bus)
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 4/07/2026  
 Name: David Sanders Title: Executive Vice President, Systems Improvement  
 Organization: Casey Family Programs  
 Address: 2001 8th Avenue, Suite 2700 Seattle, Washington 98121  
 Email: Contact: Christine Calpin ccalpin@casey.org Telephone: 703-963-2175

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## House Invitees for Cincinnati Child Welfare Site Visit, May 28-29, 2026

### House Ways and Means

**Cheryl Vincent**, Work & Welfare Subcommittee staff Director (Majority), U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means – Committee Staff has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Keval Sojitara**, Professional Staff, Work and Welfare Sub, (Majority), U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means (Majority) – Committee Staff has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Morna Miller**, Subcommittee Staff Director, (Minority), U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means – Committee Staff has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Kim Meinert**, Professional Staff, Work and welfare Sub, U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means (Minority) – Committee Staff has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families

**Ben Monticello, Legislative Director**, Darin LaHood (R-IL-16) – Rep. LaHood serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Ryan Dalbec**, Sr. Policy Adviser, Rep. Mike Carey (R-OH-15) – Rep. Carey serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Bridget Visconti**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN-2) – Rep. Yakym serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Thomas Lenow**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Max Miller (R-OH-7) – Rep. Miller serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Stephen Mohler**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Aaron Bean (R-FL-4) – Rep. Bean serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Cruz Perez**, Legislative Director, Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-TX-1) – Rep. Moran serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Brayden Woods**, Legislative Director, Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-TX-24) – Rep. Van Duyne serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Jeff Tomkowitz**, Legislative Director, Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA-4) – Rep. Feenstra serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Jill Hunter-Williams**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7) – Rep. Davis – serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Jenna Christiansen**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA-28) – Rep. Chu serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Anna Whitwam**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-4) – Rep. Moore serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Annie Coulson**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA-3) – Rep. Evans serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Joe Braiuca**, Legislative Director, Rep. Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34) – Rep. Gomez serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

**Juliana Dauchess**, Legislative Director, Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11) Legislative Assistant, Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11) – Rep. Smucker serves on the House Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support which has jurisdiction over child welfare programs and other programs intended to help families.

### **House Education & Workforce**

**Ian Prince**, Professional Staff Member, U.S. House Committee on Education and Workforce (Majority), ECESE Subcommittee – The ECESE Subcommittee has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Rashage Green**, Education Policy Director/Counsel, U.S. House Committee on Education and Workforce (Minority), ECESE Subcommittee – The ECESE Subcommittee has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Andre Lindsay**, Professional staff Member, U.S. House Committee on Education and Workforce (Minority), ECESE Subcommittee – The ECESE Subcommittee has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Huntley Campbell**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA-3) – Rep. Kiley serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Worth Loving**, Policy Advisor, Rep. Mary Miller (R-IL-15) – Rep. Miller serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Faith Tuttle**, Legislative Director, Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA-15) – Rep. Thompson serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Cody Rowe**, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT-4) – Rep. Owens serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Daniel Fuenzalida**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Michael Rulli (R-OH-6) – Rep. Rulli serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Nick Urbin**, Legislative Director, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA-7) – Rep. Mackenzie serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Alyssa Holguin**, Legislative Director, Rep. Mark Harris (R-NC-8) – Rep. Harris serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Isabella Vidal**, Legislative Correspondent, Rep. Mark Messmer (R-IN-8) – Rep. Messmer serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Emily Hopkins**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1) – Rep. Bonamici serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Valeria Postigo**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jahana Hayes (D-CT-05) – Rep. Hayes serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Lorraine Blatt**, Policy Advisor, Rep. Summer Lee (D-PA-12) – Rep. Lee serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Ben Picciano**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. John Mannion (D-NY-22) – Rep. Mannion serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Sandra Negrón**, Legislative Director, Rep. Fredericka Wilson (D-FL-24) – Rep. Wilson serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Ruben Cedillo**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) – Rep. Adams serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

**Jorge Ambriz**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Adelita Grijalva (D-AZ-7) – Rep. Grijalva serves on the ECESE Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over child abuse prevention issues, which is linked to how children come into care of child welfare.

### **House Energy and Commerce**

**Max Karlin, Sr. Legislative Assistant**, Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY-2) – Rep. Guthrie serves as Chair of the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce. The Subcommittee on Health has

jurisdiction over Medicaid, substance use, mental health and other programs intended to help children and families.

**Alex Gristina**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6) – Rep Pallone is Ranking Member of the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce. The Subcommittee on Health has jurisdiction over Medicaid, substance use, mental health, and other programs intended to help children and families.

**Davis Michols**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9) – Rep. Griffith serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Leigh Ann Fairley**, Health Legislative Assistant, Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12) – Rep. Bilirakis serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental

**Jack Ganter**, Legislative Director, Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1) – Rep. Carter serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families, health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Claire Richey**, Legislative Aide, Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2) – Rep Crenshaw serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Matt Tucker**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. John Joyce (R-PA-13) – Rep. Joyce serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Lucie Flowers**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH-12) – Rep. Balderson serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Peter Stein**, Legislative Director, Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN-1) – Rep. Harshbarger serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Austin Welter**, Legislative Director, Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-1) – Rep Miller-Meeks serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Matthew McCulloch**, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3) – Rep. Cammack serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Ashley Strobel**, Legislative Aide, Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-23) – Rep. Obernolte serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Shiraz Baig**, Health Legislative Assistant, Rep. John James (R-MI-10) – Rep. James serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Keilah Ilinykh**, Health Legislative Assistant, Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-OR-2) – Rep. Bentz serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Anna McCollough**, Legislative Director, Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN-9) – Rep. Houchin serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families. She also serves as a Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth.

**Allen Garnes**, Legislative Director, Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY-23) – Rep. Langworthy serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Dan Butler**, Legislative Director, Rep. Tom Kean (R-NJ-7) – Rep. Kean serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Geo Marcial, Health** Legislative Assistant, Rep. Michael Rulli (R-OH-6) – Rep. Rulli serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**David Steury**, Health Policy Director, Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO-1) – Rep. DeGette serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Jamie Truax**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25) – Rep. Ruiz serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Molly Burns**, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-6) – Rep. Dingell serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Michelle Galdamez**, Health Policy Adviser, Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2) – Rep. Kelly serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Michelle Tabajonda**, Sr. Health Policy Advisor, Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44) – Rep. Barragan serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Amy Zhou**, Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8) – Rep. Schrier serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Alex Karabatsos**, Legislative Director, Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA-3) – Rep. Trahan serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Sequoia Ragland**, Health Policy Advisor, Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX-33) – Rep. Ragland serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Anne-Marie Boisseau**, Chief of Staff, Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7) – Rep. Fletcher serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Dory Finney**, Health Legislative Assistant, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY-14) – Rep. Ocasio-Cortez serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Nikita Varman**, Health Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA-4) – Rep. Auchincloss serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Liz Beltran**, Sr. Policy Adviser, Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2) – Rep. Carter serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Kobe Walker**, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Greg Landsman (OH-1). Rep. Carter serves on the House Subcommittee on Health which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families. In addition, Congressman Landsman represents Hamilton County where we are going for the site visit.

**James Stursberg**, Professional Staff Member, U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce (Majority) – Committee Staff have jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Gayle Mauser**, Professional Staff Member, U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce (Minority) – Committee Staff have jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

**Alex Gristina**, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ-6). Rep. Pallone serves as Ranking Member of the full Committee on Energy and Commerce which has jurisdiction over Medicaid, mental health, substance use, and other health programs intended to help children and families.

### **Ohio and House Leadership**

**Tonia Wu**, Policy Advisor, House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8), Minority Leader Jeffries has shown an interest in policy regarding child welfare issues.

**Curt Beaulieu**, Senior Policy Advisor, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA-4), Speaker Johnson has shown an interest in policy regarding child welfare issues.

**Tashia Roberson-Wing**, Legislative Assistant (child welfare), Congressman Greg Landsman (OH-1). Congressman Landsman represents Hamilton County where we are going for the site visit.

**George Barber**, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Warren Davidson (OH-8). Congressman Davidson represents portions of Hamilton County where we are going for the site visit.

## 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 Department 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 (JFS)

### 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 – 8:00 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 – 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). 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

Dawn Whiteside, Family Success Coach, Best Point.

9:00 – 9:20 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

The new Hamilton County Central Campus opened in February 2026 as an important step on how the County serves the community by bringing key services in one centralized location. The Hamilton County Job and Family Services (JFS) was one of the first tenants of the campus and will share how a centralized location improves access for residents and strengthens coordination across departments. In addition, there will be a tour of space dedicated for JFS family visitation.

**Presenter:**

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

9:40 – 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 am

*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 permanency. 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

Rita Soronen, President and CEO, Dave Thomas Foundation

12:00 – 12:20 pm *Travel to First Step Home, 2203 Fulton Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio. Travel time of 15 -20 minutes is expected.*

12:20 – 12:35 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, 2203 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 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 – 1:45 pm *Break (10 minutes)*

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

Location: First Step Home, 2203 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.

**Presenters:**

Morgan Gibson, LISWS, MSW, LICDC, President and CEO, First Step Home

Jennifer Hoefle, Maternal Services Coordinator, First Step Home

Brittini O'Leary, BSN, RN, C-EFM, Pediatric Nurse, First Step Home

3:00 pm *Grab Boxed Dinner and get on Bus*

3:00 pm **Reflections of the Day** - *with Casey and Congressional staff*

Location: On Bus

Casey staff will provide a brief recap of the visit and discussions, and Congressional participants can share their key takeaways/comments on what they have learned from the site visit.

3:10 – 3:20 pm Individual reflections and closing

*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.*

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May 13, 2026

Ms. Clotilde Galdamez  
Office of the Honorable Robin L. Kelly  
2329 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Galdamez:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, scheduled for May 28 to 29, 2026, sponsored by Casey Family Programs.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest  
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Ranking Member

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