

CONGRESSIONAL COALITION ON ADOPTION

Membership Form

I, _____, would like to join the Congressional Coalition on Adoption and will use my position and voice to support the millions of children around the world and the thousands of children in the foster care system in need of permanent, loving homes.

Signature from Member of Congress or Chief of Staff *Printed Name* *Date*

Please provide us with the following information so we can send you updates.

Child Welfare/Intl. Adoption Staff: _____

Direct Line(s): _____ E-mail(s): _____

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption is compiling statistics about Members' personal connections to adoption.
Any requests to keep this information confidential and reported only in the aggregate will be honored.

Member's connection to adoption:

I was adopted... from Foster Care Domestic Adoption International Adoption from _____

I adopted a child... from Foster Care Domestic Adoption International Adoption from _____

I spent time in foster care

I have an adopted relative

Other (please explain) _____

Please check here if this information cannot be made public.

Please check here if this information may only be reported in the aggregate, as general Congressional statistics.

Have any of your Congressional staff members adopted children? _____

Please scan and email this form to one of the following Co-Chair staff:

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*If you have any questions or need additional information, please call
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ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL COALITION ON ADOPTION

The Caucus

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption is the foremost caucus dedicated to supporting legislation that improves the lives of children. It has consistently been the voice for the needs of children without families, both in the United States and around the world. The caucus is deeply committed to bipartisanship, and brings together Democrats and Republicans with the shared goal of improving the lives of children by uniting to ensure that all children know the love and support of a family through legal permanency in the forms of adoption, guardianship and kinship care.

History

In 1985, a small, but committed group of Members of Congress discovered that they had a common goal – to live in a world where every child has a permanent, safe and loving home to call their own. They also found that their shared commitment to eliminating the barriers that hinder children from realizing this basic right to a family was one that transcended party lines and geographical borders. Dedicated to making a difference, these members united to form the Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA).

Activities and Opportunities

Today, at around 120 Members strong, the CCA is the largest, bicameral caucus in all of Congress. Over the last twenty five years, CCA Members have led Congress in the passage of historic legislation that has dramatically impacted the lives of children including “The Adoption and Safe Families Act,” the “John Chafee Foster Care Independence Act,” the “Promoting Safe and Stable Families Act,” the “Hope for Children Act,” the “Intercountry Adoption Act,” the “Fostering Connections and Increasing Adoptions Act,” the “Intercountry Adoption Simplification Act,” and the “Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.”

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a not-for-profit institute created by the four co-chairs of the caucus in 2001. Members of CCA have the opportunity to participate in programs and events throughout the year that allow them to interact with children and families directly to hear the stories of the challenges and opportunities they experience.

Members of the CCA are encouraged to participate in CCAI’s Angels in Adoption™ Program, Foster Youth Internship Program, 20/20 Vision Delegation Program; attend the briefings and events designed to educate and inform Members of Congress through its Congressional Resource Program; and celebrate National Adoption Day in November.