



Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Day

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 21

Dear Colleague,

The Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth is excited to announce its second annual Foster Youth Shadow Day in honor of National Foster Care Month this May. We hope that you will participate by granting foster youth an opportunity to shadow you from approximately **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.**

This event will provide an opportunity for foster youth to experience the inner-workings of Congress firsthand. In addition, Members of Congress will help foster youth see themselves as leaders and create opportunities for them to explore potential future careers here in Washington.

Each Member of Congress will be paired with a foster alumna (young adult between 18 and 22 years old) from the Member's district/state. We ask that youth spend as much time as possible directly with Members. Specifically, we ask that Members meet with the young person and provide the youth with an opportunity to share their personal story.

We are also working closely with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, DC Child and Family Services Administration, Casey Family Programs, FosterClub, National Foster Youth Action Network, and the Foster Care Alumni Association of America to ensure that the foster youth have the most productive day possible.

The Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth is excited to host this event and we sincerely encourage you to host a foster youth for the day.

Draft Schedule for the Day (bolded items involve participating offices)

8:30am	Breakfast & Orientation for Youth
9:30am	Offices pick up youth for shadow experience. Pick up: Rayburn B338
9:30am – 12:30pm	Youth Shadow Members of Congress
12:30pm	Congressional Luncheon hosted by Casey Family Programs (Rayburn B228) <i>Invited Speakers: Jamie Foxx & Michael Oher (Baltimore Ravens & The Blindside)</i>
2:45pm	Photo on Capitol Steps
3:30pm	Roundtable with White House & Administration Leaders
5:00pm	Closing & Debrief with Youth

To RSVP or ask questions, please contact Jenny Wood in the office of Representative Karen Bass at 202-225-7084 jenny.wood@mail.house.gov. **Deadline to confirm participation: Friday, May 3.**

Sincerely,

Karen Bass

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