



Foster Care Awareness Day at the Capitol

February 26, 2024

Attendee Agenda

Time	Event	Location
7:30am - 9:00am	Breakfast: Join Idaho Legislators & Explore Table Displays Stop by the First Floor Rotunda, eat breakfast with legislators, and chat with partners. Registration is required if you would like a breakfast.	First Floor Rotunda
9:00am - 9:30am	Welcome: Understanding Foster Care in Idaho Christine Tiddens, Idaho Voices for Children , will explore foster care data trends in Idaho and present 2024 legislative priorities.	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
9:30am - 10:30am	Presentation: What if We Lived as If We Are Kin? Love, Belonging, and Caring for the Other Special guest speaker and author, Sarah Sentilles , will discuss her experience as a foster mother and lessons learned along her journey, including opportunities to improve Idaho's child welfare practices.*	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
10:30am - 10:45am	Special Event: Foster Care Awareness Day Proclamation Lt. Governor Scott Bedke, Senator Abby Lee, and Senator Melissa Wintrow will present a proclamation for the 2024 Foster Care Awareness Day.	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
10:45am - 11:00am	Presentation: Becoming a Foster Parent in Idaho Monique Layton, Fostering Idaho , will provide information for prospective foster parents and resources available to interested families.	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
11:00am - 11:45am	Presentation: Providing a Voice for Foster Children CASA of Southwest Idaho will explore how the guardian ad litem program protects children, serves communities, and empowers volunteers.	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
11:45am - 12:15pm	Presentation: Report on Child Protection Legal Representation Amanda Bartlett, Office of Performance Evaluations , will outline findings in a new report, "Representation for Children and Youth in Child Protection Cases."	Lincoln Auditorium <i>West Wing 02</i> Live stream link
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch & Networking Join attendees in the Capitol Dining Room for lunch. Meals are available for purchase in the dining room and brown bag lunches are welcome.	Capitol Dining Room <i>West Atrium Wing</i>
1:30pm - 5:00pm	Attend Committee Hearings & Meetings with Legislators Advocacy experts are available to assist with legislative meetings and committee hearing details. Education and directions available on the First Floor Rotunda.	Reading Calendars & Committee Agendas
7:30am - 1:00pm	Visit with Groups Engaged in Foster Care Organizations who provide services related to foster care and child welfare partners will have table displays with resources available on the First Floor Rotunda. Stop by and learn about the great work being done across Idaho.	First Floor Rotunda

* A limited number of complimentary copies of Sarah Sentilles' book, [Stranger Care](#), will be provided to presentation attendees in the Lincoln Auditorium; first come, first served.