



Foster Care Awareness Day at the Capitol

February 26, 2025

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 – 10:00am	Welcome: Celebrating Progress in Foster Care Policy Christine Tiddens, Idaho Voices for Children , will explore foster care data trends in Idaho. Special guest and the Health & Social Services Ombudsman, Trevor Sparrow, will join us to discuss his new role.	Lincoln Auditorium West Wing 02 Live stream link
10:00am - 10:15am	Special Event: Foster Care Awareness Day Proclamation Governor Brad Little will present a proclamation for the 2025 Foster Care Awareness Day.	Lincoln Auditorium West Wing 02 Live stream link
10:15am – 11:15am	Presentation: Fostering Communities of Support Lutheran Community Services Northwest will introduce the Safe Families model and how communities come together to support families in crisis.	Lincoln Auditorium West Wing 02 Live stream link
11:15am - 12:00pm	Presentation: Hidden Foster Care and the Role of Family Hosted by Charlye Hahn, this panel will feature Shannon Ivie, Cynthia Teeple, and Stephen Rudy as they explore the challenges and complexities of kinship care, including insights from caregivers of children both within and outside the foster care system.	Lincoln Auditorium West Wing 02 Live stream link
12:00pm - 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 West Atrium Wing
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

For questions related to Foster Care Awareness Day, media inquiries, and opportunities to get involved, please contact Craig Petersen, Idaho Voices for Children, at cpetersen@idahovoices.org.