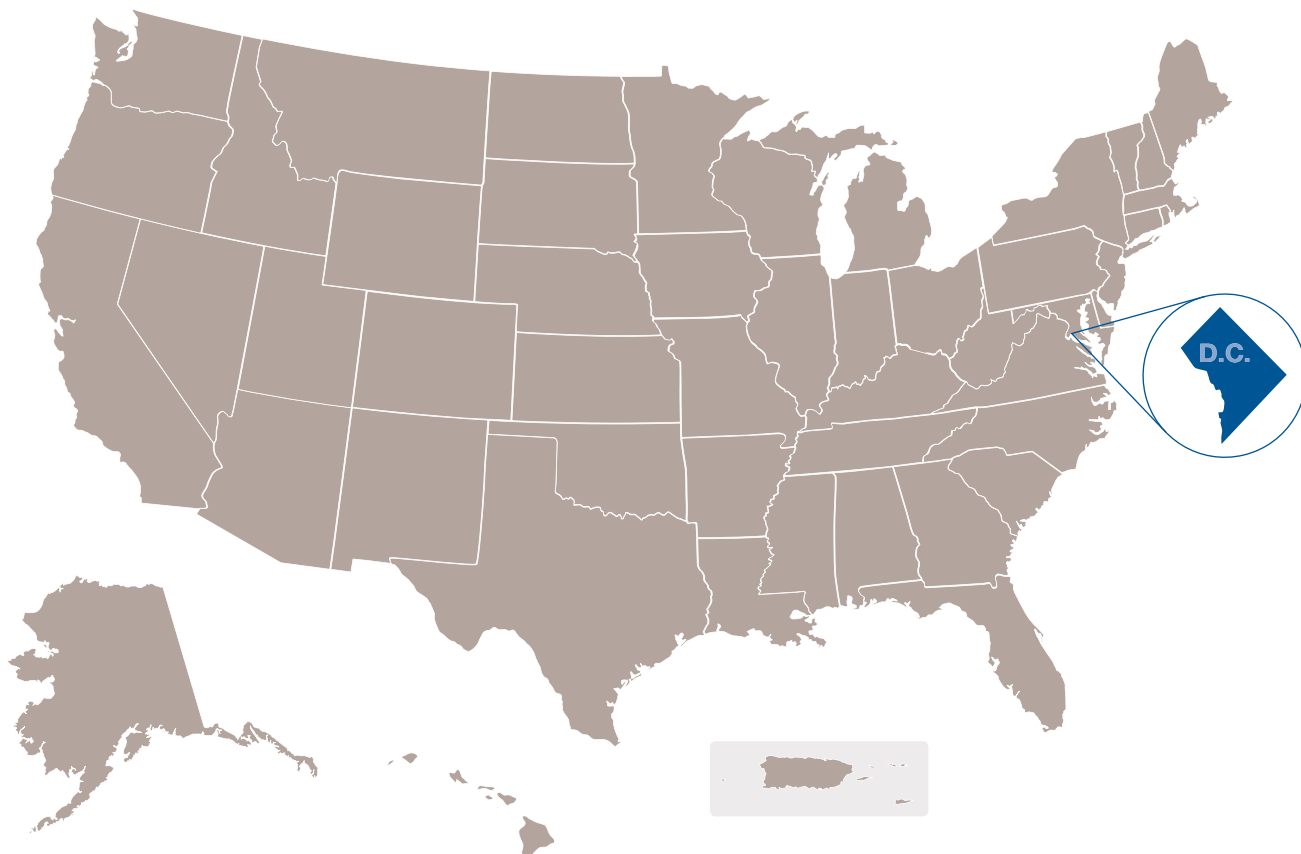


District of Columbia



Investing in Children and Families

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest foundation entirely focused on foster care. We will spend **\$124 million** on our operations in 2009, including investments in direct services to children in foster care, strategic consulting and public policy advocacy.

Foster Care by the Numbers in DC

Number of children in out-of-home care = **2,225**

Number of children entering foster care = **702**

Number of children exiting foster care = **669**

Length of stay in foster care: mean = **49** months, median = **29.8** months

Number of children each year who age out = **164** (or **24.5%** of all exits)



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Investing in the District of Columbia

In 2009, Casey Family Programs will spend more than **\$1.3 million** in the District of Columbia to serve children in foster care, strengthen families and improve the child welfare system. Casey Family Programs has an office in Washington, D.C.

Providing Leadership Development Training

Casey Family Programs provides training and leadership development for supervisors who manage caseworkers at Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA). The increased training will lead to better supervision of caseworkers and improve the way caseworkers engage with youth and families in investigations, case planning and decision-making processes. The training also will develop supervisors' skills in providing constructive feedback to caseworkers. This effort will improve retention and stabilize the child welfare workforce, leading to better outcomes for children and families.

Safely Reducing the Number of Children in Foster Care

Casey Family Programs supports the efforts of CFSA to expedite adoption for children who have been waiting the longest. CFSA is leading an effort to identify youth in pre-adoptive placements whose adoptions have not been finalized, and then finalizing those adoptions. The agency also is identifying youth who have been in the system the longest and do not have prospective adoptive families. CFSA is reviewing those cases to search for placement with either relatives, friends or other possible guardians. These efforts will work to reduce the number of youth in foster care and also ensure that every child has a safe and permanent home.

Providing Scholarships for Youth

Administered by the Orphan Foundation of America, the Casey Family Scholars Program provides more than \$4,000 in scholarships to District of Columbia youth formerly in foster care for postsecondary programs at universities, colleges and community colleges, and vocational/technical institutes.

Investing Nationally

Casey Family Programs will spend \$124 million on our operations in 2009, including investments in direct services to children in foster care, strategic consulting and public policy advocacy. Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest foundation entirely focused on foster care. Since 1966, we have worked to provide and improve foster care in the United States. As advocates for change, we are committed to our 2020 Strategy—an ambitious yet attainable reform to safely reduce the need for foster care and better the lives of those in it. Decades of front-line experience make us exceptionally qualified to identify various improvements in child welfare practices. We promote these changes by providing nonpartisan research to members of Congress, state legislators and other policymakers so they may craft laws and policies to better the lives of children in foster care and their families.

