

# 2019 NCSL Ohio Foster Parent Legislative Policy Meeting

The Action Plan is your individualized roadmap to help you identify your priorities and goals and establish strategies to achieve what's important to you as a state legislator or legislative staff. Information gained through face-to-face meetings will be used to develop your Action Plan. The roadmap also allows NCSL to identify ways to support you in meeting your goals. NC will collect completed plans and return them to you shortly after the October meeting.

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**Top priority issues on supporting foster parents:**

- 1) Create Peer Support systems
- 2) Look @ Models with time frames for families in treatment & recovery
- 3) Look @ policies that create opportunities for co-parenting between biological & foster parents

**List up to three (3) specific action steps, a timeline, who you'd like to reach out to, additional information**

| Action Step                             | Partners<br>(stakeholders to engage in action steps)  | Timeline |
|---|---|----------|
| 1) IT system update                     | email Commissioners<br>email <sup>request to</sup> update to Child protection oversight<br>email contact on approps & finance | Monday   |
| 2) Look into Foster Care Advisory Board | email Commissioner & Deputy   | "        |
| 3) peer support                         | " "   | "        |

Model for families in treatment & recovery - NE Association  
 Co-parenting (re-unification is the potential goal) Wes