

AGENDA

8:30 am–9:00 am Registration

9:00 am–9:15 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks
Traci LaLiberte, Jim Reinardy, Korina Barry

9:15 am–10:15 am Overview of Evolution of Child Welfare in the United States

Keynote Presenter: Ruth White, PhD

Ms. Ruth White is one of the nation's leading experts on housing policy and child welfare. Ms. Ruth White is the Executive Director of the National Center for Housing and Child Welfare. Previously she was the Director of Housing and Community Development Policy at Catholic Charities USA and the Director of Housing and Homelessness for the Child Welfare League of America. This presentation will provide an overview of the impact of unstable housing and homelessness for families and unaccompanied youth, and what that means for our child welfare system.

10:15 am–10:30 am Question & Answer

10:30 am–10:45 am Break

10:45 am–11:45 am Panel with Question & Answer

Panelists: Ryan Berg, Program Manager, ConneQT Host Home Program Avenues for Homeless Youth, and author of *No House to Call My Home: Love, Family and Other Transgressions*

Kizzy Downie, Director of Community Services for Model Cities

Sarah Fink, Youth Perspective

Nour Tamimi, Parent Perspective

Panelists will discuss strategies and personal experiences in promoting well-being for families and unaccompanied youth who experience homelessness, and how their work impacts those who are involved with the child welfare system.

11:45 am–12:15 pm: Update from Jamie Sorenson, Department of Human Services (DHS) Housing/Homelessness Initiatives and CW Reform Updates