

## **About the CICC**

As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Congress funded the Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) to foster greater coordination and transparency on child policy across federal agencies, as well as examining a broad array of cross-cutting issues affecting child well-being, particularly child poverty.



## **Membership**

The CICC is made up of 10 federal departments and agencies, including the:

- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Defense
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Department of Labor
- Department of Treasury
- Social Security Administration.

## **CICC Structure**

The CICC engages multiple partners by fostering collaboration on child policy across federal agencies. Its work is led and executed by a variety of contributors, including federal leaders and career executives, dedicated staff, and a pool of Lived Expert Consultants,<sup>1</sup> among others.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services coordinates the CICC.

## **CICC Year 1 Priorities and Goals**

The Council identified goals and opportunities for its work in its first year (2024), as well as planning a process for identifying priorities over the long-term. The initial focus areas were informed by insights from key informants and member agencies. For the first year, the CICC Council determined that a key priority is to develop and execute a shared learning agenda to build knowledge from, with, and for federal and external partners, including people and communities with lived experience with child poverty. A second overarching goal for the CICC during its first year has been to explore challenges and opportunities related to child care (including afterschool and out-of-school time activities) to enable families experiencing poverty to achieve and maintain economic security. Priorities for future years are being explored.

Visit <https://youth.gov/cicc> for more information.

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<sup>1</sup> Lived experience, in this context, is defined as individuals (youth/young adults, parents, and relative/kinship caregivers) who have direct, first-hand experience with poverty and have accessed and/or are eligible for programs and services for children, youth, and families experiencing poverty. Poverty, in this context, is defined as not having enough resources to meet basic needs.

