



NCSL Testimony Follow-Up

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Universal Basic Income (UBI) for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Representative Redmond asked for any studies or pilot programs already in place on providing UBI for youth aging out of foster care. One such pilot program currently appears to be in place for former foster youth at the local level:

- Santa Clara County, California launched a [pilot program](#) in 2020 to provide a universal basic income for young adults transitioning out of foster care. 24-year-olds who have aged out of the foster care system are receiving \$1,000 a month for one year. The link above includes contact information as well as a link to a press conference on the program.

TANF Housing Funds

Representative Brumsted asked about any specific housing efforts for TANF recipients or TANF funds going towards housing.

- [A Michigan state task force](#) has recommended the adoption of a TANF shelter stipend for low-income residents.
- [An Ohio executive order](#) appropriated TANF funds to specific organizations for housing and support of certain residents.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Several members expressed interest in hearing more about ACEs.

- [The CDC](#) has found that preventing ACEs would lower the risk of conditions such as cancer, depression, asthma, and diabetes. Prevention also reduces risky behaviors, such as heavy drinking and smoking, and it improves job potential.
- [This study](#) examined the consequences of adverse childhood experiences on well-being in adulthood. The authors found that individuals subject to adverse childhood experience were more frequently associated with negative health outcomes in adulthood. ACEs can also result in significant economic costs in adulthood through increased health care spending and lost economic productivity.
- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#) found that ACEs significantly contribute to negative physical and mental health outcomes which effect more than 60% of adults.

Public-Private Partnerships on Universal Basic Income (UBI)

- [Mayors for a Guaranteed Income](#) is a coalition of mayors from cities across the country that are advocating for universal basic income. Each of these cities has or will launch their own UBI pilot program with funding from either the city budget or a public/private partnership. Stockton, California launched the first pilot program in June 2020, a public-private partnership that researchers have [evaluated here](#). Since then, additional cities such as [Saint Paul, Minnesota](#), have launched their own programs.

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