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REP. KAREN BASS ONE OF MANY CONGRESS MEMBERS TO MEET WITH FOSTER YOUTH ON CAPITOL HILL – JUNE 22

For the tenth year, foster youth travel to Capitol Hill for annual leadership training, including a special opportunity to shadow members of Congress.

Washington, DC (June 14, 2022) – Current and former foster youth are set to gather in D.C. on June 22 for The National Foster Youth Institute's (NFYI) 10th annual Congressional Leadership Academy, an innovative leadership program that includes a day of shadowing their members of Congress. The event provides foster youth a unique opportunity to share their stories and insights with elected officials and shadow members of Congress for a day.

While most events are closed to the press and public, we invite press to join us for the special Shadow Day Luncheon on June 22nd.

- WHAT: NFYI'S CONGRESSIONAL FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY LUNCHEON**
Current and former foster youth come together with members of Congress, public figures, and celebrities to share lived experiences in the child welfare system and provide insight into the real-world impact of child welfare policies.
- WHEN: Wednesday June 22nd, 2022, from 12:30pm to 2:00pm**
- WHERE: Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building**
45 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20515
- WHO: Rep. Karen Bass (CA-37.),** Co-Chair, [Congressional Caucus for Foster Youth](#)
Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (PA-181), Sponsor of the PA Fairness Act ([H.B. 300](#))
Jason Lee, Award-winning television actor & former foster youth
Members of congress
Current and former foster youth
- Note:** Select Members of Congress and former foster youth delegates are available for media interviews. Delegates arrive in Washington on Sunday, June 19th and depart on Friday, June 24th. **Contact** Jacqueline Burbank at Jacqueline.burbank@NFYI.org by 6/20/22 to secure access to the event or request an interview.

Event Timeline

- 12:30pm-2:00pm: Luncheon program with words from NFYI delegates, celebrities, and select congressmembers
- 2:00pm-3:00pm: B-roll and interviews with NFYI delegates and select congressmembers

Background on NFYI's Congressional Leadership Academy & Shadow Day Experience

NFYI's Congressional Leadership Academy is a 10-month program that culminates in an action-packed week-long experience in Washington DC. Our Delegates will tag along with their Members of Congress, attending events and special briefings focused on child welfare issues and joining them in the legislative chambers. Their experience finishes with a luncheon featuring special guest speakers, including **Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta**, actor **Jason Lee**, and with **Congresswoman Karen Bass**, the founder and co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth.

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***About NFYI:** Launched in 2012, **National Foster Youth Institute** was created to organize foster youth and families, foster care alumni, and allies across the country to mobilize around transforming the child welfare system. NFYI annually engages over 250 current and former foster youth across the US.*

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