



Preserving Federal Benefits of Foster Youth Media Coverage

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[National advocates push against Alaska OCS spending foster youth social security benefits in new legal filing.](#) Alaska Public Media. A national nonprofit that helps foster youth is supporting an appeal from a group of children filed late last year over the state using their social security benefits. (June 7, 2022)

[National advocates support Alaska foster children's appeal over state taking their social security benefits.](#) KTOO. A national nonprofit that helps foster youth is supporting an appeal from a group of children filed late last year over the state taking their social security benefits. (June 7, 2022)

[Children's Advocacy Institute Files Amicus Curiae Brief Challenging the State of Alaska's Interception of Federal Benefits Belonging to Eligible Foster Youth.](#) Brief urges Alaska Supreme Court to require the state foster care agency to act in the best interest of the foster youth, not itself. (June 2, 2022)

[Proposed Laws in Minnesota and Other States Would Limit the Practice of Seizing Federal Benefits from Foster Youth.](#) The Imprint. (May 17, 2022)

[Growing push seeks to prevent the state from taking millions in benefits from foster kids.](#) Hawaii News Now. Over the past four years, Hawaii has taken more than \$1.5 million from kids living in foster care in the form of Social Security payments and survivor's benefits. The state says it's using the money to make sure those kids are taken care of. But critics argue it's not the state's money to spend, and now there's a push to change the little-known policy. (Apr. 28, 2022)

[Opinion: Congress should protect foster children's Social Security benefits](#). The Hill (Mar. 18, 2022)

[Bill would bar Philly from keeping Social Security payments meant for foster children](#). The legislation would end a legal but controversial practice of transferring the money into the city's \$5 billion general fund. (Mar. 15, 2022)

[New York City will stop collecting Social Security money from children in foster care](#). NPR/The Marshall Project Investigative Series, Follow-up. Outlines news out of New York City that the city will voluntarily act to stop this practice. (Mar. 9, 2022)

[Paying for Their Own Foster Care](#). The Marshall Project. (Jan. 2022)

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[New York City's ACS Press Release](#). Press release on stopping the practice of intercepting benefits in 2022; policy/rules to be released during the year. (Dec. 30, 2021)

[Philly took \\$5 million in foster children's Social Security payments without telling them](#). The Philadelphia Inquirer. (Dec. 15, 2021)

[Los Angeles County Moves To Get More Money Into The Hands Of Foster Youth](#). NPR/The Marshall Project Investigative Series, Part 4. (July 16, 2021)

[Editorial: Nebraska must stop seizing foster children's Social Security benefits](#). Omaha World-Herald. (June 8, 2021; Updated July 15, 2021)

['There Was Nothing Left': DCFS Keeps Money Ex-Wards Say Is Owed To Them](#). CBS Chicago. (June 2, 2021)

[Movement Grows For States To Give Back Federal Funds Owed To Foster Children](#). NPR/The Marshall Project Investigative Series, Part 3. (May 3, 2021)

[Consultants Help States Find And Keep Money That Should Go To Foster Kids](#). NPR/The Marshall Project Investigative Series, Part 2. (Apr. 28, 2021)

[Were You Ever in Foster Care? Here's How to Find Out if the Government Took Your Money.](#)

The Marshall Project. As part of NPR series, the Marshall Project developed a tool to conduct a real-time search on status and history of individual benefits/beneficiaries. (Apr. 22, 2021)

[State Foster Care Agencies Take Millions Of Dollars Owed To Children In Their Care.](#) NPR/The Marshall Project Investigative Series, Part 1. (Apr. 22, 2021)

Pre-2020

[Court finds state improperly managed foster kids' money.](#) Alaska's News Source. Alaska coverage of case, 2nd appeal pending, of state's improper use of foster youth benefits. (Sept. 4, 2019)

[The shameless chase for federal money.](#) Badger Institute. Wisconsin coverage on state's use of private-for profit revenue maximization firm to mine foster youth for benefits. (Oct. 18, 2017)

[The Poverty Industry: How Foster Care Agencies Exploit Children In Their Care.](#) Talk Poverty. Dan Hatcher: A Charles Dickens novel has come to life. Foster care agencies are partnering with companies to search for poor children who are disabled or have dead parents—in order to take their money for state revenue. June 24, 2016

[Social Security continuing to pursue claims against family members for old debts](#) The Washington Post. Story of suing former youth and their families for overpayments of benefits. (Dec. 13, 2014)

[How Maryland robs its most vulnerable children](#). Baltimore Sun. Piece referencing Maryland's legislative reform and Ryan and Alex's related litigation by Dan Hatcher. (Oct 14, 2013)

[Welfare Agencies Seek Foster Children's Assets.](#) The New York Times. Coverage of John G litigation in North Carolina ordering that the state use John's benefits to help with mortgage/housing stability. (Feb 17, 2006)