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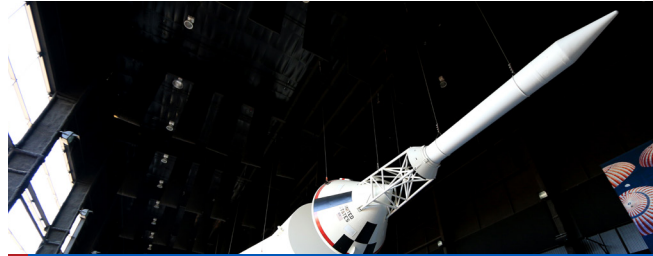
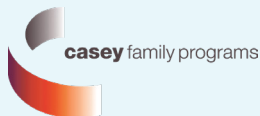


Building Better Outcomes: Strengthening Systems Through Informed and Collaborative State Leadership

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Child welfare systems are on the front line of programs designed to protect and support children. The knowledge, tools, and policy strategies necessary for these systems to be effective and impactful put unique demands on policymakers and government staffers. Through expert presentations, state case studies, and peer-to-peer dialogue, participants will deepen their understanding of system structures, challenges, and opportunities for reform. Sessions will focus on evidence-based solutions, cross-sector collaboration, and legislative pathways that drive sustainable, bipartisan improvements. By the end of the masterclass, attendees will gain a nuanced understanding of key policy levers, practical insights from successful state models, and actionable, state-specific strategies to support improved outcomes for children and families.

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To Infinity and Beyond: STEAM and Space in Northern Alabama

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 15 – 17, 2026

The American space and aeronautics sector has long been anchored in the South—and its influence continues to grow. This expansion offers tremendous opportunity, alongside a pressing challenge: preparing a workforce ready to meet the demands of rapidly advancing industries. Huntsville sits at the heart of this progress. Home to U.S. Space Command, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, and a network of leading research institutions, this Northern Alabama hub is driving regional efforts to expand STEAM education and strengthen talent pipelines. Its alignment of federal assets, industry leaders, and higher education makes it a model for workforce innovation. This Masterclass will equip state legislators with a clear understanding of the economic impact of aerospace advancements and the collaborative strategies behind Huntsville's success. Participants will explore how federal, state, local, and private-sector partners are expanding STEAM opportunities and building a future-ready workforce—insights they can bring back to their own states.



Dealing with Data Centers: How States Are Addressing the Resource Needs of Power Users

NORTHERN VIRGINIA
SEPTEMBER 22 – 24, 2026

Data centers are the backbone of the digital economy, enabling everything from cloud services to artificial intelligence. The South now hosts 42 percent of the nation's facilities, positioning the region at the forefront of technological growth. This expansion brings significant economic promise—yet it also intensifies pressure on essential state resources, particularly energy and water. Legislators across the region are evaluating how to balance this growth with responsible resource management. From tracking consumption and improving efficiency to designing thoughtful regulatory frameworks, states are exploring tools to ensure long-term sustainability without hindering innovation or competitiveness. This Policy Masterclass equips state leaders with a clear understanding of how data centers operate, where the industry is headed, and the policy levers available to guide smart development. Participants will hear from industry, government, and utility experts and gain practical insights to help shape forward-looking strategies that protect state resources while supporting continued economic opportunity.

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