



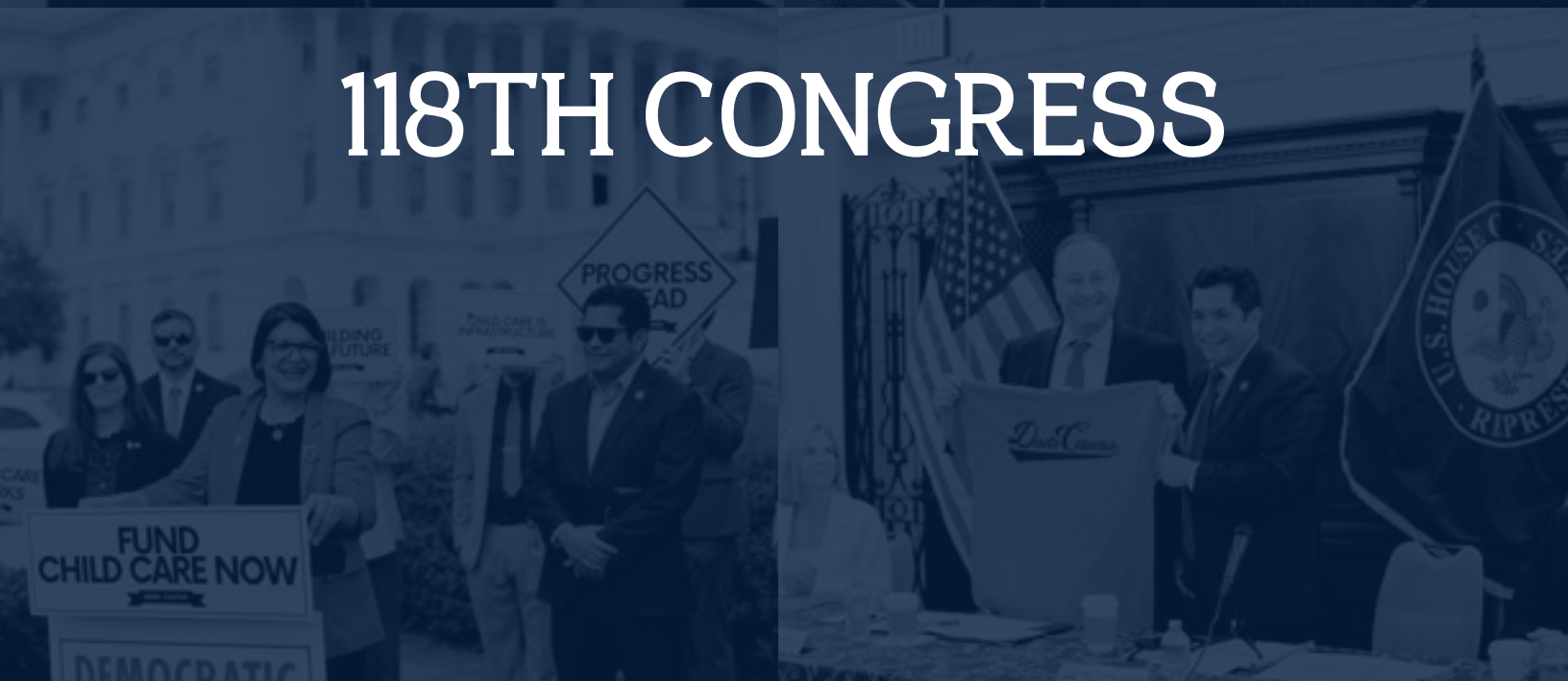
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The Congressional Dads Caucus was founded on January 26, 2023 by Representatives Jimmy Gomez, Rashida Tlaib, Joaquin Castro, Andy Kim, Jamaal Bowman, Rob Menendez, Dan Goldman, Eric Swalwell, Ruben Gallego, Colin Allred, Mike Levin, Josh Harder and Raul Ruiz.

Since then, the Dads Caucus has grown to 35 members and become one of the most active caucuses on Capitol Hill. The caucus holds monthly meetings, roundtable discussions and press conferences, and leads letters and endorses legislation.

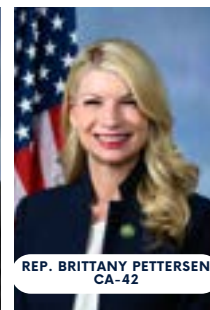
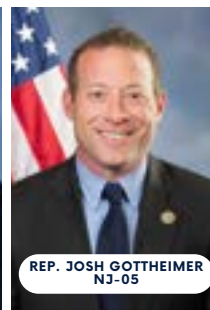
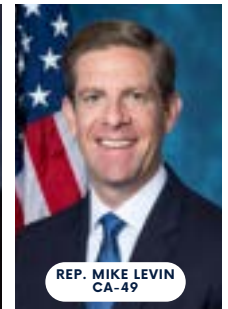
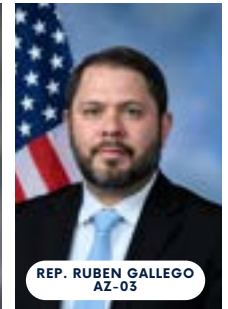
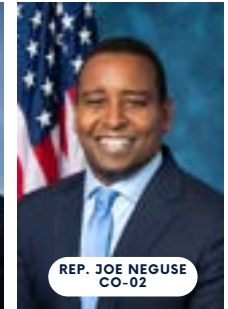
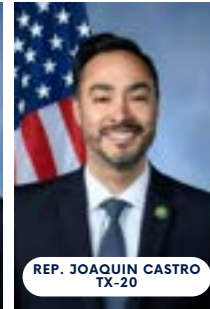
The mission of the Dads Caucus is to provide a forum for members of Congress to advocate for legislation that supports mothers, fathers and children.

Caucus members believe in policy solutions that help working families thrive, including:

- Paid leave policies for all
- Expanding the Child Tax Credit
- Increasing access to affordable, quality child care
- Supporting policies that reduce poverty and help working parents

DADS CAUCUS MEMBERS

Our members serve on numerous committees of jurisdiction including: Ways & Means, Energy & Commerce, Education & Workforce, Oversight, Appropriations, Budget, Financial Services and more.



DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



The New York Times



They're Not Just Dads, They're Congressional Dads

By Marc Tracy - February 02, 2023

The Congressional Dads Caucus, which was formed in January by Democrats, urged the committee to take action, saying, "Ensuring diaper changing tables are present and accessible in all restrooms is a commonsense addition to our buildings that will help our growing number of Members of Congress and staff who are parents to young children."



National Public Radio



With an Eye on Working Families, Democrats Launch the Congressional Dads Caucus

By Ximena Bustillo - January 28, 2023

Texas Rep. Joaquin Castro, who joined Gomez in forming the caucus, said men have a role to play in supporting policies that help working families. Launched alongside other Democrats including Reps. Andy Kim and Dan Goldman, Gomez said the caucus will focus on key policy proposals like expanding the child tax credit, paid national family leave and child care program funding.



Spectrum News



Congressional Dads Caucus Focuses on Gun Violence, Mental Health

By Cassie Semyon - July 27, 2023

The Congressional Dads Caucus is expanding its portfolio to try and address two issues impacting the United States: mental health and gun violence. Rep. Jimmy Gomez, founder and chair of the first-ever Congressional Dads Caucus, announced this week that founding members Reps. Rob Menendez, D-N.J., and Dan Goldman, D-N.Y., would chair the Mental Health Task Force and the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, respectively.



Pennsylvania Capital Star



Deluzio Highlights Child Care Center at Pittsburgh Airport as a Model

By Steve Mellon - December 02, 2023

Child care is a sector in crisis. Facilities struggle to retain talented workers because the pay is so low. Raising the pay often means increasing tuition — and that's a problem, since the cost of child care is already a barrier for many working parents. This "death spiral" for child care facilities is avoidable if the federal government steps in, Deluzio said.



The Hill



It's Time to Talk Unapologetically About Fathers and Their Needs

By Tova Walsh and Alvin Thomas - June 14, 2023

Still in its infancy, the Dads Caucus is already making an impact by raising awareness of challenges that parents face and advocating for family-friendly policies. Recently, the caucus announced its first bill endorsements: the American Family Act and the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act.



Bloomberg News



Congressional Dads Band Together to Fight for Paid Leave, Affordable Child Care

By Kelsey Butler & Ella Ceron - January 26, 2023

Their agenda includes supporting legislation on issues like national paid family and medical leave and affordable child care...More than half of parents of children younger than 15 spend 20% or more of their household income on child care. The group is also fighting to revive the expanded Child Tax Credit, which provided households monthly cash payments in 2021. After the credit ended, 3.7 million kids fell into poverty.

DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



New Congressional Dads Caucus to Focus on Working Families

By Dareh Gregorian - January 26, 2023

The group is the brainchild of Rep. Jimmy Gomez, D-Calif., who said the caucus "is rooted in a simple idea: Dads need to do our part advancing policies that will make a difference in the lives of so many working families across the country."



Groups of Dads in Congress Pushing for Policies to Support Working Families

By Jake Tapper - June 18, 2023

CNN's Jake Tapper explains how fathers in the U.S. Congress are trying to support working families.



Kentucky's Democratic Rep. McGarvey Joins Congressional Dads Caucus

By Julia Bembrook - August 25, 2023

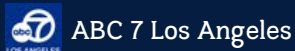
"I think it's necessary to highlight the role of working parents in a body like Congress," said Rep. Morgan McGarvey, D-Ky., a member of the group. "We have these priorities from Universal Pre-K to paid parental leave to pay equity."



Congressional Dads Caucus Focusing on Policies for Working Families

By Alicia Menendez - June 17, 2023

The new Congressional Dads Caucus is paving the way forward to create family-friendly policies. American Voices' Alicia Menendez sat down with Congressmen Brendan Boyle, Jimmy Gomez, Morgan McGarvey, and Kevin Mullin to discuss a father's role at home and at work.



Dads Caucus and Whip Katherine Clark Tour Child Care Facility, Push for Affordable Child Care Funding

By ABC7 - April 11, 2024

Both Representatives are pushing for affordable, high-quality child care nationwide.

FEATURED IN:



DADS CAUCUS IN THE NEWS



Good Morning America



Dads Caucus on Capitol Hill

By Jay O'Brien - June 16, 2023

ABC News' Jay O'Brien spoke to a group of dads and Democratic representatives who got together to take on fatherhood and politics on Capitol Hill.



Telemundo



El Famoso Bebé que se Roba la Atención en el Congreso

By Telemundo - March 24, 2023

"No es primera vez que acude al Capitolio el hijo del congresista demócrata por California Jimmy Gómez. Este jueves el político volvió con su bebé a una de las sesiones del Congreso para concientizar sobre el cuidado de los niños por parte de sus padres."



The Washington Post



Dads in Congress Form a Caucus to Push for Family-Friendly Policies

By Caitlyn Gibson - January 26, 2023

The caucus, its members say, will advocate for policies and legislation to help support American working families — including the expansion of the Child Tax Credit, as well as increased access to affordable child care, health care and paid family leave. The members of the caucus each bring their own personal experiences to the group's work, they say.



The Hill



Congressional Dads Caucus Calls for More Baby Changing Stations in Capitol Complex

By Judy Kurtz - February 02, 2023

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Now This



This Rep is Changing the Convo About What it Means to be a Dad and Serve in Congress

By Tom McKenna, and Xavier Wang - April 27, 2023



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Dads Caucus Demands Answers from FDA on lead-tainted children's food

By Cassie Seymon - April 17, 2024

The Congressional Dads Caucus is demanding answers from Food and Drug Administration commissioner Robert Califf about what the agency is doing to guarantee food safety for young children and ensure snacks like applesauce are not being tainted as was the case last year.

DADS CAUCUS POLICY

BILL ENDORSEMENTS



BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH MOMNIBUS

The Dads Caucus endorsed U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood's Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act, which is a package of 13 bills to address the Black maternal health crisis through historic investments that comprehensively address every driver of maternal mortality, morbidity, and disparities in the United States. The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income country and significant disparities in outcomes—and the crisis is only worsening: the maternal mortality rate in 2021 was 89 percent higher than the rate in 2018.

AMERICAN FAMILY ACT

The Dads Caucus endorsed U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro's American Family Act, which will make the expanded and improved Child Tax Credit (CTC) permanent. The expanded CTC that was included in the American Rescue Plan Act reached more than 61 million children and lifted nearly 4 million out of poverty in 2021 alone. It was the largest tax cut for working families in generations. The monthly delivery of the CTC payments helped families get ahead and provided financial security.



ADVANCING TOWARD IMPACT AID FULL FUNDING ACT

The Dads Caucus endorsed U.S. Rep. Mike Levin's Advancing Toward Impact Aid Full Funding Act, which will support public school districts containing federal lands. Federal lands are tax exempt and public schools rely on the taxes of their district for funding. These under-funded schools can be supplemented through Impact Aid funding, which supports more than 1,100 school districts and over 10 million students. Despite national dependency, Congress has not fully funded Impact Aid since 1969. This bill introduces a five-year plan to fund Impact Aid and help schools provide better resources for our children.



DADS CAUCUS POLICY

BILL INTRODUCTIONS



FATHER'S DAY RESOLUTION

The Dads Caucus introduced a Father's Day resolution honoring dads and calling for support of our three key pillars: paid leave, affordable and accessible child care, and the expanded Child Tax Credit. The resolution was announced at a press conference days ahead of Father's Day.



LETTERS

ACCESS TO CHANGING TABLES

The Dads Caucus wrote to the House Administration Committee urging expanded access to diaper changing tables in restrooms on Capitol Hill. "Every staff member, Member of Congress, and visitor to our Congressional offices deserves basic access to a place to change their child's diaper," said Chair Gomez.

LEAD-TAINTED CHILDREN'S FOOD

After reports of lead-tainted applesauce and Lunchables being served to children across the country, the Dads Caucus wrote to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), urging them to explain how lead-tainted children's food was allowed to be sold to parents and fed to kids, and to provide a clear path forward to ensure it never happens again.

CHILD CARE FUNDING CLIFF

The Dads Caucus joined the Democratic Women's Caucus to call on House leadership to avoid a child care funding cliff and pass emergency and permanent funding. "The child care crisis affects all parents and is not just about families' economic success and stability, but our country's as well," wrote the members.

DATA ON PATERNAL HEALTH

The Dads Caucus wrote to U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra urging federal regulators to collect data on fathers' public health in early parenthood and the impact of paternal health on infants, mothers and families.

DADS CAUCUS WORKING GROUPS



REP. DAN GOLDMAN
Gun Violence Prevention
Working Group Chair

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION WORKING GROUP

The Dads Caucus launched the Gun Violence Prevention Working Group to address the leading cause of death for children in the U.S.—gun violence. The working group is led by U.S. Rep. Dan Goldman, who has a strong history of advocating for commonsense gun safety policies.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

The Dads Caucus launched the Mental Health Working Group as a platform to advance policies and ideas that make health care more accessible and affordable for every person. The working group is led by U.S. Rep. Rob Menendez, who believes all families deserve resources to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy both physically and mentally.



REP. ROB MENENDEZ
Mental Health
Working Group Chair



REP. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
Technology, Media and the Family
Working Group Chair

TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND THE FAMILY WORKING GROUP

The Dads Caucus launched the Technology, Media, and the Family Working Group to explore how modern technology and media affect children's physical and mental health, cognitive development, online safety, and sense of self. The working group is led by U.S. Rep. Jake Auchincloss, who will use this platform to push for policies that protect children as technology continues to advance.

DADS CAUCUS AT WORK



DADS CAUCUS PARTNERSHIPS



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CAREGIVING**

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WOMEN AND FAMILIES**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

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