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**FINANCE COMMITTEE TO HOLD ROUNDTABLE ON CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES  
IN CHILD WELFARE**

**Washington, DC** – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) will hold a roundtable on child welfare titled “Child Well-Being in Foster Care: Examining the Relationship between Data and Efforts to effect Positive Outcomes for Children.” Tomorrow’s roundtable will be the first in a series of Finance Committee roundtables discussing the challenges and opportunities in federal child welfare policy.

Federal child welfare improves safety and promotes permanency and well-being for children involved in child welfare systems. Recent legislation, including the bipartisan Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, has put an increased emphasis on meeting the well-being needs of children involved in the child welfare systems.

The discussion will include key findings in areas such as brain development, special needs of younger and older populations and innovative state practices. Attendees will include stakeholders in the child welfare community.

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