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Courtenay Holden works for the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) and serves as the Senior Legislative Association for its affiliate the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators (NAPCWA). She represents those whose daily work is serving the best interests of at-risk children and families.

Prior to her current work, Courtenay was with Pew Charitable Trusts and served as project manager for the Kids Are Waiting Campaign. She was instrumental in the passage of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. During her tenure Courtenay organized and led extensive Congressional outreach to educate policy makers and promote our reform agenda. Under her leadership, the Kids Are Waiting campaign and its partners held more than 500 meetings on Capitol Hill.

Courtenay also worked for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) where she was the associate director of policy and education. In this role she handled CCAI's congressional outreach and education; collaborated with organizations to promote international, domestic and foster care adoptions; and acted as the CCAI's resource to congressional staff for policy questions on adoption and child welfare issues.

Prior to CCAI, Courtenay was the executive director of Voice for Adoption (VFA) where she monitored and analyzed all proposed legislation and regulations related to adoption and helped to create the legislative agenda for the organization.

She has worked for both Democrats and Republicans in Congress and understands the safety, permanency and the well-being of children are bipartisan issues.