

iStand Parent Network Inc.

2016 International Parents Conference & Embassy Walk

April 20-22, 2016

Washington DC



New Conference Location!



The 2016 International Parents Conference will be held at the

[U.S. Institute of Peace](#)

2001 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC, 20037

Latitude: 38.90575 | Longitude: -77.038705

About the U.S. Institute of Peace

This year's venue, steps away from the U.S. State Dept. and near Capitol Hill, elevates the pandemic issue of IPCA the international agenda and highlights the critical need for cooperation between nation states to eliminate barriers to their return. The [vision and mission](#) of the U.S. Institute of Peace embodies our approach to returning children home from International Parental Child Abduction by peaceful resolutions, working within domestic and international structures to mitigate conflict, transform processes and brings healing.

About the 2016 Conference & Embassy Walk

The 2016 International Parents Conference & Embassy Walk harnesses the power of love and collective action to empower of parents of children who are victims of International Parental Child Abduction (IPCA) and to engage international, federal, state and local governments, NGOs, the private sector and other key stakeholders to prevent and end IPCA and to return children home to loving parents and communities.

Join us in Washington April 20-22, 2016 as we

STAND until all children come home!

Register Now on [Eventbrite!!!!](#)

Cost: Registration is \$35 per participant*


**Your registration covers your conference materials and Continental Breakfast and Luncheon Thursday, April 21.*


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Schedule

WEDNESDAY, April 20

-  Parent Advocate Hague Training 9 am – 11 am*
 - *advanced registration required

-  IPCA Day on Capitol Hill 1 pm – 3 pm
 - U.S. Capitol

-  *Congress Cares for Our Children* 4:00 – 7:00 pm
 - Congressional Briefing and Reception
Capitol Visitor's Center

-  White House Candlelight Vigil 9 pm – 10 pm
 - 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

THURSDAY, April 21

International Parents Conference 8 am – 5 pm



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FRIDAY, April 22

2016 Embassy Walk

Embassy Row, Washington

WEDNESDAY, April 20

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Parent Advocate Training on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Parental Child Abduction

Public Policy

This training is by advance registration and invitation only. Contact conference organizers at istandparentnetwork@gmail.com for more information.

IPCA Day on Capitol Hill

1:00 - 3:00 pm



Constituent Calls

Talk with your Congressional delegation and their staff about your children's case and the cause to prevent and end IPCA. Your conference registration packet will include suggestions on how to tell your story and ask for assistance from Congress. Special awareness event plans for IPCA Day are underway. Stay tuned for more information!

Congress Cares for Our Children

Congressional Briefing & Reception



U.S. CAPITOL
Visitor Center

Sponsored by:

The Coalition to End International Parental Child Abduction



4 pm ~ 6 pm*

Join fellow parents, members of Congress and their staff, federal agency personnel and members of the diplomatic community for this Congressional Briefing including: historical and current IPCA reform, a real-time demonstration of new IPCA mapping technology and recommendations for more robust prevention and return mechanisms through interagency cooperation, constituent advocacy, legislation and oversight.

After the Briefing, stay around for the Reception and enjoy and live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and conversation!

****By invitation. Your conference registration includes an invitation to the Briefing & Reception.***

9:00 pm -10:00 pm

**From the White House to Our House: Candlelight Vigil
~1600 Pennsylvania Ave.**



This is our pre-conference "warmer". Please join your fellow parents for the annual *White House Candlelight Vigil*.

We'll light candles and speak the names our children and others who are abducted or wrongfully retained in foreign nations. It's a moving tribute to our children and time for reflection on

Join us as we *Light Their Way Home*.



THURSDAY April 21

International Parents Conference



**UNITED STATES
INSTITUTE OF PEACE**

8:00AM-8:30AM

Continental Breakfast Meet & Greet ~ Jacqueline and Marc Leland Atrium

Get to know your fellow conference participants over pastries and a morning beverage service in the beautiful Jacqueline and March Leland Atrium.

International Parents Conference

U.S. Institute of Peace ~ Farooq Kathwari Amphitheatre




All conference sessions are held in the USIP Farooq Kathwari Amphitheatre

We are working to confirm speakers and invited panelists. Stay tuned for the launch of our online conference scheduler!

8:30 - 8:45 am

Welcome ~ Opening Remarks

9:00 - 10:15 am

 **Prevention, Public Policy**

Panel: IPCA Prevention and Response: A Comprehensive and Coordinated Law Enforcement Approach

10:30 - 11:45 am

 **Legal Reform**

Panel: Criminal and Civil Aspects of IPCA: The Hague Convention and Other Remedies to Return Children Home

12:00 – 1:15 pm

 **Legal Reform, Public Policy**

Keynote Conversation

1:30 - 2:30 pm

 **Parent Advocacy**

Coping With Parental Alienation

2:30 - 3:15 pm

 **Public Policy**

Persistent Pressure: Educating Congress for your case and for our Cause

3:15 - 4:00 pm

 **Parent Advocacy**

Parent Panel: The Returned ~ How We Got Our Kids Back Home

4:00 - 4:45 pm

 **Parent Advocacy**

Coalition Building Workshop

4:45 - 5:00 pm

Closing

FRIDAY April 22

2016 Embassy Walk “Knocking on Doors of Nations”

10:00 AM - 1:00PM



Back by consensus of 2015 participants, the 2016 Embassy Walk is our direct action demonstration to the nations that we love our children and seek international cooperation for their return.

Participating parents schedule interview in advance with Embassy officials, and together will travel to the embassies of countries wherein our children are/were held. Join us as we 'knock on doors of nations' to seek cooperation in returning children home.

The Embassy Walk requires advanced registration. Registered conference participants will receive information on how to prepare for and participate in the Embassy Walk.

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Accommodations



The conference planning committee plans to rent 1-2 entire homes in Downtown Washington DC using AirBNB to keep the cost of participation affordable and to build solidarity among parents!

You can get more information, choose this preference and reserve a spot through your registration confirmation email.



HI WASHINGTON DC

Several previous conference participants recommend **Hostels International, 1009 11 St. NW**, for affordable hostel lodging as an alternative to traditional hotels. Each morning, residents gather at a common breakfast area with international travelers from around the world.

Refund Policy

Plans change? Refunds must be requested by April 6, 2016.

Questions?

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