



## Announcing the Third Annual “Moving Beyond Implications” Conference!

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

11:30am Lunch | 12pm-6pm Conference Programing  
The Legislative Office Building in Hartford, Connecticut

CT SSN is excited to partner with Representative Jaime Foster (D-57 (Ellington, East Windsor, and Vernon)), Representative Dominique Johnson (D-143 (Norwalk and Westport)), Representative Bill Pizzuto (R-71 (Middlebury and Waterbury)), and Representative Laurie Sweet (D-91 (Hamden)), UConn’s InCHIP, the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI), and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to host the third annual “Moving Beyond Implications: Research into Policy” (Moving Beyond) conference. The conference will bring together academics, legislators, and other policymakers in advance of the 2026 Connecticut legislative session.

*Moving Beyond* creates an opportunity for researchers to present their policy-relevant scholarship to policymakers, provides an opportunity for policymakers to respond with their research needs and questions, and generates connections to inform evidence-based policymaking in Connecticut.

**When and Where is *Moving Beyond*?** The Conference will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Lunch will be available at 11:30am and conference programming will take place from 12-6pm at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford, Connecticut.

**Which Legislators Will Attend *Moving Beyond*?** All members of the Connecticut General Assembly are invited to attend. We will once again invite leadership from the Governor’s Office, General Assembly, and the many offices that implement Connecticut’s policies and programs.

**How Can Researchers Participate in *Moving Beyond*?** There are three ways to participate in *Moving Beyond*: present, submit, and/or attend!

**Present:** If you have policy relevant research, we are excited to hear from you! We can accommodate up to sixteen 15-minute researcher-led presentations throughout the conference. If you are interested in presenting, please submit an abstract for consideration by **Thursday, November 6th at 12pm eastern**. Presenters will be notified of selection by **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. Submission instructions are below.

**Submit:** We will append policy briefs to the conference program. We invite 1-2 page research or policy briefs from both those who are selected to present and those who are not able to present. Briefs are due by **Monday, December 10th, at 12pm eastern**. Submission instructions are below.

**Attend:** This conference is open to all CT SSN members, SSN members from other chapters, and researchers without a SSN affiliation. Space may be limited. Conference registration is due by **Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5pm**. Please [RSVP here](#) to attend!

**Will CT SSN or InCHIP Help Me to Prepare for *Moving Beyond*?** Yes! There will be three opportunities!

1. UConn's InCHIP hosted a virtual workshop last year on how to write briefs. This included tips on how to use your briefs to talk to policymakers and convert them into ops. You can view the [training here](#).
2. The National SSN has agreed to host a virtual training on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm** eastern focused on how to present to policymakers. The training will be tailored to presenters and those submitting briefs, but it is also open to all CT SSN members. It will include guidance on your presentation and your brief, as well as other tips for effectively communicating with policymakers.
3. Further, National SSN has graciously agreed to read and comment on all briefs that are submitted **by the Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> deadline**. Priority will be given to presenters' briefs, but we will strive to read and comment on all briefs.

**What if I have Questions?** If you have questions, please email Kerri Raissian at [kerri.raissian@yale.edu](mailto:kerri.raissian@yale.edu). Kindly include “*Moving Beyond Conference*” in your subject line.

### **Key Dates at a Glance**

**Moving Beyond 2026:** Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Presenter abstracts for consideration due:** Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12pm eastern

**Presenters notified:** Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**SSN training:** Monday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12pm-2pm eastern

**Briefs due:** Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm eastern

**RSVP deadline:** Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5pm

**[Presentation and Brief Submission Instructions follow on the next page.]**



## **“Moving Beyond Implications”**

### **Presentation and Brief Submission Instructions:**



**Presentation Submission Instructions:** If you’d like to present please submit your information and abstract to CT SSN via email.

Abstract submissions are due **Thursday, November 6th at 12pm eastern**. Abstracts should be submitted via email to [ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com). Kindly make your email subject, **“Moving Beyond Abstract Submission.”**

Your presentation submission should include:

*Your Details:*

1. Your name(s)
2. Your title(s)
3. Your affiliation/ institution(s)
4. Your email(s)
5. Identify the corresponding presenter

*Committee audience:*

6. The primary legislative committee your research would be of interest to from the following list of legislative committees:

- Aging
- Children’s
- Education
- Energy and Technology
- Environment
- Finance, Revenue & Bonding
- Higher Education
- Housing
- Human Services
- Judiciary
- Public Health
- Public Safety.
- Transportation
- Other. A full list of committees, may be viewed [here](#) (click on the “Committees” tab in header)

7. An alternative or secondary legislative committee your research would be of interest to (you may use the list above or indicate a committee from the full list of committees).

*Research submission:*

Research presentations may present a particular research project (for example, the findings from a grant project, a particular paper, or something else that’s focused) or you may summarize key

or novel findings from your recent research (this would be summative and might pull from your work AND the work of other researchers).

Please indicate your submissions research type:

- Focused research project
- Summative research presentation

Then address the following:

8. How is your/this research relevant to Connecticut policymakers? Examples might include a link between your research and recent legislation, model legislation from other states, an area of need in Connecticut that has not been addressed by Connecticut policy, the way Connecticut is affected by a national phenomenon, etc. This will look different in every submission, but a key question for you to consider is **what would you have the Connecticut policymakers DO** as a result of the research and your presentation.
9. A 500-600 word abstract about the research or research area you will present at *Moving Beyond*. Research presentations are meant to give an overview of research. Therefore, your abstract should address the following: (1) the research area you will address, (2) an overview of the state of knowledge in your chosen research area, and (3) key policy takeaways.

*Please note*, those selected for presentation will also be asked to submit a 1-2 page brief to append to the program. The brief submission is not required as part of your abstract submission and may be done separately. When you are notified if you are selected to present, we will also prompt you to complete your brief.

Please submit an abstract for consideration by **Thursday, November 6th at 12pm eastern**. Presenters will be notified of presenter selections by **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. Abstracts should be submitted via email to [ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com). Kindly make your email subject, **“Moving Beyond Abstract Submission.”**

**[Brief Submission Instructions follow on the next page.]**

**Brief Submission Instructions:** Your brief should be 1-2 pages in length. Please submit your brief and the following information to CT SSN via email by **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**.

Your brief submission should include:

*Your Details:*

1. Your name(s)
2. Your title(s)
3. Your affiliation/ institution(s)
4. Your email(s)
5. Corresponding author

*Committee audience:*

6. The primary legislative committee your research would be of interest from the following list of legislative committees:
  - Aging
  - Children's
  - Education
  - Energy and Technology
  - Environment
  - Finance, Revenue & Bonding
  - Higher Education
  - Housing
  - Human Services
  - Judiciary
  - Public Health
  - Public Safety.
  - Transportation
  - Other. A full list of committees, may be viewed [here](#) (click on the "Committees" tab in header)

*Brief submission:*

7. Your 1-2 page brief which should include:
  - (1) The research area/ question you are addressing,
  - (2) How this area affects Connecticut: Examples might include a link between your research and recent legislation, an area of need in Connecticut that has not been addressed by Connecticut policy, the way Connecticut is affected by a national phenomenon, etc.
  - (3) An overview of the state of knowledge in your chosen research area, and
  - (4) Key policy takeaways or policy levers you'd recommend to the policymaker reading your brief.

Briefs are due by **Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 12pm**. Briefs should be submitted via email to [ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:ctsolarsnetwork@gmail.com). Kindly make your email subject, "**Moving Beyond Brief Submission**". Please RSVP to attend Moving Beyond by using this [link](#).