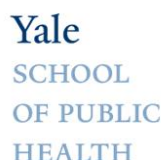


Announcing the Fourth “Moving Beyond Implications” Conference!

Tuesday, December 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 Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D-133 (Fairfield)), Representative Bill Pizzuto (R-71 (Middlebury and Waterbury)), and Representative Laurie Sweet (D-91 (Hamden)), the Yale School of Public Health, Yale’s Tobin Center for Economic Policy, UConn’s InCHIP, the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI), and the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) to host the fourth “Moving Beyond Implications: Research into Policy” (Moving Beyond) conference. The conference will bring together academics, legislators, and other policymakers in advance of the 2027 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 Tuesday, December 15, 2026. Lunch will be available at 11:30am and conference programming will take place from 12-6pm at the Legislative Office Building located at 300 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, Connecticut.

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

How Do You Define “Research”?

We use the US IRB/ Common Rule definition, which has two elements:

Systematic investigation — You are conducting a planned, organized inquiry to answer a question, rather than simply collecting information for operational, administrative, or individual purposes.

Designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge — The purpose is to produce findings that extend *beyond* the particular individuals, organization, or situation

being studied—for example, through publication, presentation, theory development, or informing broader practice or policy.

Do You Prioritize Certain Disciplines or Methods Over Others?

No, we do not. All disciplines and methodological approaches are welcome. But results should be relevant to Connecticut policymakers. Research methods should be appropriate to the researcher's field, and the work should be appropriate for peer-review (research does not need to be under review or published – though preference may be given to research further along in the peer review process).

How Can Researchers Participate in *Moving Beyond*?

Present: If you have policy relevant research, we are excited to hear from you! We will select 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, October 15th at 12pm eastern**. Presentations are selected on a competitive basis. Presenters will be notified of selection by **Monday, November 2nd**. Submission instructions are below.

Selected presenters will be required to attend in-person, present at the conference, and submit a policy brief (more information below).

Attend: This conference is open to all researchers, students, policymakers, advocates, and the general public. Conference registration is due by **Thursday, December 10th, 2026, at 5pm**. Please [RSVP here](#) to attend!

If I am selected, will CT SSN Help Me to Prepare for *Moving Beyond*? Yes!

1. The National SSN will host a virtual training (**Monday, November 9th from 12-2pm EST**) focused on how to present to policymakers. The training will be tailored to presenters, 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. A sign-up for registration will follow.
2. National SSN has graciously agreed to read and comment on all briefs that are submitted by the **Monday, November 23rd at 12pm EST deadline**.
3. We will offer to review your slides in advance and provide suggestions for targeting your presentation to a policymaker audience.
4. There will also be support AFTER *Moving Beyond* to help you convert your presentation and brief into an op-ed and to create other meaningful interactions with Connecticut policymakers.

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

Key Dates at a Glance

Moving Beyond 2026: Tuesday, December 15, 2026

Presenter abstracts for consideration due: Thursday, October 15th at 12pm EST

Presenters notified: Monday, November 2nd

SSN training: Monday, November 9th from 12-2pm EST (Sign-up to follow)

Briefs due: Monday, November 23rd at 12pm EST (for accepted presenters only)

RSVP deadline: Thursday, December 10th, 2026, at 5pm ([RSVP link](#))

Presentation Submission Instructions: If you’d like to present, please use this [link](#) to submit an abstract for consideration. Abstract submissions are due **Thursday, October 15th at 12pm eastern**.

Please answer all questions to complete your submission. We will ask you the following details:

Author Details:

1. Corresponding author’s name
2. Corresponding author’s title
3. Corresponding author’s affiliation/ institution
4. Corresponding author’s email
5. Names and emails of additional co-authors

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
 - We will also ask you the status of peer review for either submission type.

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 should a 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.

*** We have included a list of potential legislative priorities on the next page. This is not meant to be exhaustive, and legislative priorities can change at any time. Preference may be given to research that addresses an identified legislative priority.***

Please note, those selected for presentation will also be required to submit a 1-2 page brief to append to the program. 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, October 15th at 12pm eastern**. Presenters will be notified of presenter selections by **Monday, November 2nd**.

To submit an abstract for consideration, please click [here](#).

Legislative Priorities (Subject to Change)

In order to ensure presentations are aligned with legislative priorities, we've gathered a list of POTENTIAL priorities for the upcoming session. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, and legislative priorities can change at any time.

Preference may be given to research that addresses an identified legislative priority. Though researchers are ABSOLUTELY encouraged to also submit work that addresses a legislative need in Connecticut – even if it is not on this list.

General topics include:

- Affordability, which might include, reducing costs of things like energy, health care, child care, etc.;
- Investments in children, which might include universal pre-k and child care models;
- Addressing and improving educational funding in Connecticut;
- Improving education in Connecticut, especially for special education or other high needs groups;
- Addressing housing shortages and costs;
- Addressing the needs of the environment, grid enhancement, and climate change;
- Continuing to improve the quality of life in Connecticut, which might include addressing maternal healthcare disparities, gun violence, and civil rights.
- AI and crypto-currency;
- Improved food allergy menu labeling;
- Research related to Veterans, especially ways to improve the common application, streamlining access to services, and the efficacy of reducing lethal means access

Legislators also expressed an interest in learning about how to improve Connecticut's physical infrastructure, address road traffic crashes, emerging technology (like drones and other forms of surveillance), and increase mobility.

We also received requests for research addressing standards for special weapons and tactics teams (SWATT), online nihilistic violence, modernizing existing statutes related to public safety, and updating procedures/methods for operating under the influence testing.