



Online Resources for State Child Welfare Law and Policy

Child welfare professionals require ready access to State laws and regulations regarding child protection, foster care, and adoption. This publication provides web addresses for State statutes websites and lists the parts of the code for each State and territory that contain the laws addressing child protection, adoption, and child welfare. It also provides web addresses for State regulation and policy websites and lists other resources that explain States' policies and procedures.

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State Statutes

State statutes are provisions enacted by State legislatures that authorize the State government to operate and perform its many functions. All States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands currently make their statutes available on websites that are freely accessible to the public.¹ Statutes are organized topically into codes by titles, chapters, articles, or sections. Familiarity with the structure of a State's code is helpful for locating information.

State Policy and Regulation

State regulations, also known as administrative law or policy, are promulgated by State agencies to guide the application of statutory requirements to agency practice.² Each department or agency within a State government typically has responsibility for formulating regulation and policy for the programs that the agency administers. Regulation tends to be organized into codes by agency, topical area, or even specific programs.

Most States now make regulation or administrative law available on a statewide website organizing every agency's administrative code or on the website of the individual department or agency. Some State agencies have further organized their regulations into "policy manuals" and other explanatory materials; many of these are also available online.

Other Considerations

State statutes can be subject to further interpretation by State case law. Case law refers to the body of court opinion (i.e., the written decisions that are issued at the appellate and supreme court level) that can impact the application of law. Individuals interested in how the law may apply to their specific situation should consult with a legal professional who has experience in child welfare law in their State.

¹ Online statutes and regulation for Puerto Rico are available in Spanish only. Only session laws (recently enacted legislation) are available online for the Northern Mariana Islands at this time.

² State regulation and policy are subject to a hearing and approval process before finalization.

This publication is a product of the State Statutes Series prepared by Child Welfare Information Gateway. While every attempt has been made to be complete, additional information on these topics may be in other sections of a State's code as well as in agency regulations, case law, and informal practices and procedures.

Alabama**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/ACASLogin.asp>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 26, Chapters 10, 10A, 10B, 10C
- Child Protection: Title 26, Chapters 14, 15, 16, 18, 20
- Child Welfare: Title 12, Chapter 15; Title 26, Chapter 25; Title 38, Chapters 12, 12A, 13

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/

Note:

See Chapter 660, Section 5, Parts 2, 21-24, 28-30, 34-39, 46-51, 53

Other Resources:

Department of Human Resources

- Foster Parent Handbook
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/fphandbook.pdf (PDF - 1220 KB)
- Therapeutic Foster Care Manual
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/TFCManual10_05Update.pdf (PDF - 373 KB)
- Minimum Standards for Foster Family Homes
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/MinimumStandardsforFosterFamilyHomes.pdf (PDF - 478 KB)
- Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/Minimum%20Standards%20for%20Residential%20Child%20Care%20Facilities.pdf (PDF - 351 KB)
- Minimum Standards for Child-Placing Agencies
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/MinimumStandardsforChild-PlacingAgencies.pdf (PDF - 348 KB)
- Guidelines for Assessment Foster Family and Congregate Care Programs
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/Guidelines%20for%20Assessment%20Homes.pdf (PDF - 184 KB)
- Transitional and Independent Living Program and Placement Requirements
www.dhr.state.al.us/large_docs/T&ILPgm&PlacementRequirements.pdf (PDF - 78 KB)

Alaska**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.legis.state.ak.us/folhome.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 25, Chapter 23
- Child Protection: Title 47, Chapter 17
- Child Welfare: Title 47, Chapter 10, Article 1

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac

Note:

See Title 7, Part 1, Chapter 5, Article 2; Part 1, Chapter 10; Part 4, Chapters 50, 51, 53, 54, 56

Other Resources:

Department of Health and Social Services, Office of Children's Services

- Publications index page
www.hss.state.ak.us/ocs/Publications/default.htm
Includes: Child Protective Services Manual, Community Care Licensing Manual, Protective Custody Handbook, and more

American Samoa**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.asbar.org/Newcode/asca.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 45, Chapter 04
- Child Protection: Title 45, Chapters 01, 20
- Child Welfare: Title 45, Chapters 02, 03

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.asbar.org

Note:

Selected sections available online

Arizona**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 8, Chapter 1
- Child Protection: Title 8, Chapter 10, Articles 1, 2
- Child Welfare: Title 8, Chapter 5; Chapter 10, Articles 3-7; Chapter 11

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.azsos.gov/public_services/Table_of_Contents.htm

Note:

See Title 6, Chapter 5, Articles 55, 56, 58-60, 65-67, 69, 70, 74, 75, 80; and Chapter 18

Other Resources:

Department of Economic Security, Division of Children, Youth and Families

- Children's Services Manual
www.azdes.gov/dcyf/cmdps/cps/Policy/ServiceManual.htm
- Guide to CPS
<https://egov.azdes.gov/CMSInternet/main.aspx?menu=154&id=2068>
- Foster Care and Adoption Publications Page
https://egov.azdes.gov/CMSInternet/main.aspx?menu=102&id=1616&ekmense=15074e5e_102_132_1616_1

Arkansas**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.arkleg.state.ar.us/SearchCenter/pages/arkansascode.aspx

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 9, Subtitle 2, Chapter 9
- Child Protection: Title 9, Subtitle 3, Chapter 30
- Child Welfare: Title 9, Subtitle 2, Chapter 16; Subtitle 3, Chapters 27-29, 32, 34

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sosweb.state.ar.us/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new

Note:

See Department of Human Services

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services

- State and Federal Reports
www.arkansas.gov/dhs/chilnfam/referencecenter.htm
Includes: Family Services Policy and Procedure Manual, Child Maltreatment Assessment Protocol, Child Welfare Placement Licensing Standards, Independent Living Program Plan, and more
- Minimum Licensing Standards for Child Welfare Agencies
[www.arkansas.gov/dhs/chilnfam/PUB-04%20\(Final\)%20Aug%2014,06.pdf](http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/chilnfam/PUB-04%20(Final)%20Aug%2014,06.pdf) (PDF - 897 KB)
- Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Handbook
www.arkansas.gov/dhs/chilnfam/PUB-404%20-%20201-31-03.pdf (PDF - 562 KB)

California**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Family Code, Division 13; Health and Safety Code, Division 102, Part 1 Chapter 5 Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 4, Chapters 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.6
- Child Protection: Penal Code, Part 1, Title 9, Chapters 1, 2 Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 6, Chapters 11, 12, 12.5
- Child Welfare: Family Code, Division 12, Part 3, Chapter 5; Parts 5, 6 Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 2, Articles 6 through 13.5; Division 9, Part 4, Chapters 1, 2.5, 3, 5; Part 4.4; Division 9, Part 6, Chapters 4, 4.5, 6.2, 6.3

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/linkslice/shared/help.asp?RS=GVT1.0&VR=2.0&SP=CCR-1000#agency>

Note:

See Social Services, Department of

Website for Agency Policies: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/>

Note:

Includes regulations and online manuals of policies and procedures for Residential Licensing, Foster Care, Adoptions, and Child Welfare Services

Colorado**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.michie.com/colorado/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 19, Article 5
- Child Protection: Title 19, Article 3, Part 3
- Child Welfare: Title 19, Article 3

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/NumericalCCRDdocList.do?deptID=9&deptName=500,2500%20Human%20Services&agencyID=107&agencyName=2509%20Social%20Services%20Rules

Websites for Agency Policies: www.cdhs.state.co.us/policies.htm

www.cdhs.state.co.us/childwelfare/RulesandRegulationsPoliciesandProcedures.htm

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare

- IV-E Manual
www.cdhs.state.co.us/childwelfare/IV-E.htm

Connecticut**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.cga.ct.gov/2005/pub/titles.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 45a, Chapter 803; Title 46b, Chapter 815y
- Child Protection: Title 46b, Chapter 815t
- Child Welfare: Title 17a, Chapters 319, 319a

Regulation/Policy:

Website for Agency Policies: www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2639&Q=321488

Other Resources:

Department of Children and Families

- Psychotropic Medication Consent Process
www.ct.gov/dcf/cwp/view.asp?a=2558&Q=386456

Delaware**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://delcode.delaware.gov/index.shtml>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 13, Chapters 9, 11; Title 31, Chapter 54
- Child Protection: Title 16, Chapter 9
- Child Welfare: Title 31, Chapters 3, 38

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/>

Note:

See Title 9; Title 16, Section 5000

Website for Agency Policies: <http://kids.delaware.gov/information/policy.shtml>

Other Resources:

Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families

- Regulations for Criminal History Record Checks
http://kids.delaware.gov/pdfs/occl_regs_crim.pdf (PDF - 115 KB)
- Requirements for Child Placing Agencies
http://kids.delaware.gov/pdfs/occl_regs_cpa.pdf (PDF - 106 KB)

District of Columbia**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: <http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?rs=gvt1.0&vr=2.0&sp=dcc-1000>
<http://michie.lexisnexis.com/dc/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

Citations:

- Adoption: Division I, Title 4, Chapter 3; Division II, Title 16, Chapter 3
- Child Protection: Division I, Title 4, Chapter 13; Division II, Title 16, Chapter 23, Subchapter I
- Child Welfare: Division I, Title 4, Chapters 2A, 14, 15; Division I, Title 4, Chapter 13, Subchapter I, Part E; Division II, Title 16, Chapter 23, Subchapters III, IV, V; Chapter 48

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://os.dc.gov/os/cwp/view,a,1206,q,522357,osNav,%7C31374%7C.asp>

Website for Agency Policies: www.cfsa.dc.gov/cfsa/cwp/view,a,1418,q,644122,cfsaNav_GID,1765,.asp

Other Resources:

Child and Family Services Agency

- Licensing Regulations
www.cfsa.dc.gov/cfsa/cwp/view,a,3,q,521300.asp

Florida**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.flsenate.gov/statutes/index.cfm?

Citations:

- Adoption: Title VI, Chapter 63
- Child Protection: Title V, Chapter 39, Parts I through III
- Child Welfare: Title V, Chapter 39, Parts IV through XII

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.flrules.org/gateway/Department.asp?DeptID=65

Note:

See Division Numbers 65B, 65C

Website for Agency Policies: www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/policies.shtml

Georgia**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.lexis-nexis.com/hottopics/gacode/default.asp

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 19, Chapter 8
- Child Protection: Title 19, Chapters 14, 15; § 19-7-5
- Child Welfare: Title 15, Chapter 11, §§ 15-11-58; 15-11-93 through 15-11-106; Title 19, Chapter 10A; Title 49, Chapter 5

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/>

Note:

See Chapter 290: Department of Human Resources, Chapters 290-2, 290-9-2

Website for Agency Policies: www.odis.dhr.state.ga.us/contents.htm

Note:

See Family and Children

Other Resources:

Department of Human Resources, Division of Family and Children Services

- Foster Parents Manual
<http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/menuitem.8237042e9dbda3aa50c8798dd03036a0/?vgnextoid=87a38c1260021010VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=046d8c1260021010VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD>
- Relative Care Policy index
<http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/menuitem.8237042e9dbda3aa50c8798dd03036a0/?vgnextoid=35b7dcf444674010VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=69e92b48d9a4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD>
- Statewide Model Child Abuse Protocol
[http://gachildadvocate.org/vgn/images/portal/cit_11783501/84755414Abuse_Protocol_Final\(2\)1.pdf](http://gachildadvocate.org/vgn/images/portal/cit_11783501/84755414Abuse_Protocol_Final(2)1.pdf) (PDF - 515 KB)
- Comprehensive Child and Family Assessment Standards
<http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/menuitem.83054cda1a084d2f7da1df8dda1010a0/?vgnextoid=90f92b48d9a4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD>

Guam**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws/gca.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 19, Chapter 4, Article 2
- Child Protection: Title 19, Chapter 13
- Child Welfare: Title 19, Chapter 4, Article 3; Title 19, Chapter 13, Article 3

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws/GAR/026gar.html

Note:

See Title 26, Division 1, Chapter 1

Hawaii**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/hrs/default.asp

Citations:

- Adoption: Volume 7, Chapter 350C; Volume 12, Chapter 578
- Child Protection: Volume 7, Chapter 350; Volume 12, Chapter 587, Parts I through III
- Child Welfare: Volume 7, Chapter 350E; Volume 12, Chapter 587, Parts III through IX

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/har_current/AdminRules/document_view

Note:

See Sections 17-804 through 17-890; 17-893; 17-912 through 17-945; 17-1500; 17-1601

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- A Guide to Child Welfare Services
www.hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/guide_to_cws
- A Guide for Mandated Reporters
http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/MANDATED%20REPORTER%20HANDBOOK.pdf (PDF - 104 KB)
- Family Drug Court Participant Handbook
http://hawaii.gov/dhs/protection/social_services/child_welfare/First%20Judicial%20Circuit%20Family%20Drug%20Count%20Participant%20Handbook.pdf (PDF - 200 KB)

Idaho**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www3.state.id.us/idstat/TOC/idstTOC.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 16, Chapter 15
- Child Protection: Title 16, Chapter 16
- Child Welfare: Title 16, Chapters 16, 20, 21, 24

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/16index.htm>

Note:

See Sections 16.05.01, 16.05.06, 16.06.01, 16.06.02

Other Resources:

Department of Health and Welfare

- Child Protection Manual
www.isc.idaho.gov/childapx.htm
- Children's Documents
www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3496/default.aspx
See: CW Standard documents

Illinois**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 750 ILCS 50, 55
- Child Protection: Chapter 325 ILCS 2. 5, 15
- Child Welfare: Chapter 20 ILCS 505, 520; Chapter 705 ILCS 405/ Article II

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/089/089parts.html

Websites for Agency Policies: <http://www.state.il.us/dcfs/policy/index.shtml>
<http://dcfswebresource.prairienet.org/>

Other Resources:

Department of Children and Family Services

- Manual for Mandated Reporters
www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/Mandated.pdf (PDF - 408 KB)
- Foster Family Handbook
www.state.il.us/dcfs/library/com_communications_sumlicen_FPbook.shtml
- Substitute Care and Your Child
www.state.il.us/dcfs/library/com_communications_sumlicen_subchild.shtml
- Crossroads: A Handbook for Youth in Transition to Adulthood
www.state.il.us/DCFS/docs/Crossroads.pdf (PDF - 1490 KB)
- Protecting the Children: A School Administrator's Guide to Child Welfare Services in Illinois
www.state.il.us/dcfs/library/com_communications_protect.shtml

Indiana**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 31, Article 19
- Child Protection: Title 31, Article 33
- Child Welfare: Title 31, Articles 28, 34, 35

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_title?iact=465

Note:

See Article 2

Website for Agency Policies: www.in.gov/dcs/2355.htm

Other Resources:

Department of Child Services

- Indiana Foster Family Resource Guide
in.gov/dcs/files/1003NewFosterGuide4Web.pdf (PDF - 1690 KB)
- Family Preservation: Revised/New Service Standards
www.in.gov/dcs/2464.htm

Iowa**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.legis.state.ia.us/iowaLaw.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Title XV, Subtitle 1, Chapter 600
- Child Protection: Title VI, Subtitle 5, Chapter 232, §§ 232.67 through 232.83; Subtitle 6, Chapter 235A
- Child Welfare: Title VI, Subtitle 5, Chapters 232, 232B, 233; Subtitle 6, Chapters 234, 235; Title XV, Subtitle 1, Chapter 600A

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/rulespages/RulesChap.htm

Note:

See Chapters 107, 108, 112-114, 117, 142, 155-158, 160, 172, 175, 182, 200-204

Website for Agency Policies: www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/PolManual.htm

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Child Welfare Model of Practice
www.dhs.state.ia.us/docs/CW_Model_of_Practice.pdf (PDF - 73 KB)
- Family Team Decision-Making
www.dhs.state.ia.us/cppc/family_team/index.html
Includes: Family Team Standards and Toolkit
- Parent Partner Program
www.dhs.state.ia.us/cppc/Parent_Partner_Program/index.html
Includes: mission statement, training model, protocols, and other toolkit materials
- Child Abuse: A Guide for Mandatory Reporters
www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Master/comm164.pdf (PDF - 232 KB)

Kansas**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-statutes/index.do

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 59, Article 21; Chapter 38, Article 3, §§ 38-319 through 38-340
- Child Protection: Chapter 38, Article 22, §§ 38-2222 through 38-2255
- Child Welfare: Chapter 38, Article 22

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.kslegislature.org/legsv-kars/index.do

Note:

Search by number or keyword.

Websites for Agency Policies: www.srskansas.org//CFS/cfp_manuals/ppmepmanuals/ppm_manual/ppm_sections/Table_of_contents.htm

www.srskansas.org//CFS//cfp_manuals/ppmepmanuals/ep_manual/table_of_contents/table_of_contents.htm

Other Resources:

Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Children and Family Services

- Child Welfare Handbook of Services
www.srskansas.org/CFS/CWHS/childwelfarehandbooksvcs.html
- A Guide to Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect in Kansas
www.srskansas.org/CFS/Child%20Abuse%20Reprting%20Guide.pdf (PDF - 2600 KB)

Kentucky**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/frontpg.htm>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title XVII, Chapter 199, §§ 199.470 through 199.5955
- Child Protection: Title LI, Chapter 620, §§ 620.020 through 620.180
- Child Welfare: Title LI, Chapters 620, 625

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://lrc.ky.gov/KAR/titles.htm>

Note:

See Titles 920 through 922

Other Resources:

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services

- Division of Protection and Permanency Standards of Practice (SOPs)
http://manuals.chfs.ky.gov/dpbs_manuals/DPP/index_dpp.asp
- Child Protective Services Intake Procedures
<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/A8E34E26-7A1C-46F6-9293-FA347667E036/0/CPSIntakeProcedures.doc>
(Word - 113 KB)
- Resource Parent Handbook
<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E5F11E11-7244-41F6-B462-F5C2912E7857/0/ResourceParentHandbook.pdf>
(PDF - 3970 KB)
- A Handbook for Kentucky Grandparents and Other Relative Caregivers
<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/3F486AF6-FE96-44F3-8A21-8C2D8DF739C2/0/GrandparentsHandbook.doc>
(Word - 903 KB)

Louisiana**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

Citations:

- Adoption: Children's Code, Articles 1001 through 1283.17; Revised Statutes, Title 40, §§ 72-79
- Child Protection: Children's Code, Articles 501 through 526; 601 through 670
- Child Welfare: Children's Code, Articles 671 through 717

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/books.htm>

Note:

See Title 67, Part I, Subpart 2, Chapters 13, 15; Part III, Subpart 13; Part V

Website for Agency Policies: <http://stellent.dss.state.la.us/LADSS/index.jsp>

Note:

See Office of Community Services (OCS)

Other Resources:

Department of Social Services, OCS

- Foster Parent Handbook
www.dss.state.la.us/assets/docs/searchable/OCS/fosterParenting/FosterCareHandbookWE.pdf (PDF - 46,740 KB)

Maine**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 18-A, Article IX; Title 22, Chapter 1152-A
- Child Protection: Title 22, Chapter 1071, Subchapters 1-4, 11-A
- Child Welfare: Title 22, Chapter 1071, Subchapters 1, 5-7, 15; Title 22, Chapters 1153, 1154, 1671

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/chaps10.htm#148

Website for Agency Policies: www.maine.gov/dhhs/policy.shtml

Other Resources:

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services

- A Handbook for Parents: A Guide to Child Protective Services
www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cw/handbook.html
- Independent Living State Plan and Extended Care Policy
www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/cw/independent_living.shtml
- The Maine Post-Adoption Resource Guide
www.cwti.org/Publications/PAR/PARGuide.htm

Maryland**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://michie.lexisnexis.com/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

Citations:

- Adoption: Family Law, Title 5, Subtitles 3 through 4C
- Child Protection: Family Law, Title 5, Subtitles 7, 7A, 9
- Child Welfare: Family Law, Title 5, Subtitles 5, 6, 12

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle_chapters/07_Chapters.htm

Note:

See Subtitles 01, 02, 05

Other Resources:

Department of Human Resources, Social Services Administration

- Access to Education for Children in State-Supervised Care
www.dhr.state.md.us/ssa/pdfs/edubook.pdf (PDF - 998 KB)
- A Handbook for Youth: Out of Home Placement - Foster Care
www.dhr.state.md.us/ssa/pdfs/youth.pdf (PDF - 2340 KB)
- Kinship Care Resource Manual (Baltimore County)
www.dhr.state.md.us/ssa/pdfs/kinman.pdf (PDF - 958 KB)

Massachusetts**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.mass.gov/legis/laws/mgl/index.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Part II, Title III, Chapter 210
- Child Protection: Part I, Title XVII, Chapter 119, §§ 51A through 51F
- Child Welfare: Part I, Chapter 119, Title XVII, §§ 21 through 23; 26; 29C through 33; 36 through 39G

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.lawlib.state.ma.us/cmr.html

Note:

See Title 110

Other Resources:

Department of Social Services

- Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting: A Guide for Mandated Reporters
www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dss/can_mandatedrptrguide_english.pdf (PDF - 14 KB)
- A Guide for Foster and Pre-Adoptive Parents
www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/dss/c_fp_ap_guide.pdf (PDF - 3170 KB)
- Department of Early Education and Care
- Regulations and Policies: Residential and Placement
www.eec.state.ma.us/kr_regulations_main_rp.aspx
- Criminal Offender Record Checks (102 CMR 14.00)
www.eec.state.ma.us/docs/cori_regs.pdf (PDF - 65 KB)

Michigan**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: [www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(ctoahiadparp2545wtbc5d55\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=home](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(ctoahiadparp2545wtbc5d55))/mileg.aspx?page=home)

Citations:

- Adoption: §§ 710.21 through 710.70
- Child Protection: §§ 722.621 through 722.638
- Child Welfare: §§ 712.1 through 712.20; 712A.19 through 712A.21; 722.131 through 722.140; 722.161 through 722.163; 722.951 through 722.985

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-10576_35738_5698-118524--,00.html

Note:

See Department of Human Services

Website for Agency Policies: www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5458_7700---,00.html

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Publications Index Page
www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5458_7699---,00.html

Minnesota**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/pubs/>

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 259, §§ 259.20 through 259.89
- Child Protection: Chapter 260C, §§ 260C.001 through 260C.201
- Child Welfare: Chapter 260C, §§ 260C.205 through 260C.317

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/?agency=196>

Note:

See Chapters 2960, 9543, 9545, 9550, 9560

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Social Services Manual
www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/county_access/documents/pub/dhs_id_016961.hcsp
- Publications Index Page
www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/DHS_id_003699.hcsp

Mississippi**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.mscode.com/free/statutes/toc.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 93, Chapter 17
- Child Protection: Title 43, Chapter 21
- Child Welfare: Title 43, Chapters 15, 18, 51; Title 93, Chapter 15

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sos.state.ms.us/busserv/AdminProcs/Default.asp

Note:

Select Human Services, Department of

Missouri**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.moga.mo.gov/STATUTES/STATUTES.HTM

Citations:

- Adoption: Title XXX, Chapter 453
- Child Protection: Title XII, Chapter 210, §§ 210.109 through 210.166
- Child Welfare: Title XII, Chapter 210, §§ 210.481 through 210.566; Chapter 211, §§ 211.171 through 211.183; 211.442 through 211.477

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp

Note:

See Title 13, Divisions 35, 40

Other Resources:

Department of Social Services, Children's Division

- Child Welfare Manual
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/>
- Memorandums
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/info/memos/>
- Guidelines for Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect
http://dss.mo.gov/cd/pdf/guidelines_can_reports.pdf (PDF - 402 KB)
- Missouri Resource Parent Handbook
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/fostercare/pdf/fcresource.pdf> (PDF - 2130 KB)
- What's It All About? A Guidebook for Youth in Out-of-Home-Care
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/chafee/wiaa.pdf> (PDF - 255 KB)

Montana**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: http://data.opi.state.mt.us/bills/mca_toc/index.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 42
- Child Protection: Title 41, Chapter 3, Parts 1 through 4
- Child Welfare: Title 41, Chapter 3, Parts 5, 6; Title 41, Chapters 4, 7; Title 52, Chapter 2

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.mtrules.org/gateway/Department.asp?DeptNo=37

Note:

See Chapters 47-52, 93, 97

Other Resources:

Department of Public Health and Human Services, Child and Family Services Division

- What Happens Next? A Guide to the Child and Family Services Division
www.dphhs.mt.gov/publications/whathappensnext.pdf (PDF - 102 KB)
- School Guidelines for Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
www.dphhs.mt.gov/publications/mtschoollguidelines.pdf (PDF - 88 KB)

Nebraska**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/QS/laws.php?mode=show_sta

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 43, Article 1, §§ 43-101 through 43-165
- Child Protection: Chapter 28, Article 7, §§ 28-707; 28-710 through 28-739
- Child Welfare: Chapter 43, Article 13, §§ 43-1301 through 43-1321

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/regs.htm

Note:

See Titles 390, 474, 479

Nevada**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/Index.cfm

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 127
- Child Protection: Chapter 432B
- Child Welfare: Chapters 128, 424

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/chapters.html

Note:

See Chapters 127, 424, 432, 432A, 432B

Other Resources:

Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child and Family Services

- Parent's Guide to Child Protective Services
<http://dcfs.state.nv.us/ChildFatalities/ChildProtServices/CPS-ParentGuide.pdf> (PDF - 307 KB)
 - Guide to Adoption in Nevada
<http://dcfs.state.nv.us/GuideToAdoptionInNevada.pdf> (PDF - 141 KB)
 - Indian Child Welfare Resource Guide
<http://dcfs.state.nv.us/ICWAResourceGuideInPDF.pdf> (PDF - 6410 KB)
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New Hampshire**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/indexes/default.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Title XII, Chapters 170-B, 170-F
- Child Protection: Title XII, Chapter 169-C
- Child Welfare: Title XII, Chapters 169-C (§§ 169-C:19 through 169-C:28), 170-A, 170-C, 170-G

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DCYF/LAWS-RULES-POLICIES/default.htm

Note:

See NH Code of Administrative Rules

Website for Agency Policies: www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DCYF/LAWS-RULES-POLICIES/default.htm

Note:

See DHHS Policies

Other Resources:

Department of Health and Human Services

- Family Services Children's Eligibility Manual
www.dhhs.state.nh.us/FSCSEM_htm/NEWFSCSEM.HTM

New Jersey**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.njleg.state.nj.us

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 9, §§ 9:3-37 through 9:3-56; Title 30, §§ 30:4C-26 through 30:4C-26.9; 30:4C-41 through 30:4C-49
- Child Protection: Title 9, §§ 9:6-1 through 9:6-8.86
- Child Welfare: Title 9, §§ 9:2-18 through 9:2-21; 9:6-8.8; 9:6-8.45 through 9:6-8.70; 9:6-8.87; Title 30, §§ 30:4C-11 through 30:4C-29; 30:4C-50 through 30:4C-61.2; 30:4C-74 through 30:4C-92

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.lexisnexis.com/njoal/

Note:

See Title 10, Chapters 16, 16A, 121-129, 131-133

Users must agree to the Terms and Conditions of the website before viewing the Administrative Code.

Other Resources:

Department of Children and Families

- Licensing Laws and Regulations
www.state.nj.us/dcf/divisions/licensing/laws.html
Includes: regulations for adoption agencies, resource family homes, and children's group homes

New Mexico**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.conwaygreene.com/nmonesource/publicLicense.aspx?dest=cg

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 32A, Article 5
- Child Protection: Chapter 32A, Article 4
- Child Welfare: Chapter 32A, Articles 3A, 3B, 11, 17

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/_titles.htm

Note:

See Title 8, Chapters 8, 10, 26, 27

New York**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://public.leginfo.state.ny.us/menugetf.cgi?COMMONQUERY=LAWS>

Citations:

- Adoption: Domestic Relations Law, Article 7; Social Services Law, Article 6, Title 9; Public Health Law, Article 41, Title 3, §§ 4138 through 4138-d
- Child Protection: Social Services Law, Article 6, Titles 1, 4, 6
- Child Welfare: Social Services Law, Article 6, Titles 1-A, 3

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.dos.state.ny.us/info/nycrr.htm

Note:

Click on NYCRR, then see Title 18, Chapter II, Subchapter C

Website for Agency Policies: www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/policies/external/

Other Resources:

Office of Children and Family Services

- Publications Index Page
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/publications/
- Working Together: Health Services for Children in Foster Care
www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/sppd/health_services/manual.asp

North Carolina**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/Statutes/StatutesTOC.pl

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 7B, Articles 37, 39; Chapter 48
- Child Protection: Chapter 7B, Articles 1, 3, 3A, 4, 5, 13, 29
- Child Welfare: Chapter 7B, Articles 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 28, 38

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>

Note:

See Title 10A, Chapter 70

Website for Agency Policies: <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/manuals.aspx?dc=dss>

North Dakota**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/statutes/>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 14, Chapters 14-15, 14-15.1; Title 50, Chapter 50-28
- Child Protection: Title 50, Chapters 50-25, 50-25.1
- Child Welfare: Title 27, Chapter 27-20, §§ 27-20-02; 27-20-20.1; 27-20-30; 27-20-32.1; 27-20-32.2; 27-20-44 through 27-20-48.1

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.legis.nd.gov/information/rules/admincode.html

Note:

See Title 75, Article 75-03

Website for Agency Policies: www.nd.gov/dhs/policymanuals/home/

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Foster Parent Handbook
www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/foster-parent-handbook.pdf (PDF - 5720 KB)

Northern Mariana Islands**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.cnmilaw.org/

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 8, §§ 1101-1105; 1401-1420
- Child Protection: Title 6, §§ 5311-5325
- Child Welfare: Title 6, §§ 5323-5325; Title 8, § 1418

Session laws only, from 1978 to the present, are available online.

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.cnmilaw.org/

Note:

Visit the CNMI Law Revision Commission website at the URL above for more information.

Other Resources:

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Division of Youth Services

- No publications are available online. Visit the division homepage for more information, at www.dys.gov.mp

Ohio**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title XXXI, Chapter 3107
- Child Protection: Title XXI, Chapter 2151, §§ 2151.03 through 2151.05; 2151.141; 2151.28; 2151.33; 2151.331; 2151.35; 2151.353; 2151.3515 through 2151.3530; 2151.421
- Child Welfare: Title XXI, Chapter 2151, §§ 2151.3515 through 2151.39; 2151.412 through 2151.42; 2151.424; 2151.55 through 2151.553; 2151.81 through 2151.99

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://codes.ohio.gov/oac>

Note:

See Chapter 5101:2

Website for Agency Policies: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/policies.stm>

Other Resources:

Department of Job and Family Services

- eManuals
<http://emanuals.odjfs.state.oh.us/emanuals/GetTocDescendants.do?maxChildrenInLevel=100&level=2&See:ChildrenandFamilies>
- Ohio Resource Guide for Relatives Caring for Children
www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=47881 (PDF - 9140 KB)
- Ohio Adoption Guide: A Handbook for Prospective Adoptive Families
www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=50901 (PDF - 12150 KB)
- Adoption Subsidies Guide
www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=53992 (PDF - 3100 KB)

Oklahoma**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: www.lsb.state.ok.us
www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/index.asp?ftdb=STOKST&level=1

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 10, Chapter 75
- Child Protection: Title 10, Chapter 71
- Child Welfare: Title 10, Chapters 25, 70, 72

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sos.state.ok.us/oar/oar_welcome.htm

Note:

See Title 135: Commission on Children and Youth; Title 340: Department of Human Services, Chapters 75 and 110

Website for Agency Policies: www.okdhs.org/library/policy/

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Licensing Requirements for Child Placing Agencies
www.okdhs.org/NR/rdonlyres/1112CEAC-023A-4B1E-8965-E0BC03E47932/0/8754_LicensingRequirementsForChildPlacingAgencies_occs_2006.pdf (PDF - 988 KB)

Oregon

Statutes:

Website for Statutes: www.leg.state.or.us/ors/

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 109, §§ 109.304 through 109.507
- Child Protection: Chapter 419B, §§ 419B.005 through 419B.050
- Child Welfare: Chapter 419B, §§ 419B.192; 419B.325 through 419B.349; 419B.470 through 419B.530

Regulation/Policy:

Website for Administrative Code:

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/rules.htm>

Note:

See Chapters 413, 417, 423

Websites for Agency Policies: www.dhs.state.or.us/policy

www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Child Abuse and Neglect Resource List
www.oregon.gov/DHS/children/abuse/
- Child Welfare Practices for Cases with Domestic Violence
<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/CE9200.pdf> (PDF - 824 KB)
- Certification Standards for Foster Care, Relative Care and Pre-Adoptive Families
<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/DE9303.pdf> (PDF - 1350 KB)
- Foster Parent Handbook
<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/DE7902.pdf> (PDF - 18300 KB)
- Oregon Adoption Assistance Handbook
<http://dhsforms.hr.state.or.us/Forms/Served/DE9050.pdf> (PDF - 748 KB)

Pennsylvania

Statutes:

Website for Statutes: <http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=pac-1000>

Citations:

- Adoption: Consolidated Statutes, Title 23, Part III, Chapters 21 through 29
- Child Protection: Consolidated Statutes, Title 23, Part VII, Chapters 61, 63
- Child Welfare: Consolidated Statutes, Title 23, Part III, Chapter 25, Subchapter B; Title 23, Chapter 56; Title 42, Part VI, Chapter 63, Subchapters A through D

Regulation/Policy:

Website for Administrative Code:

www.pacode.com/secure/browse.asp

Note:

See Title 55, Part V: Children, Youth, and Families Manual

Website for Agency Policies: www.dpw.state.pa.us/PubsFormsReports/PubsHndbksMansRulesRegs/

Other Resources:

Department of Public Welfare

- Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance
www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders/ChildWelfare/003670981.htm

Puerto Rico**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.tribunalpr.org/leyes/

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 31, Subtitle 1, Part VI, Chapter 65; Title 32, Subtitle 4, Part II, Chapter 223
- Child Protection: Title 8, Chapter 23B, Subchapters 1 through 3
- Child Welfare: Title 8, Chapter 23B, Subchapter 4; Chapter 24A; Title 31, Subtitle 1, Part VIII, Chapter 81

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.tribunalpr.org/leyes/

Note:

Information on statutes and regulations is available only in Spanish.

Other Resources:

Departamento de la Familia

- Protocolo Integrado para la Coordinación de Servicios en Situaciones de Maltrato a Menores
www.gobierno.pr/ADFAN/ProtocoloIntegrado/ (PDF - 2220 KB)
Available only in Spanish

Rhode Island**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.rilin.state.ri.us/statutes/statutes.html

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 15, Chapters 7, 7.1, 7.2; Title 42, Chapter 72, § 42-72-5.1
- Child Protection: Title 40, Chapter 11; Title 42, Chapter 72, §§ 42-72-7 through 42-72-11
- Child Welfare: Title 15, Chapter 7, §§ 15-7-7, 15-7-7.2; Title 40, Chapter 11, §§ 40-11-12 through 40-11-12.2; Title 40, Chapter 15

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.sec.state.ri.us/rules/

Note:

Select Children, Youth, and Families, Dept. of

Website for Agency Policies: <http://www.ridhscode.org/>

Note:

See General Provisions, Section 0118; Social Services, Section 0520

Other Resources:

Department of Human Services

- Foster Parent Handbook
www.dcyf.ri.gov/docs/fster_parent_handbk.pdf (PDF - 190 KB)
- Foster Care Regulations (1998)
www.dcyf.ri.gov/docs/fc_reg.pdf (PDF - 238 KB)
- Child Placing Regulations (1987)
www.dcyf.ri.gov/docs/chld_place_agencies.pdf (PDF - 185 KB)

South Carolina**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.scstatehouse.net/code/statmast.htm

Citations:

Effective June 16, 2008:

- Adoption: Title 63, Chapter 9
- Child Protection: Title 63, Chapter 7, Article 3, Subarticles 1 through 9, 13
- Child Welfare: Title 63, Chapter 7, Article 3, Subarticle 11; Articles 5, 7

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.scstatehouse.net/coderegs/statmast.htm

Note:

See Chapter 24: Office of the Governor--Division for Review of the Foster Care of Children; Chapter 114: Department of Social Services

South Dakota**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/index.aspx>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 25, Chapters 5A, 6, 6A; Title 26, Chapter 4, §§ 26-4-9.1, 26-4-15
- Child Protection: Title 26, Chapter 8A, §§ 26-8A-1 through 26-8A-20
- Child Welfare: Title 26, Chapter 8A, §§ 26-8A-21 through 26-8A-34; Title 26, Chapter 13

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/RulesList.aspx>

Note:

See Rule 67:14--Social Services: Office of Children, Youth and Family Services

Other Resources:

Department of Social Services

- Adoption Subsidy Program
<http://dss.sd.gov/formspubs/docs/ADOPFOSTER/handbook.pdf> (PDF - 158 KB)

Tennessee**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://michie.lexisnexis.com/tennessee/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 36, Chapter 1
- Child Protection: Title 37, Chapter 1, Parts 1, 4, 6
- Child Welfare: Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1; Chapter 2, Parts 2 through 4; Chapter 3, Part 6; Chapter 4, Part 2

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/rules2.htm

Note:

See Chapters 0250, 1240

Website for Agency Policies: <http://state.tn.us/youth/dcsguide/policies.htm>

Other Resources:

Department of Children's Services

- Manuals and Handbooks
www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/manuals.htm
- The Tennessee Handbook for Parents and Guardians in Child Abuse & Neglect Cases
www.tsc.state.tn.us/geninfo/Programs/Parenting/Parents%20handbook3.pdf (PDF - 191 KB)
- Resource Parent Handbook
<http://state.tn.us/youth/fostercare/handbook.pdf> (PDF - 4540 KB)
- Provider Policies and Manuals
<http://state.tn.us/youth/providers.htm>

Texas**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: www.capitol.state.tx.us

www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us

Citations:

- Adoption: Family Code, Title 5, Chapters 162, 264 (§§ 264.110 and 264.111)
- Child Protection: Family Code, Title 5, Chapter 261
- Child Welfare: Family Code, Title 5, Chapters 161, 262-266

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC)

Note:

See Title 40, Part 19

Website for Agency Policies: www.dfps.state.tx.us/Handbooks/

Other Resources:

Department of Family and Protective Services

- Child Fatality Review Team Operating Procedures
www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/pdf/CFRT_Operating_Procedures.pdf (PDF - 876 KB)
- Child Care Standards and Regulations
www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Care/Child_Care_Standards_and_Regulations/default.asp
- Kinship Manual
www.dfps.state.tx.us/documents/Child_Protection/pdf/KinshipManualEnglish.pdf (PDF - 4020 KB)
- Texas Foster Care Handbook for Youth
www.dfps.state.tx.us/Documents/Child_Protection/pdf/foster-care-handbook.pdf (PDF - 1020 KB)

Utah**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: www.le.state.ut.us/

www.le.state.ut.us/%7Ecode/code.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-901 through 62A-4a-907; Title 78B, Chapter 6, Part 1
- Child Protection: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-401 through 62A-4a-414; 62A-4a-1001 through 62A-4a-1009
- Child Welfare: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-201 through 62A-4a-209; 62A-4a-701 through 62A-4a-802; Title 78A, Chapter 6, Part 1, § 78A-6-105; Title 78A, Chapter 6, Parts 3, 5

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code.htm#HumanServ

Note:

See Titles R495, R501, R512, R515

Website for Agency Policies: www.hspolicy.utah.gov/dcfs/

Vermont**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/statutes2.htm

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 15A
- Child Protection: Title 33, Chapter 49
- Child Welfare: Title 15A, Article 3, §§ 3-504 through 3-506; Title 33, Chapter 55, §§ 5528, 5531, 5540; Title 33, Chapter 59

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://vermont-archives.org/aparules/>

Note:

Administrative rules are not available online. Visit the Secretary of State website for more information.

Website for Agency Policies: <http://dcf.vermont.gov/fsd/policies>

Other Resources:

Department for Children and Families

- Publications Index Page
<http://dcf.vermont.gov/publications>
Includes: Adoption Handbook, A Guide for Vermont's Child Protection Teams, Licensing Regulations, Resource Guide for Kinship Care Providers, and more

Virgin Islands**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://michie.lexisnexis.com/virginislands/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 16, Chapter 5
- Child Protection: Title 5, Subtitle 2, Chapter 201, Subchapters 2 (§ 2502), 4 (§§ 2532 to 2541)
- Child Welfare: Title 5, Subtitle 2, Chapter 201, Subchapters 1 (§ 2501), 4 (§§ 2542 to 2555)

Regulation/Policy:**Note:**

Not available online

Virginia**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: <http://legis.state.va.us>

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 63.2, Chapters 12 through 14
- Child Protection: Title 63.2, Chapter 15
- Child Welfare: Title 63.2, Chapter 9 through 11; Title 16.1, Chapter 11, §§ 16.1-281 through 16.1-283

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/reg/TOC.HTM>

Note:

See Title 22, Agency 40

Other Resources:

Department of Social Services

- Manuals
www.dss.virginia.gov/about/manuals.html
Note: See Child Related Programs and Services
- CPS Publications
www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/publications.cgi
- A Guide for Mandated Reporters in Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/cps/mandated_reporter_information/mandatedreporterbooklet3-07.pdf (PDF - 1310 KB)
- Foster Care Laws, Regulations, and Guidance
www.dss.virginia.gov/family/fc/procedures.html
- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children Publications
www.dss.virginia.gov/family/interstate_pub.html
- Child Placement Agencies (CPA) Regulations, Code, and Interpretations
www.dss.virginia.gov/facility/cpa/standards.cgi

Washington**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 26, Chapter 26.33
- Child Protection: Title 26, Chapter 26.44
- Child Welfare: Title 13, Chapter 13.34; Title 26, Chapter 26.34

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac>

Note:

See Titles 112, 275, 388, 440

Website for Agency Policies: www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/pubs/manuals.asp

Other Resources:

Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration

- Publications/Program Information Index page
www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/pubs/programs.asp

West Virginia**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/Code.cfm

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 48, §§ 48-22-101 through 48-22-903; 48-23-101 through 48-23-801; Chapter 49, §§ 49-2C-1 through 49-2C-4
- Child Protection: Chapter 49, §§ 49-6A-1 through 49-6A-10
- Child Welfare: Chapter 49, §§ 49-2-1 through 49-2-17; 49-2A-1 through 49-2A-2; 49-2D-1 through 49-2D-9; 49-6-1 through 49-6-12; 49-6D-1 through 49-6D-3; 49-6E-1 through 49-6E-5

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.wvsos.com/csr/

Note:

See Social and Human Services, Children & Youth Commission and Human Services sections

Website for Agency Policies: www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/policy/

Wisconsin**Statutes:**

Website for Statutes: <http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm>

Citations:

- Adoption: Chapter 48, §§ 48.02; 48.55; 48.80 through 48.979; 48.9985
- Child Protection: Chapter 48, §§ 48.02, 48.981
- Child Welfare: Chapter 48, §§ 48.01; 48.02; 48.38; 48.396 through 48.434; 48.615 through 48.645; 48.657 through 48.76; 48.98

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/codtoc.html

Note:

See Health and Family Services

Website for Agency Policies: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/memos/>

Other Resources:

Department of Children and Families

- Foster Parent Handbook
http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/memos/num_memos/DSP/2008/2008-05handbookredirect.pdf (PDF - 18 KB)
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Wyoming**Statutes:**

Websites for Statutes: <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/titles/statutes.htm>
<http://michie.lexisnexis.com/wyoming/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm>

Citations:

- Adoption: Title 1, Chapter 22
- Child Protection: Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 2
- Child Welfare: Title 14, Chapter 2, Article 3; Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 4; Title 14, Chapters 5, 11

Regulation/Policy:**Website for Administrative Code:**

http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/Rule_Search_Main.asp

Note:

Select Family Services, Dept. of.

Relevant Programs to select:

- Adoption-Children and Family Services
- Central Registry for Child & Disabled Adult Protection
- Child Protection-Children & Family Services
- Children & Family Services-Children in Need of Supervision & Delinquent Children
- Confidential Adoption Intermediary Committee
- Court-Ordered Placements of Children
- Providers of Substitute Care Services, Certification of

Website for Agency Policies: <http://dfsweb.state.wy.us/childprotection/cpManual.html>

Other Resources:

Department of Family Services

- Foster Parents Handbook
<http://dfsweb.state.wy.us/ProtectiveSvc/Programs/FosterCare/FosterParentHandbook.htm>
- Concurrent Planning Handbook
<http://dfsweb.state.wy.us/pdf/05fostercareConcurrent%20Planning%20Handbook.pdf> (PDF - 89 KB)