Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice
TOOLS FOR ADVOCATES

Child Welfare: California

Basic Resources:

Understanding the Child Welfare System in California

Legal Services for Children self-help publications
http://www.lsc-sf.org/publications/

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)
http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/default.htm

CDSS Children and Families Services Division
http://www.childsworld.ca.gov

CDSS Regulation Changes in Process and Emergency Regulations
http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/PG321.htm

CDSS Child Welfare Legislation, Regulations and Guidelines
http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG71.htm

CDSS Policy Letters
http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/default.htm

Community Care Licensing
http://ccll.ca.gov

CDSS, Community Care Licensing, Find a Facility
http://www.ccll.ca.gov/docs/ccll_search/ccll_search.aspx

CDSS Community Care Licensing Regulations
http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/PG240.htm

CDSS FAQs on Foster Care Rates
http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG1344.htm

Foster Care Ombudsman program
http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
Child Welfare Research Center
http://cssr.berkeley.edu/research_units/cwrc/index.html

CWS/CMS Reports
http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports

Family to Family, Annie E. Casey Foundation:
http://www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/Family%20to%20Family.aspx

Family to Family California
http://www.f2f.ca.gov

Family to Family, Alameda County
http://www.alamedasocialservices.org/f2f/index.html

Family to Family, Fresno County
http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/Departments.aspx?id=126

Family to Family, Orange County
http://www.family2familyoc.com

County Welfare Directors Association
http://www.cwda.org

California Alliance of Child and Family Services
http://www.cacfs.org

Education:

AB 490 Liaisons:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/ab490contacts.asp

Foster Youth Services:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/contacts.asp

ABA Legal Center for Foster Care and Education
http://www.abanet.org/child/education/

Health:

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (Foster Care Nurses)
http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/hpcfcoverview.htm

Health Care Rights of Children in Foster Care
http://www.healthconsumer.org/cs043FosterCareRights.pdf
Mental Health:

California Institute of Mental Health
http://www.cimh.org/Home.aspx

CIMH the Center for Children and Family Services and the Cathie Wright Technical Assistance Center
http://www.cimh.org/Services/Child-Family.aspx

Child Welfare: Federal/National

The Children's Bureau
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb


Child Welfare Information Gateway, formerly the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse
http://www.childwelfare.gov

National Resource Center for Youth Services
http://www.nrcys.ou.edu

Juvenile Justice: California

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice
http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Divisions_Boards/DJJ/index.html

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Corrections Standards Authority:
Juvenile Facility Standards
http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Divisions_Boards/CSA/FSO/Regulations.html

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Corrections Standards Authority:
Juvenile Detention Survey

Juvenile Detention On-Line Query
http://www.bdcorr.ca.gov/jog/jds/QuerySelection.asp

California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association
http://www.cppca.org
California Institute of Mental Health
http://www.cimh.org/Home.aspx

Center for Young Women’s Development
http://www.cywd.org/

Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
http://www.cjcj.org/

CIMH the Center for Children and Family Services and the Cathie Wright Technical Assistance Center
http://www.cimh.org/Services/Child-Family.aspx

Chief Probation Officers of California
Resources on funding of juvenile services and current issues in probation
http://www.cpoc.org/

First District Appellate Project
Resources for California juvenile defenders
http://www.fdap.org/

Prison Law Office
Advocates on correctional institutional conditions
http://www.prisonlaw.com

**Juvenile Justice: Federal/National**

United States Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org

United States Justice Department, Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA)
http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/split/cripa.htm

National Center for Juvenile Justice
State by State statistical data on a range of juvenile justice issues
http://www.ncjj.org/stateprofiles

National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Best repository of juvenile justice research
http://www.ncjrs.org

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
Publications on reducing the unnecessary detention of children, and related topics (DMC, girls) in relation to national Initiative
Girls Justice Initiative, Girls in the Juvenile Justice System
http://www.girlsjusticeinitiative.org

Justice Policy Institute
http://www.justicepolicy.org

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice
http://www.ncmhjj.com

National Center on Education, Disability, and Juvenile Justice
Resources on youth with disabilities in the juvenile justice system
http://www.edjj.org

National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD)
http://www.nccd-crc.org

National Juvenile Defender Center
http://www.njdc.info

General Legal

LSNC, Best Place to Start for General Legal Information
http://www.lsnc.net

Findlaw -- resource for people who don't have Westlaw or Lexis -- you can look up state or federal codes and regulations:
http://www.findlaw.com

California Legislative Information page to track bills and contact legislators
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov

California opinions page for the Supreme and appellate courts
http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/opinions

Other Organizations

ABA Center on Children and the Law
http://www.abanet.org/child/home2.html

Bazelon Center on Mental Health Law
http://www.bazelon.org
California Youth Connection
http://www.calyouthconn.org

Children's Defense Fund, California
http://www.cdfca.org

Children Now
http://www.childrennow.org

Children’s Rights Inc.
http://www.childrensrights.org

Disability Rights California
Advocacy and support in the areas of mental health, disabilities, and special education
http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/

Juvenile Law Center
http://www.jlc.org

National Association of Counsel for Children
http://www.naccchildlaw.org

National Center for Juvenile Justice
http://www.ncjj.org

National Center for Youth Law
http://www.youthlaw.org

National Juvenile Defender Center
Resources for juvenile defenders
http://www.njdc.info

Pacific Juvenile Defender Center
http://www.pjdc.org

Public Counsel
http://www.publiccounsel.org

Youth Law Center
http://www.ylc.org