

REQUIRED READING
Top Ten “Must-Have” Books for Your Library

We surveyed experts on what books they considered indispensable to lawyers involved in child welfare law. Here’s what they said:

TITLE	TO ORDER:	COMMENTS:
The Child’s Attorney by Ann Haralambie	ABA Customer Service 750 N. Lake Shore Dr Chicago, IL 60611. 800/285-2221	“The only text directed at how to practice law for kids.”
In the Best Interest of the Child by Joseph Goldstein, Anna Freud, Albert J. Solnit & Sonja Goldstein	The Free Press c/o Macmillan Pub. Co., Inc. 866 Third Ave. New York, NY 10022 800/223-2336	“Required reading....”
Evidence in Child Abuse & Neglect (2 Volume set) by John E.B.Myers	John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Eastern Distributing Ctr. One Wiley Dr. Somerset, NJ 08875-1272 800/225-5945 ext. 2497	“Since evidence is the hardest part of the case, this book is very practical.”
Fundamentals of Trial Techniques by Thomas A. Mauet	Little, Brown & Co. Law Division 34 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108 800/759-0190	“Provides basic, necessary information.
Foundations of Evidence by Edward Imwinklereid	The Michie Co. PO Box 7587 Charlottesville, VA 22906 800/562-1197	“Can get you through the trial.”
Special Issue: Ethical Issues in the Legal Representation of Children, 64 Fordham Law Review (March 1996)	Fordham Law Review c/o William S Hein & Co. 1285 Main St. Buffalo, NY 1 4209 800/828-7571	“Comprehensive”
Handbook on Questioning Children: A Linguistic Perspective by Anne Graffam Walker	ABA Customer Service, Ctr. 750 Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60611 800/285-2221	“Dr. Walker’s book helps you avoid the pitfalls that could occur when questioning children.”
The Child Advocate’s Legal Guide: Effective Collaborative Work to Speed Permanence for Children in Foster Care by Debra Ratterman Baker & Charlotte Vick	North American Council on Adoptable Children 970 Raymond Ave. Ste. 106 St. Paul, MN 55114-1149 612/644-3036	“Very valuable resource for advocates in the child welfare arena”

Foundations of Child Advocacy
by Donald C. Bross &
Laura Freeman Michaels

North American Council on
Adoptable Children
970 Raymond Ave. Ste. 106
St. Paul, MN 55114-1149
612/644-3036

“Good overview of the issues.”

**Advocating for the Child in
Protection Proceedings: A
Handbook for Lawyers and
Court Appointed Special
Advocates**
by Donald Duquette

Josey-Bass Inc. Publishers
350 Sansome Street
San Francisco, CA 94104
415/433-1767

“Organizes the advocate in ten dimensions
Applicable throughout the court process.
This is a straightforward guide to lawyer
and nonlawyer child advocates alike.”

Foster Children in the Courts
by Mark Hardin

This book made the list, but is now out of print.
Check your local law library book shelves.

RESOURCE GUIDE

Adoption

Organizations

National Adoption Information Clearinghouse

330 C Street SW

Washington DC 20447

tel 703/ 352-3488 or 888/ 251-0075

fax 703/ 385-3206

<http://www.calib.com/naic>

The National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC) is a service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NAIC provides professionals and the general public with easily accessible information on all aspects of adoption. NAIC maintains an adoption literature database, a database of adoption experts, listings of adoption agencies, crisis pregnancy centers, and other adoption-related services excerpts of state and federal laws on adoption information on ongoing research projects concerning adoption. NAIC also publishes a variety of factsheets on adoption issues, directories of adoption-related services, and a catalog of audiovisual materials on adoption. While NAIC does not place children for adoption or provide counseling, it does make referrals for such services.

North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

970 Raymond Avenue, Suite 106

St. Paul, MN 55114

tel 651/ 644-3036

fax 651/ 644-9848

<http://www.nacac.org/>

Founded in 1974, the North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC) is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children and the families who adopt them. Since its inception, NACAC's mission is: Every child has the right to a permanent family. The Council advocates the right of every child to a permanent, continuous, nurturing and culturally sensitive family, and presses for the legal adoptive placement of any child denied that right.

*NACAC has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

Written Materials

A Place to Call Home: Adoption and Guardianship for Children in Foster Care Christian, Steve and Ekman, Lisa

March 2000. National Conference of State Legislatures, The Forum for America's Ideas.

Handling Child Custody, Abuse and Adoption Cases

Haralambie, Ann M.

1993. Family Law Series, Vol. 1, Chapters 1-12; and Vol. 2, Chapters 13-24. Shepard's McGraw-Hill, Inc.

To Love a Child: A Complete Guide to Adoption, Foster Parenting, and Other Ways to Share Your Life With Children

Takas, Marianne and Warner, Edward.

1992. Addison-Wesley Publishing Company.

Child Care Advocacy

Organizations

The Child Care Law Center
973 Market Street, Suite 550
San Francisco, California 94103
tel 415/495-5498
fax 415/495-6734
<http://www.childcarelaw.org/>

A national nonprofit legal services organization founded in 1978 that works to ensure quality, affordable child care for all children. CCLC's primary objective is to use legal tools to foster the development of high quality, affordable child care - for every child, parent, and community. CCLC works to expand child care options, particularly for low income families, and to ensure children are safe and nurtured in care outside the home. CCLC is the only organization in the country focusing exclusively on the complex legal issues surrounding establishment and provision of child care.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension System Child Care Initiative
<http://www.reeusda.gov/extensioncares/>

A national initiative of the USDA's Cooperative Extension System that improves child care and youth programs for infants and toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children and youth, and teens in out-of-school time. Provides research-based educational training, technical assistance, and information on content areas specific to child care such as: conducting community needs assessments, building community coalitions, resource development, policy issues, program development, program administration, program evaluation, and staff development.

National Child Care Information Center
243 Church Street, NW 2nd Floor
Vienna, Virginia 22180
tel 800/616-2242
fax 800/716-2242
<http://nccic.org>

The National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC), a project of the Child Care Bureau, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is a national resource that links information and people to complement, enhance, and promote the child care delivery system, working to ensure all children and families have access to high-quality comprehensive services.

National Association for Regulatory Administration*

Eastern Office:	Western Office:
905 Schoolhouse Lane	26 East Exchange Street, Fifth Floor
Dover, DE 19904	St. Paul, MN 55101-2264
tel 302/678-4775	tel 651/290-6280
fax 302/678-4781	fax 651/290-2266

<http://www.nara-licensing.org/>

NARA's promotes excellence in human care and service regulation through leadership, education, collaboration, and service. NARA works to safeguard children and vulnerable adults in day and residential care settings across the United States and Canada. Its members includes human service regulatory professionals, human service providers, universities, allied professions from the health, safety and legal disciplines, consumers, and all others who share its vision: "Consumer Protection Through Prevention."

National Indian Child Care Association
279 East 137th Street
Glenpool, OK 74033

tel 918/756-2112

The National Indian Child Care Association advocates quality child care provision for Native American children, establishes a medium for information dissemination, and through a collaborative effort, builds trust and communication between Native American Tribes to perpetuate the identification and consideration of Tribal needs through a government to government relationship and with a unified voice.

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

Campus Mail Stop F541

PO Box 6508

Aurora, CO 80045-0508

tel 800/598-KIDS

fax 303/724-0960

<http://nrc.uchsc.edu/>

NRC promotes health and safety in out-of-home child care settings throughout the nation. NRC maintains a database of state licensure regulations and other resources and guidelines. NRC is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, HRSA.

State Government Agencies

All states have agencies responsible for licensing and training child care workers, enforcing regulations governing child care settings, and ensuring the safety and health of children placed in those settings. In the District of Columbia, for example, the District's Health Regulation Administration, Child and Residential Care Facilities Division, maintains these responsibilities. These state agencies can be a valuable resource to individuals interested in child care advocacy.

Written Materials

Guidelines for Screening of Persons Working With Children, the Elderly, and Individuals With Disabilities in Need of Support

by Noy S. Davis & Kathi L. Grasso

Outlines best practices for screening of individuals who work with children, the elderly, or disabled individuals. Available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 800/851-3420

Effective Screening of Child Care and Youth Service Workers

by Susan Wells, Noy Davis, Kimberly Dennis, Robert Chipman, Claire Sandt & Marsha Liss

Examines screening practices used nationwide in child and youth care settings and outlines what is known about the effectiveness of these practices.

Available from the ABA Center on Children and the Law, 202/662-1743

Child Care Advocacy: Making A Difference

This publication is intended to inspire beleaguered child care advocates by providing examples of nine local advocacy strategies that have resulted in legislative change, increased child care funding and collaboration for child care solutions. It also features a discussion with California Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi on her suggestions for approaching legislators.

Available from the Child Care Law Center, 415/495-5498 (Order #9502)

Legal Update

A quarterly newsletter covering legal developments in the child care field with both a national and California focus. Updates are typically included on a variety of topics including welfare reform, the ADA, and new zoning, licensing and health and safety legislation and regulations that affect family child care providers and child care centers. A one-year subscription is \$35.00, but is free to qualified legal services programs.

Available from the Child Care Law Center, 415/495-5498

Child Welfare

Organizations

Administration for Children and Families Department of Health and Human Services

370 L'Enfant Promenade S.W.

Washington, DC 20447

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/>

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well being of families, children, individuals, and communities. ACF programs aspire to accomplish individual and family empowerment for economic independence and productivity. The ACF programs are developed to promote partnerships with individuals, front-line service providers, communities, American Indian tribes, Native communities, states, and Congress to eliminate traditional agency boundaries.

*HHS/ACF has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

PO Box 26901

CHO 3B-3406

Oklahoma City, OK 73190

tel 405/271-8202

fax 405/271-2931

<http://www.apsac.org/>

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) is a membership organization that aims to ensure that everyone affected by child maltreatment receives the best possible professional response. This goal is achieved by providing professional education, promoting research and guidelines to inform professional practice, educating the public about abuse and neglect and providing constructive information to help shape public policy.

Center for the Study of Social Policy

1250 Eye Street N.W. Suite 503

Washington D.C. 20005

tel 202/ 371-1565

fax 202/ 371-1472

<http://www.cssp.org/>

The Center for the Study of Social Policy was established in 1979 with the goal of providing public policy analysis and technical assistance to states and localities. The Center's work is concentrated in the areas of family and children's services, income supports, neighborhood-based services, education reform, family support, disability and health care policy, and long term care for the elderly. From the Center's perspective, all of these efforts provide different "entry points" to a common purpose: to help states and localities implement creative and effective strategies that strengthen families and ensure that children grow up healthy, safe, successful in school, and ready for productive adulthood.

*Center for the Study of Social Policy has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

Children's Defense Fund

25 E Street NW

Washington, DC 20001

tel (202) 628-8787

<http://www.childrensdefense.org>

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is a private, non-profit organization that began in 1973 to provide a strong, effective voice for all children. CDF works to educate the nation about the needs of children and encourage preventive investment. The issues specifically addressed include: childcare, child health, child welfare and mental health, violence prevention and youth development, and family income. Their goal is accomplished through lobbying efforts, education and public awareness campaigns and various grassroots initiatives.

*There are current job postings on this site.

Child Welfare League of America

440 First Street NW, Third Floor

Washington, DC 20001-2085

tel (202) 638-2952

fax (202) 638-4004

<http://www.cwla.org>

The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) was founded in 1920 and is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare association of more than 1,100 public and private nonprofit agencies that assist abused and neglected children and their families. CWLA develops and disseminates practice standards; provides training, consultation, conferences, and publications; helps to formulate and promote public policies; and promotes an open exchange of data, resources, and ideas within and across systems. The CWLA has the nation's first comprehensive, interactive child welfare database, the National Data Analysis System (NDAS) which promotes effective integration of research, policy, and practice.

National Association of Child Advocates

1522 K Street, NW, Suite 600

Washington, DC 20005-1202

tel (202) 289 – 0777

fax (202) 289 – 0776

<http://www.childadvocacy.org>

The National Association of Child Advocates (NACA) is a nationwide nonprofit network of child advocacy organizations working with statehouses, county commissions and city councils. NACA establishes links between state and local child advocates and national experts, litigates on behalf of children, educates policy makers and the public and is a clearinghouse of information. NACA provides technical assistance, national conferences and regional training opportunities.

*The web site has a link to nationwide career opportunities and internships. Additionally, there is also a link to a guide to training opportunities for careers in child and family policy.

National Association of Counsel for Children

1825 Marion Street, Suite 340

Denver, CO 80218

tel 888/828-NACC

<http://www.naccchildlaw.org>

The National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) is a non-profit professional membership organization dedicated to quality representation and protection of children in the legal system by promoting multi-disciplinary excellence in children's law, establishing the legal interests of children and enhancing children's legal remedies.

The purpose of the NACC is to assist attorneys and other professionals in their work with children in the legal system.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Permanency Planning for Children

P.O. Box 8970
Reno, NV 89507
tel 775/ 784-6012
fax 775/ 784-6628
www.ncjfcj.unr.edu
www.pppncjfcj.org

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is dedicated to serving the nation's children and families by improving the courts of juvenile and family jurisdictions through education and applied research. The Permanency Planning Department provides education and technical assistance to enable courts nationwide to improve practices in child abuse and neglect cases. The web site provides access to in-house publications as well as links to other publications.

*The web site also provides a listing of employment opportunities both with NCJFCJ divisions and throughout the country.

The Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center

University of Michigan Law School

611 Church Street, Ste. 4C

Ann Arbor, MI 48104-3000

tel 734/ 998-9191

fax 734/998-9190

<http://www.law.umich.edu/CentersAndPrograms/childlaw/>

The mission of the Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center is to improve the legal system's handling of child-related cases through professional development. The Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center provides technical assistance, develops and distributes training and informational materials and recruits, trains, and places law school fellows to work and learn in the field as advocates.

*See site for job postings and summer fellowships.

Written Materials

Child Law Practice

A monthly publication which provides lawyers, judges and other professionals current information to enhance their knowledge and skills, and improve the decisions they make on behalf of children. Topics include: abuse and neglect, adoption, foster care, termination of parental rights, juvenile justice, and tort actions involving children and families. A one-year subscription is \$184.00 for individuals and \$219 for institutions.

Available from the ABA Center on Children and the Law, 202/662-1743 or email: waxlerl@staff.abanet.org.

Children's Bureau Express

A monthly, free, electronic digest for professionals concerned with child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. CB Express is produced and disseminated jointly by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse on behalf of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Available at: <http://www.calib.com/cbexpress>

Child Welfare

This is a bimonthly publication from the Child Welfare League of America. This journal of policy, practice and program is peer-reviewed and the articles cover all aspects of child welfare as they affect the health, education, and psychological needs of children. A one-year subscription is \$119 for institutions, \$88 for individuals and \$56 for students.

Available from the Child Welfare League of America, 440 First Street, NW, Third Floor Washington, DC 20001, 202/638-2952, fax 202/638-4004, email: journal@cwla.org.

Child Welfare Law Source Book

Michigan Child Welfare Law Resource Center. (Price: \$30.00)

Available at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/CentersAndPrograms/childlaw/resourcecenter/publications>

Child Welfare Review

Child Welfare Review is an electronic journal for coverage of issues related to the well-being of children. It contains both links to articles related to child welfare and original articles. This site includes articles gathered from various other web sites in order to locate the most important and useful articles on child welfare issues.

Available at: <http://childwelfare.com/kids/news.htm>

Domestic Violence

Organizations

Horizon Domestic Violence Hotline

2 Lafayette Street

New York, NY 10007

800/ 621-HOPE (4673)

212/ 233-3456 TDD

800/ 810-7444 TDD

<http://www.dvshelkertour.org/main.html>

This site has links to over 150 domestic violence resource sites throughout the world. Resources in Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, England, India, Italy, Latin America, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Scotland, South Asia, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

1532 16th St NW

Washington, DC 20036

tel 202/ 745-1211

fax 202/ 745-0088

<http://www.ncadv.org/>

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is dedicated to the empowerment of battered women and their children. NCADV believes violence against women and children results from the use of force or threat to achieve and maintain control over others in intimate relationships, and from societal abuse of power and domination in the forms of sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, anti-Semitism, able-bodyism, ageism and other oppressions. A mission of NCADV to work for major personal and societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all women and children. NCADV's work includes coalition building at the local, state, regional and national levels; support for the provision of community-based, non-violent alternatives (e.g., safe home and shelter programs); public education and technical assistance; policy development and innovative legislation.

*NCADV has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Family Violence Department

P.O. Box 8970

Reno, NV 89507

tel 1/ 800-52-PEACE or 1/ 800-527-3223

fax 775/ 784-6628

<http://www.ncjfcj.unr.edu/>

<http://www.nationalcouncilfvd.org/pubs/>

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) serves the nation's children and families by improving the courts of juvenile and family jurisdictions. NCJFCJ mission is to improve the justice system through education and applied research and improve the standards, practices and effectiveness of the juvenile court system.

The Family Violence Department (FVD) of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) is dedicated to improving the way courts, law enforcement, agencies and others respond to family violence, with the ultimate goal of improving the lives of domestic violence victims and their children.

*NCJFCJ/FVD has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence

800/ 537-2238 or 800/ 553-2508 (TTY)

<http://www.fvpf.org/health/>

Provides comprehensive information and resources, policy development and technical assistance designed to enhance community response to and prevention of domestic violence. NHRCDV is part of the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 383 Rhode Island St. Suite #304, San Francisco, CA 94103-5133, tel 415/ 252-8900; fax 415/ 252-8991.

Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody

tel 800/ 527-3223

<http://www.nationalcouncilfvd.org>

Provides information, materials, consultation, and technical assistance related to child protection and custody within the context of domestic violence.

Violence Against Women Office

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

810 7th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20531

tel 202/ 307-6026 or 202/ 307-2277 (TTY)

fax 202/ 307-3911

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

The Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) of the Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice was created in 1995 to implement the 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and to lead the national effort to stop domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The VAWO works with U.S. Attorneys to ensure enforcement of the federal criminal statutes, assists the Attorney General in formulating policies related to civil and criminal justice for women, and administers more than \$270 million a year in grants to help states, tribes, and local communities transform the way in which criminal justice systems respond to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The VAWO works with victim advocates and law enforcement in developing grant programs that support a wide range of services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including: advocacy, emergency shelter, law enforcement protection, and legal aid.

*VAWO has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

Written Materials

Battered Women in the Courtroom. The Power of Judicial Responses

Ptacek, James.

1999. Northeastern University Press.

Batterer Intervention: Program Approaches and Criminal Justice Strategies

Healey, Kerry, Smith, Christine, and O'Sullivan, Chris.

February 1998. National Institute of Justice.

Children's Witnessing of Adult Domestic Violence.

Edelson, Jeffrey, L.

Journal of Interpersonal Violence, August 1999, 14, (8), 839-870.

Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice Recommendations (Greenbook).

Schechter, Susan and Edleson, Jeffrey L.

1999. Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Principles and recommendations for improving the policies and practices of child protection services, domestic violence services, and juvenile courts, which were adopted as official policy of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The five chapters of Effective Intervention include Guiding Framework, Foundation Principles and Recommendations, Child Protection System, Domestic Violence Services for Families, and Courts.

Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey

July 2000. National Institute of Justice.

This NIJ Research Report presents findings from a survey of 8,000 U.S. women and 8,000 U.S. men about their experiences as victims of intimate partner violence (rape, physical assault, and stalking).

Family Law Quarterly, Special Issue on Domestic Violence

American Bar Association, Section on Family Law, Summer 1995. Vol. 29, No. 2.

Family Violence: Emerging Programs for Battered Mothers and Their Children.

Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1998.

Highlights 29 innovative programs that are providing services for multiple victims of family violence. This book is divided into the five service areas - Child Protection Systems, Community-Based Domestic Violence Services, Justice Systems; Health Care Systems; and Community-Based Parent/Child Services. Each write-up contains program features and descriptions, which can be replicated in other communities and contact information.

Family Violence: Interventions for the Justice System

Bureau of Justice Assistance. 1993. Washington, D.C.: U. S. Department of Justice.

Family Violence: Legislative Update

Vol. 1-1995 (100 pp.), Vol. 2-1996 (96 pp.), Vol. 3-1997 (100 pp.), Vol. 4-1998 (100 pp.), Vol. 5-1999 (99 pp.).

Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Provides a state-by-state guide to domestic and family violence legislation passed in 1995 through 1999 sessions. Legislators, judges, attorneys, domestic violence coalitions, and others interested in state domestic and family violence legislation will find these publications useful and informative as a guide to what legislative changes were made to address domestic violence.

Juvenile and Family Court Journal

Family Violence Issue Vol. 50 No. 2, Spring 1999. Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

In this special edition, the Family Violence Department has brought together a number of authors to examine a broad range of family violence matters. The topics of articles developed encompass child custody, supervised visitation, child support, managing the domestic violence court docket, adult fatality reviews, full faith and credit to protective orders, and the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

Report to the President: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Children (1994)

Reporter: Howard Davidson

American Bar Association. 1994. Washington, D.C.: American Bar Association.

To order call the ABA Service Center at 800/285-2221.

Violence Against Women Office, U.S. Department of Justice Online Resources

The VAWO Online Resources provides law, criminal justice, advocacy, and social service professionals with up-to-date information on interventions to stop violence against women. The resource library offers criminal justice practitioners, advocates, and social service professionals over 100 documents with the latest in research on domestic violence, stalking, batterer intervention programs, child custody & protection, sexual assault, and welfare reform, and promising practices of model programs.

Available at: <http://www.vaw.umn.edu/index.asp>

Violence in the Family

American Psychological Association.

1996. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.

When the Victim Is a Child

Whitcomb, Debra.

March 1992. 2nd Edition, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

Children's Health

Organizations

American Psychological Association

750 First Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002-4242

tel 202/ 336-5500

<http://www.apa.org>

The American Psychological Association (APA) is a scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. With more than 155,000 members, APA is the largest association of psychologists worldwide.

*APA has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

Center for Adolescent Health & the Law

211 North Columbia Street

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

tel: 919-968-8870

www.adolescenthealthlaw.org

The Center for Adolescent Health & the Law explores the legal and policy issues that affect adolescent health and the ability of adolescents to access essential health care services. Among the issues addressed by the Center: health care financing, consent for health care, confidentiality of health care information, participation of adolescents in health research studies.

Children Now

1212 Broadway, 5th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

Tel: 510-763-2444

Fax: 510-763-1974

www.childrennow.org

Children Now promotes research and communications strategies to address the problems facing America's children, with a particular focus on children who are poor or at risk. The web site provides over 300 links to other sites with a focus on children in the areas such as child welfare, health, Children and the Media and working families.

National Center for Youth Law
405 - 14th Street, 15th Floor
Oakland, California 94612-2701
Tel: 510-835-8098
Fax: 510-835-8099
www.youthlaw.org

The National Center for Youth Law is a private, non-profit law office serving the legal needs of children and their families. The center mission is to use the law to protect children from the harms caused by poverty, and to improve the lives of children living in poverty. Among the Center's areas of focus: protection of abused and neglected children by working with advocates, foster parents and others seeking reform of the child welfare system; expansion of health care services for children and youth through advocacy on the state and federal levels to see that children are insured and receive the health care services to which they are entitled; improve child support collection in California and increase access to housing for families with children. The Center publishes articles, books and a bimonthly journal, Youth Law News; conducts administrative and legislative advocacy, and provides technical assistance and training and assists legal advocates who represent poor children.

Written Materials

America's Children Still at Risk, Report of the Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children, American Bar Association, 2001.

Making Managed Health Care Work for Kids in Foster Care. Chapter 1: Foster children and health care. Appendix B: *Checklist of needed services for children in foster care.* Child Welfare League of America. (2000). Wash. D.C., CWLA Press. Available: www.cwla.org/cwla/health/checklist.html

Adolescents in public health insurance programs: Medicaid and CHIP.

English, A., Morreales, M, & Stinnett, A. (1999). Center for Adolescent Health & the Law, Chapel Hill, NC.

Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents.

Green, M. (Ed.) (1994). Arlington VA: Nat. Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health.

If You Don't Think Health Care is Your Job , Think Again. 19(1) ABA Child Law Practice 10.

Sandt, C. (Mar. 2000)

Mental Health: A Report of the Surgeon General, Chapter 3: Children and Mental Health. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. (1999). Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Juvenile Delinquency

Organizations

National Juvenile Detention Association

Eastern Kentucky University

301 Perkins Building

521 Lancaster Avenue

Richmond, Kentucky 40475-3102

tel 859/622-6259

fax 859/622-2333

<http://www.njda.com/>

With offices based at Eastern Kentucky University and at Michigan State University, the National Juvenile Detention Association (NJDA) exists exclusively to advance the science, processes, and art of juvenile detention services through the overall improvement of the juvenile justice profession. The Association strives to promote the adequate detention services for juveniles by defining and promoting the concepts of juvenile detention services at the national, state, and local levels, reviewing and establishing detention standards and practices, stimulating the development and operation of training programs for detention service professionals, and serving as a forum group for persons and organizations interested in juvenile detention services.

The Juvenile Information Network

<http://www.juvenile.net.org/>

The Juvenile Information Network is completely web-based. This site can be accessed through <http://www.corrections.com>, with which it is affiliated, or by entering the URL directly in a web browser. The site contains a good amount of practice-oriented information about juvenile delinquency, ongoing research into delinquency, and news items of interest.

*The web site contains a great many useful links to organizations and governmental agencies that offer additional information and job postings.

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

P.O. Box 6000

Rockville, MD 20849-6000

800/851-3420

301/519-5500

<http://www.ncjrs.org>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) is a federally sponsored information clearinghouse for people around the country and the world involved with research, policy, and practice related to criminal and juvenile justice and drug control. This site is the repository for many federal agencies such as the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The site contains many statistical reports, studies and evaluations that can be of use to both academics and practitioners.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

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The mission of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization. OJJDP accomplishes this by supporting States and local communities in their efforts to develop and implement effective and coordinated prevention and intervention programs. OJJDP also focuses on improving the juvenile justice system so that it protects the public safety, holds offenders accountable, and provides treatment and rehabilitative services tailored to the needs of families and each individual juvenile.

*The web site contains information about current funding projects, research, conferences, and publications. The site also has information concerning employment opportunities within the agency.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

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Reno, NV 89507

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<http://www.ncjfcj.unr.edu/>

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is dedicated to serving the nation's children and families by improving the courts of juvenile and family jurisdictions. The mission of the Council is to better the justice system through education and applied research and improve the standards, practices and effectiveness of the juvenile court system.

National Center for Juvenile Justice

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The National Center for Juvenile Justice (the Center) is a private, non-profit organization.

Since its inception in 1973, the Center has been a resource for independent and original research on topics related directly and indirectly to the field of juvenile justice. Although the Center is the research division of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, it has its own budget and is responsible for generating its own operating funds.

With substantial support from public and private sources over the years, the Center has developed resources and capacities that render it unique in the world of juvenile justice research. The Center consists of three departments: Systems Research, Applied Research, and Legal Research.

National Council on Crime and Delinquency

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The National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), founded in 1907, is a nonprofit organization which promotes effective, humane, fair and economically sound solutions to family, community and justice problems. NCCD conducts research, promotes reform initiatives, and seeks to work with individuals, public and private organizations and the media to prevent and reduce crime and delinquency.

Building Blocks for Youth

<http://www.buildingblocksforyouth.org>

Building Blocks for Youth is an alliance of children's advocates, researchers, law enforcement professionals and community organizers that seeks to protect minority youth in the justice system and promote rational and effective justice policies. The partners in the initiative are the Youth Law Center, American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, Juvenile Law Center, Minorities in Law Enforcement, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and Pretrial Services Resource Center.

Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jcci/index.html>

The Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the juvenile court in the United States, recognizes the critical role of the juvenile court in the positive development of our nation's children and youth with an emphasis on the court's role in the rehabilitation of children in trouble with the law, and seeks to promote and strengthen the juvenile court and its' approach to "giving kids a chance to make a better choice."

The Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative is led by a coalition of national organizations and funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, JCCI acknowledges the long-standing commitment of these organizations to serve our nation's children and youth.

Youth Law Center

Children's Legal Protection Center

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fax 202/379-1600

The Youth Law Center is a non-profit, public interest law office that has worked to protect abused and at-risk children since 1978. With offices in San Francisco and Washington, D.C., the Center works nationally to serve children, focusing particularly upon the problems of children living apart from their families in child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The goal of the Youth Law Center's work is to ensure that vulnerable children are provided with the conditions and services they need to grow into healthy, productive adults.

Staff attorneys investigate reports of abuse of children in adult jails, juvenile detention facilities, state institutions, and child welfare systems, and use training, technical assistance and negotiation to bring about needed change. If abusive conditions or practices continue, the Center uses litigation as a last resort to protect children and ensure humane treatment.

Written Materials

A Brief History of the Juvenile Court in America Centennial Celebration: Doing Justice to Juvenile Justice

Robert E. Shepherd, Jr.

Available at: <http://www.ncjfcj.unr.edu/homepage/CentCel.htm>

Breaking the Juvenile Drug-Crime Cycle

Curtis J. Vander Waal, Duane C. McBride, Yvonne M. Terry-McElrath, and Holly VanBuren

National Institute of Justice report.

Available at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/186156.pdf>

Co-occurrence of Delinquency and Other Problem Behaviors

David Huizinga, Rolf Loeber, Terrence Thornberry, and Lynn Cothorn

OJJDP Juvenile Justice Bulletin

Using data from the first 3 years of OJJDP's Program of Research on the Causes and Correlates of Delinquency, this Bulletin examines the co-occurrence of serious delinquency with specific problem areas: school behavior, drug use, mental health, and combinations of these behaviors.

Available at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/182211.pdf>

Juvenile Arrests 1999

Howard N. Snyder

OJJDP Juvenile Justice Bulletin

In 1999, law enforcement agencies in the United States made an estimated 2.5 million arrests of persons under age 18. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), juveniles accounted for 17% of all arrests and 16% of all violent crime arrests in 1999. The substantial growth in juvenile violent crime arrests that began in the late 1980's peaked in 1994. In 1999, for the fifth consecutive year, the rate of juvenile arrests for Violent Crime Index offenses—murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault—declined. Specifically, between 1994 and 1999, the juvenile arrest rate for Violent Crime Index offenses fell 36%. As a result, the juvenile violent crime arrest rate in 1999 was the lowest in the decade. The juvenile murder arrest rate fell 68% from its peak in 1993 to 1999, when it reached its lowest level since the 1960's.

Available at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/185236.pdf>

Juvenile Justice Journal, Volume VIII, Number 1 (School Violence Issue). 2001

Crime and violence in schools are matters of significant public concern, particularly after the spate of tragic school shootings in recent years. The perception of risk is often greater than the reality, as schools have been largely successful in keeping students and staff safe from harm. However, many schools face serious problems, and it is important to develop an understanding of these problems so that effective strategies can be devised to prevent school violence and increase school safety.

Available at: http://www.ncjrs.org/html/ojjdp/jjjournal_2001_6/contents.html

Juvenile Offenders and Victims: 1999 National Report

Howard M. Snyder, Melissa Sickmund (Center for Juvenile Justice)

OJJDP Annual Report

This Report consolidates the most requested information on juvenile offenders and victims. Statistical information is presented in a user-friendly format. The information presented in the report is comprehensive and covers information such as homicides by juveniles; juvenile homicide offenders by county; self-report survey on offending behavior; victimization survey on victimizations committed by juveniles; time-of-day analysis of violence by juveniles; school crime; high school students and weapons; juvenile arrestees and weapons; and drug and alcohol use.

Available at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/html/ojjdp/nationalreport99/toc.html>

Youth Crime/Adult Time: Is Justice Served?

By Jolanta Juskiewicz, from the Pretrial Services Resource Center

Over the last ten years, nearly every state has changed its laws to make it easier to prosecute juveniles as adults. Traditionally, since a separate court for young people was created in Chicago in 1899, juveniles who broke the law were brought before the juvenile court. In rare cases, judges decided which youth were so violent or such chronic offenders that they were "not amenable to treatment" in the juvenile court. In such cases the jurisdiction of the juvenile court was "waived" and the youth were transferred to adult criminal court. Some states had legislation that automatically excluded youth charged with the most serious offenses, notably murder, from juvenile court jurisdiction.

Available at: <http://www.buildingblocksforyouth.org/ycat/>

Prosecution/Child Sexual Abuse

Organizations

National Association of Attorneys General

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Founded in 1907, in Washington, D.C., its mission is to facilitate interaction among Attorneys General as peers, thereby enhancing the performance of Attorneys General and their staffs, to respond effectively to emerging state and federal issues. NAAG handles dozens of federal-state working groups, sponsors more than 30 seminars, conferences, summits, emerging issue forums, and special events yearly, drawing thousands of Attorneys General staff. NAAG also publishes written reports, monographs, and more than a dozen newsletters on a wide range of substantive topics.

The Computer Crime Point-of-Contact List (CCPC) is comprised of prosecutors and investigators from state and local law enforcement agencies in the United States who are responsible for the investigation and prosecution of computer and computer-related crime within their respective jurisdictions. Criminals are using the Internet and other high tech devices to perpetrate an increasing variety of crimes, ranging from child solicitation and abuse to drug trafficking, fraud, and intrusion. This list is intended to provide law enforcement with a nationwide network of state and local contacts who can be used to coordinate interstate investigations and to relay assistance to law enforcement personnel seeking to obtain electronic evidence stored outside of their states.

*The web site provides a list of employment opportunities within the organization.

National Children's Advocacy Center
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The National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) is a non-profit agency providing prevention, intervention, and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children and their families within a child-focused team approach. Since opening in 1985 as the nation's first Children's Advocacy Center, the NCAC has become a leader in the field of prevention and intervention of child maltreatment.

*NCAC has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

National District Attorneys Association (NDAA)
American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI)
National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse
99 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314
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www.ndaa.org/apri
www.ndaa.org/apri/EmploymentOpportunities.htm

National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is the largest national professional organization specifically serving the needs of prosecutors in the United States. NDAA represents the interests of the prosecutors from major metropolitan areas as well as rural communities.

In 1984, the National District Attorneys Association founded the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) as a non-profit research and program development resource for prosecutors at all levels of government. Since that time, APRI has become a vital resource and national clearinghouse for information on the prosecutorial function. The Institute is committed to providing interdisciplinary responses to the complex problems of criminal justice. It is also committed to supporting the highest professional standards among officials entrusted with the crucial responsibility for public safety.

The National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse recognizes child abuse as a crime for which perpetrators must be held accountable. Because no area of criminal justice had changed so rapidly in the past 15 years, the need for professional specialization is especially great. Committed to excellence in training, technical assistance and publications, The National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse is meeting that need.

*NDAA has a list of job opportunities with its organization.

Written Materials

Evidence in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases, Third Edition.

Myers, John E.B.

Wiley Law Publications, John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

The Advisor

A journal of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).

Available from: 332 S. Michigan, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL, 60604. 312/554-0166

The APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment.

Edited by John Briere, Lucy Berliner, Josephine A. Bulkley, Carole Jenny, and Theresa Reid.

Sage Publications, 1996.

Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse, Second Edition.

American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI), 1987. Third Edition published Spring of 2001.

Available from: APRI fulfillment, 99 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314

Update

A journal of the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI).

Available from: APRI fulfillment, 99 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314

The National Child Advocate

A publication of the National Children's Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

Call 256/533-0531, or e-mail jlague@nccac-hsv.org.

Special Education

Organizations

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System

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National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NECTAS) is a national technical assistance consortium working to support states, jurisdictions, and others to improve services and results for young children with disabilities and their families. NECTAS also fulfills the need for focused, national technical assistance to states and others to improve services and results for young children with disabilities and their families. NECTAS is a national nexus of knowledge on national early childhood policies, research, and practices involving diverse capabilities.

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The Federal Resource Center for Special Education (FRC) is a five year contract between the Academy for Educational Development (AED), its partner, the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The Federal Resource Center works with the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to plan national conferences for education professionals, with the object of communicating OSEP priorities and promoting positive systemic change in special education programs across the nation.

**The National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.
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The National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc. (NASDSE) is a non profit corporation established in 1938, to provide services to State agencies to maximize educational outcomes, for individuals with disabilities. Another part of the mission of NASDSE is to provide effective leadership in the development of national policy related to services that will assist individuals with disabilities.

*This web site provides a list of employment opportunities.

Written Materials

Harbor House Law Press, Inc. (The Beacon)

Harbor House Law Press publishes legal and advocacy information for parents, educators, advocates and attorneys in several formats including traditional books and monographs, e-books, and CD-Rom. The Beacon is an electronic journal published by Harbor House Law Press. The first issue of The Beacon was published in the summer of 2001. It addressed mediation and negotiation in special education disputes.

Parentpals.com Special Education Guide

This web site provides a wealth of information regarding Special Education resources. You may also find weekly tips, games, news and views for parents and professionals. Parentpals.com is sponsored by Ameri-Corp Speech and Hearing.

* This website provides a list of employment opportunities.

Wrightslaw

Professionals, parents, advocates, attorneys and educators come to Wrightslaw.com for up-to-date information regarding effective advocacy for children with disabilities. You will find articles, cases, newsletters and other information regarding the latest information concerning Special Education. Below you will find a list of some of their notable publications in print.

Wrightslaw: Special Education Law (November 1999)

Wrightslaw: Tactics & Strategy Manual (January 2000)

Wrightslaw: Complete Guide to Special Education Advocacy (Coming: Summer 2001)

Wrightslaw: Smart IEPs (to be published 2001)

