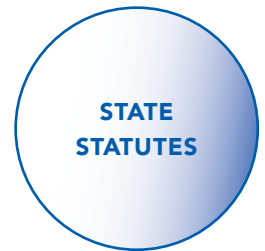




# Child Welfare Information Gateway

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## 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 accessible online 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 States' regulation and policy sites, State court rules, and other judicial resources.

Electronic copies of this publication may be downloaded at [http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/resources.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/resources.cfm)

To find statute information for a particular State, go to [http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/state/index.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/index.cfm)

To find information on all the States and territories, order a copy of the full-length PDF by calling 800.394.3366 or download it at [http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/statutes/resources.pdf](http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/statutes/resources.pdf)



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## State Statutes

State statutes are provisions enacted by State legislatures that authorize a 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 U.S. Virgin Islands currently make their statutes available on websites that are freely accessible to the public.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> Each department or agency within a State government typically is responsible for formulating regulations and policy for the programs that the agency administers. Regulations tend to be organized into codes by agency, topic, or specific programs.

Most States now make regulations available on a State website organizing every agency's administrative code or on a website of the individual department or agency. Many State agencies have further organized their regulations into policy manuals and other explanatory materials. These materials, as well as an array of other informational materials, can be found in Information Gateway's State Guides & Manuals Search (<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/sgm>). The search links to online publications created by State agencies to describe their services and provide guidance on child welfare topics to both professional and general audiences.

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

<sup>2</sup> State regulation and policy are subject to a hearing and approval process before finalization.

## 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 levels) that can affect the application of law. Individuals interested in how the law may apply to their specific situations should consult with a legal professional who has experience in child welfare law in their State.

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 agency regulations, case law, and informal practices and procedures.

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**Alabama****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/acas/ACASLoginIE.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, Articles 3, 8; Title 26, Chapter 25; Title 38, Chapters 7, 12, 12A, 13

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://alabamaadministrativecode.state.al.us/docs/hres/index.html>**Note:**

See Chapter 660, Section 5, Parts 21, 22, 28-30, 34-6, 39, 46-51, 53

**Other Resources:**

Alabama Rules of Court

[http://judicial.alabama.gov/library/rules\\_of\\_court.cfm](http://judicial.alabama.gov/library/rules_of_court.cfm)

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**Alaska****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:**<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/stattx07>**Citations:**

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

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:**<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folioproxy.asp?url=http://www.jnu01.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:**

Alaska Rules of Court

<http://www.courts.alaska.gov/rules.htm>

Alaska Office of the Ombudsman

<http://ombud.alaska.gov>

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**American Samoa****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.asbar.org>**Citations:**

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

Note: Click on 'Legal Resources'

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.asbar.org>

**Note:**

Click on 'Legal Resources.' Selected titles of the Administrative Code are available online.

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**Arizona****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.azleg.gov/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:** [http://www.azsos.gov/public\\_services/Table\\_of\\_Contents.htm](http://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

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.azdes.gov/dcyf/cmdps/cps/Policy/ServiceManual.htm>

**Other Resources:**

Arizona Court Rules

<http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=AZR-1000>

Arizona Ombudsman

<http://www.azleg.gov/ombudsman/default.asp>

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**Arkansas****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2009/R/Pages/Home.aspx> or  
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/arcodes/Default.asp>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 9, Subtitle 2, Chapter 9
- Child Protection: Title 12, Subtitle 2, Chapter 18
- Child Welfare: Title 9, Subtitle 2, Chapter 16; Subtitle 3, Chapters 27-29, 32, 34

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** [http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules\\_and\\_regs/index.php/rules/search/new](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules/search/new)

**Note:**

See Department of Human Services

**Website for Agency Policies:** <https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/DHSPolicy/default.aspx>

**Other Resources:**

Circuit Judges Bench Book - Juvenile

[http://courts.arkansas.gov/judicial\\_education/documents/Circuit%20Court%20Juvenile%20Division%20Bench%20Book%202009.pdf](http://courts.arkansas.gov/judicial_education/documents/Circuit%20Court%20Juvenile%20Division%20Bench%20Book%202009.pdf) (PDF - 2.13 MB)

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**California****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://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, 12.8, 12.9

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:**<http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?Action=TOC&RS=GVT1.0&VR=2.0&SP=CCR-1000>**Note:**

Click on Title 22, Division 12

**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

**Other Resources:**

California Rules of Court

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules.htm>

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**Colorado****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://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:**<http://www.sos.state.co.us/CCR/NumericalCCRDList.do?deptID=9&deptName=500,2500%20Human%20Services&agencyID=107&agencyName=2509%20Social%20Services%20Rules>**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.colorado.gov/apps/cdhs/rreal/agencyLetters.jsf>

**Connecticut****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/Statutes.asp>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 17a, Chapter 319a, §§ 17a-116 through 17a-121a; Title 45a, Chapter 803; Title 46b, Chapter 815y
- Child Protection: Title 17a, Chapter 319a
- Child Welfare: Title 17a, Chapters 319, 319a; Title 45a, Chapter 803, Part II

**Regulation/Policy:**

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

**Other Resources:**

Connecticut Practice Book: 2011 Court Rules  
<http://www.jud.state.ct.us/PB.htm>

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**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, 36, 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:**

Rules of the Delaware State Courts  
<http://courts.state.de.us/Rules>

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**District of Columbia****Statutes:**

**Websites for Statutes:** <http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?rs=gvt1.0&vr=2.0&sp=dcc-1000>

**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://www.dcregs.org/Gateway/TitleHome.aspx?TitleNumber=29>

**Note:**

See Chapters 16, 47, 49, 59-63, 68

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://cfsa.dc.gov/DC/CFSA/About+CFSA/Policy>

**Other Resources:**

District of Columbia Superior Court Rules

[http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/admin\\_orders/rules.jsp](http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/superior/admin_orders/rules.jsp)

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**Florida****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes>

**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

Note: Go to 'Statutes &' and click on 'View Statutes'

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/Department.asp?DeptID=65>

**Note:**

See Division Numbers 65B, 65C

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/admin/publications/policies.shtml>

**Other Resources:**

Florida Rules of Court

<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/barrules.shtml>

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**Georgia****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.lexisnexis.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:** <http://www.odis.dhr.state.ga.us/contents.htm>

**Note:**

See Family and Children

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**Other Resources:**

Rules of the Georgia Courts

[http://www.georgiacourts.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=122&Itemid=82](http://www.georgiacourts.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=122&Itemid=82)

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**Guam****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://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:** <http://www.guamcourts.org/compileroflaws/GAR/026gar.html>**Note:**See Title 26, Division 1, Chapter 1

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**Hawaii****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/docs/HRS.htm>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 20, Chapter 350C; Title 31, Chapter 578
- Child Protection: Title 20, Chapter 350; Title 31, Chapter 587D
- Child Welfare: Title 20, Chapter 350E; Title 31, Chapter 587A\*

\*Chapter 587 was repealed September 1, 2010, and replaced by Chapter 587A. As of June 13, 2011, Chapter 587A was not available on this website.

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** [http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/har\\_current/AdminRules/document\\_view](http://hawaii.gov/dhs/main/har/har_current/AdminRules/document_view)**Note:**

See Sections 17-912; 17-1425; 17-1601 through 17-1625

**Other Resources:**

Hawaii Court Rules

[http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal\\_references/resources/court\\_rules.html](http://www.courts.state.hi.us/legal_references/resources/court_rules.html)

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**Idaho****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/idstat/TOC/IDStatutesTOC.htm>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 16, Chapter 15
  - Child Protection: Title 16, Chapter 16
  - Child Welfare: Title 16, Chapters 16, 20, 21, 24
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**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, 16.06.05, 16.07.37

**Other Resources:**

Idaho Court Rules

<http://www.isc.idaho.gov/rulestxt.htm>

Department of Health and Welfare, Child Welfare Standards

<http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Children/AdoptionFosterCare/ChildWelfareStandards/tabid/429/Default.aspx>

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**Illinois****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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 225 ILCS 10; Chapter 325 ILCS 35, 42; Chapter 705 ILCS 405, Article II

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/089/089parts.html>

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.state.il.us/dcfspolicy/index.shtml>

**Note:**

See menu in right-hand column to access Rules, Policy Guides, Protocols, and other resources.

**Other Resources:**

Illinois Supreme Court Rules

<http://www.state.il.us/court/SupremeCourt/Rules/default.asp>

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**Indiana****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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:** [http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac\\_title?iact=465](http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_title?iact=465)

**Note:**

See Article 2

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.in.gov/dcs/2354.htm>

**Other Resources:**

Indiana Rules of Court

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/rules>

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**Iowa****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://search.legis.state.ia.us/nxt/gateway.dll/ar/iac?f=templates&fn=default.htm>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title XV, Subtitle 1, Chapter 600; Title VI, Subtitle 5, Chapter 232, §§ 232.119 through 232.141
- Child Protection: Title VI, Subtitle 5, Chapter 232, §§ 232.67 through 232.117; Subtitle 6, Chapter 235A
- Child Welfare: Title VI, Subtitle 5, Chapters 232, 232B, 233; Subtitle 6, Chapters 234, 235, 237; Title XV, Subtitle 1, Chapter 600A

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/rulespages/RulesChap.htm>**Note:**

See Chapters 107, 108, 112-114, 117, 142, 152, 155-158, 160, 172, 175, 200-204

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/PolManual.htm>**Other Resources:**

Iowa Court Rules

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/Rules2.html>

State of Iowa Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman

<http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Ombudsman/>

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**Kansas****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://kslegislature.org/li/statute>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapter 59, Article 21; Chapter 38, Article 3, §§ 38-319 through 38-340
- Child Protection: Chapter 38, Article 22, §§ 38-2222 through 38-2255a
- Child Welfare: Chapter 38, Articles 12, 22

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** [http://www.kssos.org/pubs/pubs\\_kar.aspx](http://www.kssos.org/pubs/pubs_kar.aspx)**Note:**

Search by agency number or name.

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://content.srs.ks.gov/CFS/robohelp/PPMGenerate>**Other Resources:**

Kansas Court Rules

<http://www.kscourts.org/rules/default.asp>

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**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 615, 620, 625

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://lrc.ky.gov/KAR/titles.htm>

**Note:**

See Titles 920 through 922

**Other Resources:**

Family Court Rules of Procedure and Practice

<http://courts.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/21BD9C18-94C1-4650-9A8F-9F816BDBBE25/0/201009.pdf> (PDF - 3,221 KB)

Kentucky Office of the Ombudsman

<http://chfs.ky.gov/os/omb/default.htm>

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**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 through 79; Revised Statutes Title 46, Chapter 20, part 3
- Child Protection: Children's Code, Articles 501 through 526; 601 through 670
- Child Welfare: Children's Code, Articles 671 through 717; Revised Statutes § 46:450.6

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://doa.louisiana.gov/osr/lac/books.htm>

**Note:**

See Title 67, Part III, Subpart 13; and Part V

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

**Note:**

See Office of Community Services (OCS)

**Other Resources:**

Louisiana Court Rules

<http://www.lasc.org/rules/default.asp>

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**Maine****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 18-A, Article 9; Title 22, Chapters 1152-A, 1671
- 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

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/10/chaps10.htm#148>**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/policy.shtml>**Other Resources:**

Maine Court Rules

[http://www.courts.state.me.us/court\\_info/rules/rules.html](http://www.courts.state.me.us/court_info/rules/rules.html)

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**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

Note: Click on 'Maryland Code.' For Maryland Court Rules, click on 'Maryland Rules.'

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** [http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle\\_chapters/07\\_Chapters.aspx](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/subtitle_chapters/07_Chapters.aspx)**Note:**See Subtitles 01, 02, 05

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**Massachusetts****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws>**Citations:**

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

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/110cmr.html>**Other Resources:**

Massachusetts Rules of Court

<http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/rules/index.html>

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**Michigan****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(h0ma0d45p1wyuk45fkyw345\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=ChapterIndex](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(h0ma0d45p1wyuk45fkyw345))/mileg.aspx?page=ChapterIndex)

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapters 701-713, Probate Code (Chapter X), §§ 710.21 through 710.70
- Child Protection: Chapter 722, §§722.621 through 722.638; Chapter 752, §§ 752.1061 through 752.1068
- Child Welfare: Chapters 701-713, Probate Code (Chapter XII), §§ 712.1 through 712.20; (Chapter XIIA), §§ 712A.19 through 712A.21; Chapter 722, §§722.131 through 722.140; 722.161 through 722.163; 722.951 through 722.985

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.state.mi.us/orr/emi/admincode.asp?admincode=Department&Dpt=HS>

**Website for Agency Policies:** [http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5458\\_7700---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5458_7700---,00.html)

**Other Resources:**

Michigan Court Rules

<http://coa.courts.mi.gov/rules>

Office of Children's Ombudsman

<http://www.michigan.gov/oco>

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**Minnesota****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes>

**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.mn.gov/rules/?agency=196>

**Note:**

See Chapters 2960, 9543, 9545, 9550, 9560

**Other Resources:**

Minnesota Court Rules

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/court\\_rules](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/court_rules)

Judges' Benchbook

<http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=178>

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**Mississippi****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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:** <http://www.sos.state.ms.us/busserv/AdminProcs/Default.asp>

**Note:**

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**Other Resources:**

Mississippi Rules of Court

<http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/rules/msrules.html>

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**Missouri****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.moga.mo.gov/Statutes/Statutes.htm>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title XXX, Chapter 453
- Child Protection: Title XII, Chapter 210, §§ 210.109; 210.100; 210.115; 210.120 through 210.166
- Child Welfare: Title XII, Chapter 210, §§ 210.117; 210.122; 210.305; 210.481 through 210.566; Chapter 211, §§211.171 through 211.183; 211.442 through 211.477

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp>

**Note:**

See Title 13, Divisions 35, 40

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual>

**Other Resources:**

Missouri Court Rules

<http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=46>

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**Montana****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** [http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca\\_toc/index.htm](http://data.opi.mt.gov/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, Part 6; Title 41, Chapters 4, 7; Title 52, Chapter 2

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.mtrules.org/gateway/Department.asp?DeptNo=37>

**Note:**

See Chapters 47-52, 93, 97

**Other Resources:**

Montana Court Rules

[http://courts.mt.gov/library/montana\\_laws.mcp#judicial](http://courts.mt.gov/library/montana_laws.mcp#judicial)

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**Nebraska****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://uniweb.legislature.ne.gov/laws/browse-statutes.php>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapter 43, §§ 43-101 through 43-165
- Child Protection: Chapter 28, §§ 28-707; 28-710 through 28-733
- Child Welfare: Chapter 43, §§ 43-291 through 43-294; 43-1301 through 43-1321; Chapter 71, §§ 71-1901 through 71-1907

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/reg/CFSregs.htm>

**Note:**

See Titles 390, 474, 479

**Other Resources:**

Nebraska Court Rules

<http://www.supremecourt.ne.gov/rules/index.shtm>

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**Nevada****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/Index.cfm>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 11, Chapter 127
- Child Protection: Title 38, Chapter 432B
- Child Welfare: Title 11, Chapter 128; Title 38, Chapter 424

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/nac/chapters.html>

**Note:**

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

**Website for Agency Policies:** [http://www.dhhs.state.nv.us/DCFS\\_Policies\\_CW.htm](http://www.dhhs.state.nv.us/DCFS_Policies_CW.htm)

**Other Resources:**

Nevada Court Rules

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Legal/LawLibrary/CourtRules/index.cfm>

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**New Hampshire****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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:** <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/default.htm>

**Note:**

Not all rules are active on the website at this time.

**Other Resources:**

New Hampshire Court Rules

<http://www.courts.state.nh.us/rules/index.htm>

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**New Jersey****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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; 9:6-8.44 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

Note: Click on 'Statutes'

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://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:**

New Jersey Rules of Court

<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/rules/index.html>

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**New Mexico****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.conwaygreene.com/nmsu/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0>**Citations:**

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

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** [http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/\\_titles.htm](http://www.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/_titles.htm)**Note:**

See Title 8, Chapters 8, 10, 26

**Other Resources:**

New Mexico Family Law Manual

<http://jec.unm.edu/manuals-resources/manuals/Family%20Law%20Manual%2001-11%20-%20FINAL.pdf/view>

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**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, 8, 8-A

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://government.westlaw.com/linkedslice/default.asp?SP=nycrr-1000>**Note:**

Click 'View the Unofficial NYCRR,' then see Title 18, Chapter II, Subchapter C

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/policies/external>**Other Resources:**

Uniform Rules for the Family Court

<http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/trialcourts/205.shtml>

Uniform Rules for the Surrogate's Court

<http://www.nycourts.gov/rules/trialcourts/207.shtml>

**North Carolina****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/Statutes/StatutesTOC.pl>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapter 7B, Articles 37, 39; Chapter 48
- Child Protection: Chapter 7B, Articles 1 through 5, 12, 13, 29
- Child Welfare: Chapter 7B, Articles 6, 8-11, 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>

**Other Resources:**

North Carolina Court Rules

<http://www.aoc.state.nc.us/www/public/html/rules.htm>

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**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 through 27-20-26; 27-20-30; 27-20-32.1 through 27-20-32.3; 27-20-44 through 27-20-48.1

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/rules/admincode.html>

**Note:**

See Title 75, Article 75-03

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/policymanuals/home/cfs.htm>

**Other Resources:**

North Dakota Court Rules

<http://www.ndcourts.gov/Rules>

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**Northern Mariana Islands****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.cnmilaw.org/welcome.php>

**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 from 1978 to the present are available online.

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**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.cnmilaw.org/welcome.php>

**Note:**

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

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**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; 2151.352; 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/5101%3A2>

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

**Other Resources:**

Ohio Rules of Court

<http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/Rules/default.asp>

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**Oklahoma****Statutes:**

**Websites for Statutes:** <http://www.oscn.net/applications/oscn/Index.asp?ftdb=STOKST&level=1>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 10, Chapter 75
- Child Protection: Title 10A, Article 1, Chapters 1; 2; 4, part 2; 6
- Child Welfare: Title 10A, Article 1, Chapters 3, 4, 7, 9

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.oar.state.ok.us>

**Note:**

Click on View Code to see title index. See Title 135: Commission on Children and Youth; Title 340: Department of Human Services, Chapters 75 and 110

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.okdhs.org/library/policy>

**Other Resources:**

Oklahoma Court Rules

[http://www.ok.gov/redirect.php?link\\_id=320](http://www.ok.gov/redirect.php?link_id=320)

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**Oregon****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://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 through 419B.211; 419B.325 through 419B.349; 419B.470 through 419B.530

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/access/numerically.html>**Note:**

See Chapters 413, 417, 423

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare>**Other Resources:**

Oregon Uniform Trial Court Rules

<http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/programs/utcr/utcrrules.page?>

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

- Adoption: Title 23 Pa. C.S.A, Part III
- Child Protection: Title 23 Pa. C.S.A., Part VII, Chapters 61, 63, 65
- Child Welfare: Title 23, Pa. C.S.A., Part III, Chapter 25, Subchapter B; Title 23 Pa. C.S.A., Part VI, Chapter 56; Title 42 Pa. C.S.A., Part VI, Chapter 63, Subchapters A through D

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.pacode.com/secure/browse.asp>**Note:**

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

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/publications/policyhandbooksandmanuals/index.htm>**Other Resources:**

Pennsylvania Dependency Benchbook

<http://www.ocfcpacourts.us/judges-and-legal-professionals/benchbook>

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**Puerto Rico****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://www.michie.com/puertorico/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=prcode>**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
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**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.gobierno.pr/ADSEF/LeyesYReglamentos>

**Note:**

Information on regulations is available only in Spanish.

**Other Resources:**

Leyes y Reglamentos de la Rama Judicial

<http://www.ramajudicial.pr/leyes/index.htm>

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**Rhode Island****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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 through 15-7-7.2; Title 40, Chapter 11, §§ 40-11-12 through 40-11-14; Title 40, Chapter 15; Title 42, Chapter 72, §§ 42-72-5.1, 42-72-5.2

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://sos.ri.gov/rules>

**Note:**

Select Children, Youth, and Families, Dept. of

**Website for Agency Policies:** <https://www.policy.dhs.ri.gov/0500.htm>

**Note:**

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

**Other Resources:**

Rhode Island Supreme Court Rules

<http://www.courts.ri.gov/Courts/SupremeCourt/Pages/Supreme%20Court%20Rules.aspx>

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**South Carolina****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/statmast.php>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 63, Chapter 9
- Child Protection: Title 63, Chapter 7, Articles 1 and 3
- Child Welfare: Title 63, Chapter 7, Articles 5 and 7

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/coderegs/statmast.php>

**Note:**

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

**Website for Agency Policies:** <https://dss.sc.gov/content/library/manuals/index.aspx>

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**Other Resources:**

South Carolina Court Rules

<http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/courtReg/index.cfm>

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**South Dakota****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://legis.state.sd.us/statutes/TitleList.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 4; 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:**

South Dakota Supreme Court Rules

<http://ujs.sd.gov/sc/scrules.aspx>

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**Tennessee****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://michie.lexisnexis.com/tennessee/pext.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:** <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/rules2.htm>**Note:**

See Chapters 0250, 1240

**Websites for Agency Policies:** <http://state.tn.us/youth/dcsguide/policies.htm> or<http://state.tn.us/youth/providers.htm>**Other Resources:**

Tennessee Court Rules

<http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/courts/court-rules-0>

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**Texas****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://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:** <http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/handbooks/default.jsp>

**Other Resources:**

Texas Court Rules and Standards

<http://www.supreme.courts.state.tx.us/rules/rules.asp>

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**Utah****Statutes:**

**Websites for Statutes:** <http://www.le.state.ut.us/UtahCode/title.jsp> or <http://www.le.state.ut.us/~code/code.htm>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-901 through 62A-4a-907; Title 78B, Chapter 6, §§ 78B-6-101 through 78B-6-145
- Child Protection: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-401 through 62A-4a-414; 62A-4a-1001 through 62A-4a-1009; Title 78A, Chapter 6, § 78-6-105
- Child Welfare: Title 62A, Chapter 4a, §§ 62A-4a-201 through 62A-4a-209; 62A-4a-701 through 62A-4a-802; Title 78A, Chapter 6, §§ 78A-6-301 through 78A-6-324; 78A-6-501 through 78A-6-515; 78A-6-901 through 78A-6-902

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code.htm#HumanServ>

**Note:**

See Titles R495, R501, R512, R515

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.hspolicy.utah.gov/dcfs>

**Other Resources:**

Utah State Court Rules

<http://www.utcourts.gov/resources/rules>

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**Vermont****Statutes:**

**Websites for Statutes:** <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutesMain.cfm> or <http://www.michie.com/vermont/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=vtcode>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 15A
- Child Protection: Title 33, Part 3, Chapter 49, Subchapter 2
- Child Welfare: Title 15A, Chapter 3, Subchapter 5; Title 33, Chapter 49, Part 4, Subchapter 1; Title 33, Part 4, Chapter 51, §§ 5102, 5112, 5114, 5120; Title 33, Part 4, Chapters 53 and 59

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.michie.com/vermont/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

**Note:**

Click on 'Code of Vermont Rules,' Agency 13, Human Services

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

**Other Resources:**

Vermont Court Rules

<http://www.michie.com/vermont/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=>

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**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, Subchapter 2; Subchapter 4, §§ 2532 to 2541
- Child Welfare: Title 5, Subtitle 2, Chapter 201, Subchapter 1; Subchapter 4, §§ 2542 to 2555

**Regulation/Policy:****Note:**

Not available online

**Other Resources:**

Virgin Islands Court Rules

[http://www.visuperiorcourt.org/virules/RulesViewer.aspx?ruleSet=0\\_0\\_0](http://www.visuperiorcourt.org/virules/RulesViewer.aspx?ruleSet=0_0_0)

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**Virginia****Statutes:**

**Websites for Statutes:** <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?000+cod+TOC> or <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+TOC>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Title 63.2, Chapters 12 through 14; Title 16.1, Chapter 11, § 16.1-283.1
  - 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
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**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://leg1.state.va.us/000/reg/TOC.HTM>

**Note:**

See Title 22, Agency 40

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/about/manuals.html>

**Note:**

See 'Child Related Programs and Services'

**Other Resources:**

Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Manual

[http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/jdr/jdrman/toc\\_jdr\\_manual.pdf](http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/jdr/jdrman/toc_jdr_manual.pdf) (PDF - 1,675 KB)

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**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, 388, 440

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/pubs/manuals.asp>

**Other Resources:**

Washington State Court Rules

[http://www.courts.wa.gov/court\\_rules/index.cfm](http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules/index.cfm)

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**West Virginia****Statutes:**

**Website for Statutes:** <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/Code.cfm>

**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapter 48, Articles 22, 23; Chapter 49, Article 2C
- Child Protection: Chapter 49, Article 6A
- Child Welfare: Chapter 49, Articles 2, 2A, 2D, 6, 6D, 6E

**Regulation/Policy:**

**Website for Administrative Code:** <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/index/Pages/default.aspx>

**Note:**

See Section 1, Title 79; and Section 3, Title 78

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/policy>

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**Other Resources:**

West Virginia Court Rules

<http://www.courtswv.gov/legal-community/court-rules.html>

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**Wisconsin****Statutes:****Website for Statutes:** <http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&d=stats&jd=top>**Citations:**

- Adoption: Chapter 48, §§ 48.02; 48.55; Subchapter XIX
- Child Protection: Chapter 48, §§ 48.02, 48.981
- Child Welfare: Chapter 48, § 48.02; Subchapters III, IV, VII, VIII, XIV, XVI, XX

**Regulation/Policy:****Website for Administrative Code:** <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/toc/DCF>**Note:**

See Children and Families (DCF)

**Website for Agency Policies:** <http://DCF.wisconsin.gov/memos>**Other Resources:**

Wisconsin Supreme Court Rules

<http://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/supreme.htm>

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**Wyoming****Statutes:****Websites for Statutes:** <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](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/about-us/dfspolicy.html>**Other Resources:**

Wyoming Court Rules

<http://www.courts.state.wy.us/CourtRules.aspx>

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