

Information about the Child Welfare System & Its Partners

Federal:

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect:
<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

State:

Understanding the Child Welfare System in California:
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/hcpcf/c/pdf/childwelfareprimer.pdf>

Youth Law Center (fact sheets and short summaries of foster care system and children's rights): <http://www.ylc.org/files.php>

California Department of Social Services:
<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/cdssweb/default.htm>

Manual of Policies and Procedures:
Child Welfare Regulations (rules for social workers)
http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/CDSSManual_240.htm

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

CDSS Community Care Licensing (to find, read regulations for, or complain about licensed facilities):
<http://cclid.ca.gov>

California Institute of Mental Health: <http://www.cimh.org/home/index.cfm>

What's Happening In Court? (activity book for children who are going to court in California): <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cab/>

Your County:

Directory of public health nurses for foster care in each county:
<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/hcpcf/c/overview.htm>

California Department of Education:
AB 490 Liasons for each county (contacts re: education of foster youth at county Offices of Education):
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/ab490contacts.asp>

Foster Youth Services programs (tutoring and/or other services):
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf/fy/contacts.asp>

UC Berkeley, Child Welfare Research Center:
<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/childwelfare>

Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) Reports:
<http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports>

Information about California CASA Programs and Standards

National CASA Association: <http://www.nationalcasa.org> &
<http://www.casanet.org>

Administrative Office of the Courts, Center on Families, Children and Courts,
CASA grant program (including annual reports):
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/programs/description/casa.htm>

California Rule of Court 5.655:
<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/index.cfm?title=five>

Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 100 – 109 (search by Section number or
by key word): <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

Executive Director Handbook for California CASA Programs (a combined
summary of the three resources listed above, including a checklist and sample
documents: *CD in this packet, will be online at <http://www.calcasanet.org> soon*

California CASA Association (Directory of CASA programs +CalCASA Bulletins
and more information): <http://www.californiacasa.org> & <http://www.calcasanet.org>
(soon to include links and information like those in this handout)

CalCASA Executive Directors' Listserv (Janel Brown can help you subscribe or
unsubscribe – jbrown@californiacasa.org, 510.663.8440):
Mail to CALCASANET@HOME.EASE.LSOFT.COM

Information about Foster Youth's Rights and Other Laws

Foster Youth's Rights

Foster Care Ombudsman: <http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov/>

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

Education-related Rights of Foster Youth:
http://www.clcla.org/train_educat.htm

Summary of Foster-Care Related Legislation from New Ways to Work:
<http://www.newwaystowork.org/documents/ytatdocuments/HighlightsCAFosterCareLegislation1982-2005.pdf>

General Legal

Legal Services of Northern California, (best place to start for general legal information – California Code, bill information, etc.): <http://www.lsnr.net>

Findlaw (another resource for people who don't have subscriptions to legal services – to look up state or federal codes and regulations):
<http://www.findlaw.com/>

California Legislative Information (to track bills and contact legislators):
<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/>

Juvenile Justice: State

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Juvenile Justice:
<http://www.cya.ca.gov/default2.html>

Chief Probation Officers of California (resources on funding of juvenile services and current issues in probation):
<http://www.cpoc.org/>

National Center for Juvenile Justice (state by state statistical data on a range of Juvenile Justice issues): <http://www.ncji.org/stateprofiles/>

A Few Other Organizations

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

Bazelon Center on Mental Health Law (resources on legal issues regarding mental health): <http://www.bazelon.org/>

California Youth Connection (advocacy organization of current and former foster youth):
<http://www.cal-youthconn.org/site/cyc>

Protection and Advocacy, Inc. (California) (advocacy and support in the areas of mental health, disabilities, and special education):
<http://www.pai-ca.org/>