

The 2008 National Convening on Youth Permanence

Selected Web-based Resources
**Achieving Permanence for
Older Children and Youth**

***Families
for Life***

Powerful, Possible, and a Priority for Youth in Foster Care

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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

CENTER ON CHILDREN AND THE LAW

www.abanet.org/child/books.shtml

- Ordering information for *Achieving Permanency for Adolescents in Foster Care: A Guide for Legal Professionals* (2006) by Andrea Khoury et al;
- Subscription information for the journal *Child Law Practice* at www.abanet.org/child/clp. In particular, see the article “Cultural Context in Permanency Planning for Adolescents” by Karen Aileen Howze, 24(5) July 2006

THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION/CASEY FAMILY SERVICES

THE CASEY CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE

www.caseyfamilyservices.org

Several permanence-related publications, including:

- *Connections Count* newsletter, which covers youth permanence policy and practice issues, with links to tools, research, and related studies
- “A Call to Action: An Integrated Approach to Youth Permanency and Preparation for Adulthood” (2005), developed in collaboration with Casey Family Programs, the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, and the California Permanency for Youth Project
- “Permanence for Young People: Framework and Measures” (2004), written in collaboration with the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning
- “Selected Resources on Lifebooks” (2006)
- “Selected References on Youth Permanence” (2006)

FAMILY TO FAMILY INITIATIVE

[www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/Family to Family/Resources.aspx](http://www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/Family%20to%20Family/Resources.aspx)

Specific Family to Family tools aimed at strengthening permanence efforts, plus a list of permanency-related videos.

FAMILY TO FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA

www.f2f.ca.gov/default.htm

Information and tools related to team decision making, finding, and training resource families, and more

KIDS COUNT

www.aecf.org/kidscount

- Evidence on the urgent need for youth permanence in “Lifelong Family Connections: Supporting Permanence for Children in Foster Care,” the Essay from the *2007 KIDS COUNT Data Book*
- Discussion of issues related to disconnected youth, see “Moving Youth from Risk to Opportunity,” the Essay from the *2004 KIDS COUNT Data Book*

RACE MATTERS

www.aecf.org/KnowledgeCenter/PublicationsSeries/RaceMatters.aspx

A toolkit for decision makers, advocates, and elected officials to achieve better results in their work by providing equitable opportunities for all. See in particular: “Unequal Opportunities for Youth in Transition” (2006)

CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED CLEARINGHOUSE FOR CHILD WELFARE

www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/search/topical-area

Research on interventions related to reunification, parent training, trauma treatment for children, youth transitioning into adulthood, and other topics

CALIFORNIA PERMANENCY FOR YOUTH PROJECT

www.cpyy.org/

Resources related to helping youth exit the foster care system with a permanent lifelong connection to a caring adult. Provides links to:

- “Telling It Like It Is: Foster Youth and Their Struggle for Permanency” and other digital stories
- “Model Programs for Youth Permanency” (2004)
- “Youth Perspectives on Permanency” (2004), developed in collaboration with the California Youth Connection

CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS

www.casey.org/resources/

Tools and resources aimed at improving the foster care experience and well-being of young people. New publications include:

- “Mental Health, Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Spirituality Among Youth in Foster Care: Findings from the Casey Field Office Mental Health Study” (2007)
- “The Chaffee Educational and Training Voucher (ETV) Program: Six States’ Experiences,” developed by the National Foster Care Coalition. (2007)

CENTER FOR LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY

www.clasp.org

“Is Kinship Care Good for Kids?” (2007)

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL POLICY

www.cssp.org

“Engaging Youth in Community Decision Making” (2007)

CHAPIN HALL CENTER FOR CHILDREN

www.chapinhall.org

- A rich resource of data on older youth and child welfare. See the new publication, “A Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime: Relational Permanence Among Youth Adults with Foster Care Backgrounds,” by Gina Miranda Samuels (2008)

CHILDREN’S BUREAU, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION GATEWAY

www.childwelfare.gov

Links to:

- The 11 National Resource Centers, which provide training and technical assistance to states and tribes along with a variety of newsletters, bibliographies, and other materials
- “Enhancing Permanency for Older Youth in Out-of-Home Care” bulletin.
- “Achieving and Maintaining Permanency” topic area
- State statutes search. On how other states approach issues such as permanency planning, parental rights, “reasonable efforts,” and more

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

www.cwla.org

Among the League’s many resources, see:

- Research to Practice (R2P) Initiative at www.cwla.org/programs/r2p/ for research on child, youth, and family well being. Site includes annotated bibliographies on family reunification, post-adoption services, kinship care, treatment foster care, and other subjects. Researchers and evaluators should see the related toolkit series.
- Toolkit series at www.cwla.org/pubs/default.htm offers descriptions and ordering information for CWLA’s toolkit series, including “Toolbox #1: Using Visitation to Support Permanency” (2001) by Lois Wright; “Toolbox #2: Expanding the Role of Foster Parents in Achieving Permanency for Children” (2001) by Susan Dougherty; and “Toolbox #3: Facilitating Permanency for Youth” (2005) by Gerald P. Mallon.

DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION

www.davethomasfoundationforadoption.org

Resources for adoption and foster care workers, families, and teachers, including ordering information for “Pathways to Permanency,” an educational video related to effective permanency planning techniques of successful mediation programs. Also, see information on “Wendy’s Wonderful Kids.”

EMQ CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

FAMILY FINDING

www.emq.org/about/services/articles.html

Articles on family finding as part of youth permanency practice, including a PowerPoint of the “Connectedness Mapping Training”

FOSTERCLUB

www.fosterclub.com

A national network for young people in foster care, FosterClub includes a wealth of general information for youth and grownups that care about them.

- See www.fosterclub.com/fyi3. Developed by FosterClub and the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative, this site has content important to youth transitioning to adulthood, such as information on birth families, adoption, education, relationships, and more. In particular, see the youth advocacy section (and the link to the youth advocacy guide) at www.fosterclub.com/speakUp/advocacy.cfm.
- See description of “Prepping Youth for Permanency: Getting Solid” and the “Permanency Pact,” a workshop that helps youth understand what permanence is, if they have it, and why they would want it. Assists youth in becoming central players in their own permanence planning. Go to www.fosterclub.com/grownups/training.cfm

JIM CASEY YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES INITIATIVE

www.jimcaseyouth.org

Links to many sources related to preparing older youth for adulthood, including:

- *On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System* (2004) by Martha Shirk and Gary Stangler
- The 2005 documentary film, *Aging Out*, by Roger Weisberg and Vanessa Roth, which follows young people as they exit foster care. For supplemental material and information on how to order the film, go to www.pbs.org/wnet/agingout/index-hi.html
- Information and materials about youth engagement and the Initiative’s Opportunity Passport™

JUVENILE LAW CENTER (PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA)

www.jlc.org

Two publications related to the needs of youth in foster care are available:

- “Dependent Youth Aging Out of Foster Care: A Guide for Judges” (2003) by Jennifer Pokempner and Lourdes M. Rosado may be downloaded from <http://www.jlc.org/File/publications/agingoutpa.pdf>
- “Know Your Rights: A Guide for Youth in Substitute Care” (2006) by the Juvenile Law Center and KidsVoice with special thanks to the Pennsylvania Youth Advisory Board. Based on Pennsylvania law, this publication may be downloaded from www.jlc.org/File/publications/knowyourrights.pdf.

NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE RESOURCE CENTER FOR ADOPTION

www.nrcadoption.org

Access to a wide variety of resources, links, and ordering information, among them:

- Descriptions of, and ordering information for, curricula such as “Parents as Tender Healers,” “Special Needs Adoption,” and “The Right to Be the Grown-Up: Helping Parents Be Parents to Their Difficult Teens.” See pages 13 and 14 of online catalog at www.nrcadoption.org/resources/source/cs%20-%20june%202005.pdf
- “Hot Topics” and “Our Resources” website sections.

NATIONAL CHILD WELFARE RESOURCE CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd/

Links to reports, legal information, promising practices, strategies, and research. See:

- “Improving Outcomes for Older Youth: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know” (2004) by Kathleen McNaught and Lauren Onkeles of the ABA Center on Children and the Law
- “Partnering with Youth: Involving Youth in Child Welfare Training and Curriculum Development” (2003) by Joan M. Morse, Nancy Markowitz, Marty Zanghi, and Penthea Burns

NATIONAL CONVENING ON YOUTH PERMANENCE

www.youthpermanence.org

The National Convening on Youth Permanence, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation/Casey Family Services and Casey Family Programs, is challenging the long-standing paradigm that youth in foster care are unlikely to develop strong family connections before reaching the age of majority. Summaries of past Convenings at: www.youthpermanence.org/materials/summaries.php

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICE AND PERMANENCY PLANNING

www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/

Many resources, including:

- A permanency planning newsletter, a youth permanency bibliography, and materials in webcast and teleconference formats.
- Information about consultation related to family-finding strategies.

NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON ADOPTABLE CHILDREN

www.nacac.org

For information about finding permanent families for children and youth in foster care, see:

- “The Permanency Toolkit Series” at www.nacac.org/adoptalk/cfavideos.html
- “A Family for Every Child: Strategies to Achieve Permanency for Older Foster Children and Youth” (2005) by Mary Ford and Mary Boo. Developed with support of the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Available at www.nacac.org/adoptalk/family_every_child.pdf.

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS

www.pewtrusts.org

- “Time for Reform: Aging Out and on Their Own. More Teens Leaving Foster Care without a Permanent Family,” prepared by the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative.
- The Kids Are Waiting Campaign, a project of the Pew Charitable Trusts: kidsarewaiting.org.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

www.rtc.pdx.edu/PDF/pbAMPYouthParticipation.pdf

“Best Practices for Increasing Meaningful Youth Participation in Collaborative Team Planning.”

Note suggestion that the field continue to test two measures of efficacy for collaborative teams. One assesses youth participation; the other looks at youth empowerment.

THETOOLKIT.ORG – PERMANENCY FOR TEENS RESOURCES

www.rglewis.com and www.thetoolkit.org

See “Families for Teens: Key Questions,” a guide for social workers engaging teens on permanence developed by Bob Lewis and Alexandra Lowe, Special Council, New York City Administration for Children’s Services. Also, see descriptions of and links to ordering information for Robert Lewis and Maureen Heffernan’s 2004 toolkit series, including:

- “Adolescents and Families for Life: A Toolkit for Supervisors”
- “The Family Bound Program: A Toolkit for Preparing Teenagers for Permanent Family Connections”
- “Families for Teens: A Toolkit for Focusing, Educating and Motivating Staff.”

URBAN INSTITUTE

www.urban.org

“Foster Youths’ View of Adoption and Permanency,” a 2008 report from the Child Welfare Research Program, presents results of focus groups with 34 foster children in Washington, DC, and New York City. This report is available at www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411609_adoption_permanency.pdf.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY STUDIES

www.sc.edu/ccfs/research/adoladoptions.html

Two downloadable brochures on permanence: one for youth, one for potential adoptive parents.



The following is a developing list of selected web-based resources related to achieving family permanence for older children and youth in foster care. Additional resources related to youth permanency pathways are welcome. Please send website information with a description to info@youthpermanence.org.

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