

Federal Guidance and Other Resources Regarding Quality Legal Representation

Resources on Quality Representation for all Parties

- Administration for Children and Families Information Memo: "[High Quality Legal Representation for All Parties in Child Welfare Proceedings](#)" (2017)
- [Children's Bureau Express Spotlight on the Role of the Legal and Judicial Community in Improving Outcomes for Children and Families](#)
- [Using Preventive Legal Advocacy to Keep Children from Entering Foster Care \(Vivek Sankaran\)](#)
- [How Attorneys and Judges Help Strengthen Families \(NACC's "The Guardian"\)](#)
- [CIP Talks: "Imagine a New Child Welfare System" \(Jerry Milner\)](#)

Resources on Quality Representation for Youth

- [National Quality Improvement Center on the Representation of Children in the Child Welfare System \(QIC-ChildRep\)](#)
- [Evaluation of the QIC-Children Best Practices Model \(Chapin Hall\)](#)
- [Attributes of High-Quality Legal Representation for Children and Parents in Child Welfare Proceedings \(Family Justice Initiative\)](#)
- [ABA Standards of Practice for Lawyers who Represent Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases](#)
- [NACC Child Welfare Law Office Guidebook: Best Practice Guidelines for Organizational Legal Representation of Children in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases](#)
- [CIP Talks: Don Duquette](#)
- [CIP Talks: "Why every child in foster care would benefit from high quality legal representation" \(Angela Vigil\)](#)

Resources on Quality Representation for Parents

- [CBCC Online Learning Experience: Representing Parents in Child Welfare Cases](#)
- [ABA Standards of Practice for Attorneys Representing Parents in Abuse and Neglect Cases](#)
- [Key Studies and Data about how Legal Aid Assists Children in Foster Care \(The Justice in Government Project\)](#)
- [Strange Bedfellows: How Child Welfare Agencies Can Benefit from Investing in Multidisciplinary Parent Representation \(Vivek S. Sankaran, Patricia L. Rideout, and Martha L. Raimon\)](#)
- [Effects of parental and attorney involvement on reunification in juvenile dependency cases \(Steve M. Wood and Jesse R. Russell\)](#)
- [Legal Representation in the Juvenile Dependency System: Travis County, Texas' Parent Representation Pilot Project \(Steve M. Wood, Alicia Summers, and Crystal Soderman Duarte\)](#)
- [CIP Talks: Why Multidisciplinary Parent Representation is Beneficial to All \(Kathleen Kreamer\)](#)
- [CIP Talks: How Parent Attorneys Help Strengthen Families \(Carlyn Hicks\)](#)

Resources on Youth Voice in Legal Representation

- Administration for Children and Families Information Memo: “[Engaging, Empowering, and Utilizing Family and Youth Voice in all Aspects of Child Welfare to Drive Case Planning and System Improvement](#)” (2019)
- [Exploring the Legal Representation of Individuals in Foster Care: What say Youth and Alumni? \(Child and Youth Services Review\)](#)
- [Conceptualizing Effective Legal Representation for Foster Youth: A Group Concept Mapping Study \(Child and Youth Services Review\)](#)
- [Child Welfare Information Gateway Podcast, Engaging Youth in Foster Care](#)
- [Focus on Youth CFSR Findings 2015-2017](#)

Resources on Family Time

- Administration for Children and Families Information Memo: “[Family Time and Visitation for Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Care](#)” (2020)
- [Georgia Family Time Practice Guide: A Guide to Providing Appropriate Family Time for Children in Foster Care](#)
- [NCJFCJ Enhanced Resource Guidelines \(p. 85-88; 139-142; 322\)](#)

Resources on Title IV-E Reimbursement for Legal Representation

- [Child Welfare Practice Manual, Q/A 8.1B, #30, 31, and 32](#)
- [Child Welfare Practice Manual, Q/A 8.1H, #8 and 18](#)
- [Children’s Bureau Technical Bulletin: FAQs on Independent Legal Representation](#)
- [National Association of Counsel for Children \(NACC\) Title IV-E Funding for Legal Representation Hub](#)
- [Leveraging Title IV-E to Advance High-Quality Legal Representation & Training \(NACC Fact Sheet\)](#)
- [FAQ Regarding Federal IV-E Reimbursement for High-Quality Legal Representation for Children and Parents \(Family Justice Initiative\)](#)
- [Claiming Title IV-E Funds to Pay for Parents’ and Children’s Attorneys: A Brief Technical Overview \(ABA Center on Children and the Law\)](#)
- [New Federal Funding Source for Court-Appointed Counsel in Child Protection Cases \(National Judicial Opioid Task Force\)](#)