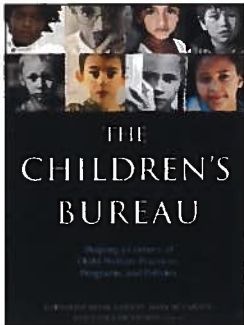


# Child Welfare Workforce Resources

## THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU: SHAPING A CENTURY OF CHILD WELFARE PRACTICES, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES



*The Children's Bureau: Shaping a Century of Child Welfare Practices, Programs, and Policies*, edited by Katharine Briar-Lawson, Mary McCarthy, and Nancy Dickinson focuses attention on the Children's Bureau's commitment to building and using evidence-informed and culturally relevant practice. The authors represent social work leaders in the field in child welfare policy, practice, and research.

[NASWPress.org/publications/children/childrens-bureau.html](http://NASWPress.org/publications/children/childrens-bureau.html)

## NASW STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN CHILD WELFARE

The *NASW Standards for Social Work Practice in Child Welfare* is a basic tool for social work practice in child welfare that might include family preservation and support, out-of-home care, family foster care, kinship care, residential group homes, adoption, independent living, child day care, adolescent pregnancy and parenting services, hospitals, and nontraditional settings such as faith-based facilities. These Standards are available for purchase at [NASWPress.org/publications/standards/child-welfare.html](http://NASWPress.org/publications/standards/child-welfare.html) or can be downloaded at [SocialWorkers.org/practice/standards/childwelfarestandards2012.pdf](http://SocialWorkers.org/practice/standards/childwelfarestandards2012.pdf).

## FAMILIES AND IMMIGRATION: A QUICK RESOURCE GUIDE\*

Immigration laws can often affect child welfare case planning and service delivery. Social workers are in a position to support immigrant children, youth and families in accessing immigration assistance and services to ensure their safety, permanency and well-being. This guide provides social workers with an overview of immigration relief options to help families across immigration services.

[SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp](http://SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp)



## CHILDREN AT RISK: OPTIMIZING HEALTH IN AN ERA OF REFORM

*Children at Risk: Optimizing Health in an Era of Reform* reports on an interdisciplinary think tank focused on the health outcomes of children involved with the child welfare system. Hosted by NASW's Social Work Policy Institute (SWPI) with PolicyLab of The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and contributing partner, the University of Southern California School of Social Work. [SocialWorkPolicy.org/news-events/report-on-health-care-for-children-at-risk.html](http://SocialWorkPolicy.org/news-events/report-on-health-care-for-children-at-risk.html).



## EDUCATING SOCIAL WORKERS FOR CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE: THE STATUS OF USING TITLE IV-E FUNDING TO SUPPORT BSW & MSW EDUCATION

This brief describes the current status of using Title IV-E funding in social work education, addressing its value to promote professional social work practice in public child welfare and describing the policy implementation challenges.

[SocialWorkpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/SWPI-IVE-Policy-Brief.pdf](http://SocialWorkpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/SWPI-IVE-Policy-Brief.pdf)

## ADDRESSING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF OLDER YOUTH\*

Young people in foster care often experience multiple challenges when accessing higher education. Too often they lack financial stability, access to secure housing and critical resources such as health care, transportation or emergency funds. This document addresses how social workers can help older youth navigate these obstacles and access higher education.

[SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp](http://SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp)

## SUPERVISION: THE SAFETY NET FOR FRONT-LINE CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE

Highlighting the complex and crucial role of supervisors in child welfare. The Social Work Policy Institute (SWPI) hosted *Supervision: The Safety Net for Front-Line Child Welfare Practice*, in conjunction with the NASW Center for Workforce Studies & Social Work Practice and the



National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI), with Casey Family Programs (CFP) as a contributing partner held a 2010 meeting. [SocialWorkPolicy.org/news-events/supervision-the-safety-net-for-front-line-child-welfare-practice.html](http://SocialWorkPolicy.org/news-events/supervision-the-safety-net-for-front-line-child-welfare-practice.html).

## ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR TRANSITION PLANNING\*

Older youth in foster care are confronted with an overwhelming number of adult decisions as they prepare to leave the child welfare system. Social workers are in a unique position to support them. This document outlines what social workers can do to ensure that youth are supported as they prepare to transition out of foster care.

[SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp](http://SocialWorkers.org/practice/children/default.asp).

## HIGH CASELOADS: HOW DO THEY IMPACT DELIVERY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES?

The NASW Social Work Policy Institute reviewed research related to caseloads, especially in child welfare agencies, and found that high caseloads can negatively impact both worker retention and service delivery outcomes. In addition, worker turnover is costly to agencies in terms of training and recruitment costs as well as the added stress on workers who remain.

[SocialWorkPolicy.org/research/high-caseloads-how-do-they-impact-delivery-of-health-and-human-services.html](http://SocialWorkPolicy.org/research/high-caseloads-how-do-they-impact-delivery-of-health-and-human-services.html).

## CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL WORKERS' ATTITUDES TOWARD MOBILE TECHNOLOGY: IS THERE A GENERATION GAP?



Child welfare workers are often overburdened and work under intense pressure with limited resources. They are expected to conduct interviews and home visits, attend court hearings and conduct various administrative tasks with limited resources. Fortunately, child welfare administrators across the country have begun to recognize that access to emerging information technology can boost the efficiency of overtaxed workers. *Child Welfare*

*Social Workers' Attitudes Toward Mobile Technology: Is there a Generation Gap?* highlights findings from a survey conducted to gauge the use of technology in the child welfare field across generations. [Workforce.SocialWorkers.org](http://Workforce.SocialWorkers.org).

## CENTER FOR WORKFORCE STUDIES & SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

The Center for Workforce Studies & Social Work Practice produces a wide range of resources to advance social work practice and relevant policies. For more child welfare related resources visit [SocialWorkers.org/practice/default.asp](http://SocialWorkers.org/practice/default.asp).

## CHILD WELFARE SPECIALTY PRACTICE SECTION

The Child Welfare Specialty Practice Section (SPS) provides resources for social workers serving to promote, protect, and preserve the well-being of children and their families. The Child Welfare SPS provides NASW members with free Continuing Education credits and up-to-date information on practice issues and trends. For more information on NASW's Child Welfare Specialty Practice Section visit [SocialWorkers.org/sections](http://SocialWorkers.org/sections).

## NASW PRESS

The NASW Press is a leading scholarly press in the social sciences. The Press delivers professional information to readers through journals, books and reference works. For more NASW Press publications visit [SocialWorkers.org/pub/default.asp](http://SocialWorkers.org/pub/default.asp).

## SOCIAL WORK POLICY INSTITUTE

The Social Work Policy Institute examines issues that relate to the work of social workers including how to serve people who have complex needs and how public agencies and other structures deliver health and human services. For more resources visit [SocialWorkPolicy.org](http://SocialWorkPolicy.org).

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