50-State Resource Directory

A nationwide state-by-state verification workbook and trusted starting points.

FIRST EDITION — VERIFICATION WORKBOOK. This is not yet a populated directory of verified state contacts. Complete and date-check each entry before publishing it as a public referral.

A practical, family-centered guide

This resource is designed to help people organize information, ask informed questions, and locate appropriate support. It is educational—not legal advice. Procedures, rights, deadlines, and agency practices vary by state, tribe, court, and individual case. Confirm current requirements with a qualified attorney or the relevant agency.

How to use this directory

This first-edition directory is a state-by-state research worksheet, not a verified contact list. Agency names, reporting lines, phone numbers, complaint routes, ombuds offices, legal aid coverage, and court procedures can change. Use the official federal and state sources below to confirm current information before publishing or relying on a contact.

Start with the federal Child Welfare Information Gateway: childwelfare.gov. Search for the current child welfare agency website for the state, then follow links from that official state government site. Do not rely on a search-result snippet or an old phone number.

For legal aid, use Legal Services Corporation – Get Legal Help. For federal foster care and adoption data, use the Children's Bureau and its AFCARS Dashboard.

For each state, identify: (1) the lead child welfare agency; (2) public contact / reporting page; (3) constituent services, ombuds, or complaint process, if available; (4) state court / self-help resources; (5) legal aid provider; and (6) date checked.

State-by-state verification worksheet

Use one row per state. Enter only official or independently verified contact details. Include a direct source URL and the date you checked it.

State	Lead agency / official URL	Public contact / complaint route	Legal aid / court resource	Verified

State checklist — all 50 states

Mark each state when its official agency, complaint route, court resource, and legal aid information have been checked. Add the source URL and verification date in your working master copy.

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- ■ Alaska
- ■ Arizona
- ■ Arkansas
- ■ California
- ■ Colorado
- ■ Connecticut
- ■ Delaware
- ■ Florida
- ■ Georgia
- ■ Hawaii
- ■ Idaho
- ■ Illinois
- ■ Indiana
- ■ Iowa
- ■ Kansas
- ■ Kentucky
- ■ Louisiana
- ■ Maine
- ■ Maryland
- ■ Massachusetts
- ■ Michigan
- ■ Minnesota
- ■ Mississippi
- ■ Missouri
- ■ Montana
- ■ Nebraska
- ■ Nevada
- ■ New Hampshire
- ■ New Jersey
- ■ New Mexico
- ■ New York
- ■ North Carolina
- ■ North Dakota
- ■ Ohio
- ■ Oklahoma

- ■ Oregon
- ■ Pennsylvania
- ■ Rhode Island
- ■ South Carolina
- ■ South Dakota
- ■ Tennessee
- ■ Texas
- ■ Utah
- ■ Vermont
- ■ Virginia
- ■ Washington
- ■ West Virginia
- ■ Wisconsin
- ■ Wyoming

National source desk

Child Welfare Information Gateway

Federal clearinghouse for child welfare information, state resources, publications, and topic-specific guidance: childwelfare.gov.

Children's Bureau / Administration for Children and Families

Federal child welfare programs, reports, policy information, and data: acf.gov/cb.

AFCARS data dashboard

Federal foster care and adoption data. Review the dashboard's reporting period, submission date, and data notes before quoting figures: AFCARS Dashboard.

Legal Services Corporation

Find civil legal aid organizations by location: Get Legal Help. Eligibility and case coverage vary.

U.S. Department of Justice – ADA guidance

Guidance on disability nondiscrimination in child welfare programs and courts: ADA.gov parent rights resource.

Publication and verification log

Resource / state	Source URL	Checked by	Date checked	Next review

Suggested maintenance: review every state contact at least twice a year and immediately after a reported agency reorganization or broken link. Archive the prior version and record what changed.

Important safety note

If a child or another person is in immediate danger, contact local emergency services. Do not delay urgent safety action to complete a worksheet. Keep sensitive records secure and share them only with people who have a legitimate need to know.

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