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Supporting Children in Immigrant Families in the Current Immigration Landscape

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LEGAL RESOURCES

CHILD WELFARE

- **American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law, Child Welfare and Immigration Project**, https://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/project-areas/immigration/; this project supports courts and agencies working with immigrant children, parents, and kin with children in or at risk of entering the dependency system. It helps child welfare and immigration attorneys understand their clients' legal needs. The project shares tools and models, and strengthens connections between the two legal fields.
- **Immigrants in the Child Welfare System, Case Studies, Child Welfare and Immigration Project**, ABA Center on Children and the Law (May 2018), https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/child_law/Immigration%20in%20CWS%20Case%20Studies_final.authcheckdam.pdf
- **Parental Detention and Deportation in Child Welfare Cases**, by Prudence Beidler Carr, American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, Child Welfare Journal, Vol. 96, No. 5 (2018) (copy provided in training materials)

PUBLIC BENEFITS

- **Access to State-Funded Public Benefits in New Mexico for Survivors, Based on Immigration Status**, by Daniel Enos and Leslye E. Orloff (February 2019), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/New-Mexico-Benefits.pdf>
- **Family Court Bench Card on Immigrant Crime Victim's and Immigrant Children's Access to Public Benefits and Services**, by Daniel Enos, Jordan Tacher, Leslye E. Orloff, and David Stauffer (Updated March 2019), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/IMMBchCrd-PublicBenefitsAccessFamilyCourt-06.13.14.pdf>

SEPARATED CHILDREN

- **Frequently Asked Questions About Separated Children and the Child Welfare System**, ABA Center on Children and the Law, Women's Refugee Commission, and the Center on Immigration and Child Welfare (July 2018), <https://cimmcw.org/wp-content/uploads/Separated-Childrenand-Adoption-Concerns-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-FINAL-7.29.18.pdf>; this fact sheet answers frequently asked questions about family separation due to immigration

enforcement and what happens to children separated from their parents, highlighting differences between the federal foster care system and state public child welfare system.

- **The Legal Rights of Separated Children**, Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) (August 2018), <https://supportkind.org/resources/the-legal-rights-of-separated-children/>

SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS

- **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Bench Book: A National Guide to Best Practices for Judges and Courts**, developed by Leslye E. Orloff and Rafaela Rodrigues, Editors (March 2018), <http://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/wp-content/uploads/SIJS-Bench-book-complete-withcorrect-cover-page.pdf>
- **Special Immigrant Juvenile Status – New Mexico Statute, 32A-4-23.1**. Disposition of an undocumented immigrant child in a proceeding under the Abuse and Neglect Act.

TRAUMA RESPONSIVE PRACTICE

- **Primer for Juvenile Court Judges: A Trauma-Informed Approach to Judicial Decision-Making for Newcomer Immigrant Youth in Juvenile Justice Proceedings**, prepared by the Center for Trauma Recovery and Juvenile Justice, National Center for Youth Law Refugee Trauma and Resilience Center, in consultation with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (February 2019) https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/specialresource/primer_for_juvenile_court_judges_a_trauma_informed_approach_to_judicial_decisionmaking_for_newcomer_immigrant_youth_in_juvenile_justice_proceedings.pdf
- **Trauma: What Child Welfare Attorneys Should Know**. National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Justice Consortium Attorney Workgroup Subcommittee (2017). National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources//trauma_what_child_welfare_attorneys_need_to_know.pdf
- **Trauma-Informed Legal Advocacy: A Resource for Juvenile Defense Attorneys**. National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Justice Consortium Attorney Workgroup Subcommittee (2018). National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. https://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/resources/resourceguide/trauma_informed_legal_advocacy_a_resource_for_juvenile_defense_attorneys.pdf