

## **Your Life Your Rights**

Describes rights of young people in the care of the Ministry of Children and Families, and/or a delegated Aboriginal agency.

<http://fbcyicn.ca/files/rights-book/know-rights-online.pdf>

## **Information on Child and Youth Rights in BC**

All young people in the care of the Ministry of Children and Family Development have specific legal rights. These rights are set out in a law called the Child, Family and Community Service Act. Young people's rights apply whether they are in care under an agreement between their family and the ministry, or under a court order. In addition, they apply no matter which foster parent children and youth live with, or wherever they are placed. For more in-depth information about these rights go to:

<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/foster/incare.htm>

## **Representative for Children and Youth BC**

The Representative supports BC children, youth and families who need help in dealing with the child welfare system, and advocates for changes to the system itself. See the document "Children and Youth in care have the following rights" on the website:

[www.rcybc.ca](http://www.rcybc.ca)

All young people have rights as defined in the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**.

For a copy of this convention go to:

<http://www.crin.org/docs/resources/treaties/uncrc.asp>

## **Achieving Permanency for LGBTQ**

**Youth:** Jill Jacobs, Oakland, CA, Madelyn Freundlich, , New York, NY

[http://www.nclrights.org/site/DocServer/achieving\\_permanency\\_lgbtqyouth.pdf?docID=3445](http://www.nclrights.org/site/DocServer/achieving_permanency_lgbtqyouth.pdf?docID=3445)

## **The Annie E. Casey Foundation**

Headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, the Annie E. Casey Foundation works to promote the well-being of our nation's most vulnerable children. Its primary mission is to foster public policies, human services, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable children and families.

<http://www.caseyfamilyservices.org/index.php/ourwork/>

## **British Columbia Government Publications on Child Welfare topics.**

[http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child\\_protection/publications.htm](http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child_protection/publications.htm)

## **Berry, Marianne Evidence-based best practices in the engagement of families.**

Published: 2001. Publication

Information: Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

<http://vafamilyconnections.com/documents/evidenced%20Based%20Best%20Practices%20in%20the%20Engagement%20of%20Families.pdf>

## **California Permanency for Youth Project**

Has a wide range of information of all aspects of permanency planning for youth, including, definitions, policies, procedures and more.

<http://www.cyp.org/>

## **CASA for Children: Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ Youth in Foster Care.**

Fall 2009

[http://nc.casaforchildren.org/files/public/site/publications/TheConnection/Fall2009/Cover\\_Story.pdf](http://nc.casaforchildren.org/files/public/site/publications/TheConnection/Fall2009/Cover_Story.pdf).

## **Expanded List of Resources Related to LGBTQ Youth in Care**

[http://nc.casaforchildren.org/files/public/site/publications/TheConnection/Fall2009/Expanded\\_Resources\\_Sidebar.pdf](http://nc.casaforchildren.org/files/public/site/publications/TheConnection/Fall2009/Expanded_Resources_Sidebar.pdf)

## **Centre of Excellence for Children's Well Being: Children in Care in Canada:**

"A summary of current issues and trends with recommendations for future research".

Farris-Manning, Cheryl and Zandstra, Marietta. Ottawa 2003

<http://www.cecw-cepb.ca/publications/574>

## **Gina Miranda Samuels, A Reason, a Season, a Lifetime: Relational Permanence among Young Adults with Foster Care Backgrounds.** 2008. Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

<http://www.jimcaseyyouth.org/reason-season-lifetime-relational-permanence-among-young-adults-foster-care-backgrounds>

## **Child Welfare Information Gateway**

Provides resources to support professionals in ensuring a legally permanent, nurturing family for every child in out-of-home care through family reunification, adoption from foster care, guardianship, and permanent placements with relatives.

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/permanency/>

## **Families for Life: Selected Web-Based Resources: Achieving Permanence for Older Children and Youth.**

September 2006. 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.

<http://www.aecf.org/upload/publicationfiles/cfs3622h1220.pdf>

## **Elizabeth Fernandez and Peter Maplestone, Permanency Planning and Placement Stability.** 2006.

University of New South Wales Australia. A comprehensive literature review of Australian and international research on permanency planning and out-of-home care.

[http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/\\_assets/main/documents/researchnotes\\_permancy\\_planning.pdf](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/docswr/_assets/main/documents/researchnotes_permancy_planning.pdf)

## **Five-Step Model: There are five steps to family finding and engagement utilized by the Permanency Case Managers.**

This five-step model is designed to locate, engage, connect and support relationships between youth and their connections. San Luis Obispo County.

[http://www.cpy.org/slo\\_files/SLO-FiveStepModel.doc](http://www.cpy.org/slo_files/SLO-FiveStepModel.doc)

## **Kinship Care vs. Foster Care: Comparing Outcomes of Placements.**

[http://www.familiesinsociety.org/new/Newsletter/issue03\\_08.pdf](http://www.familiesinsociety.org/new/Newsletter/issue03_08.pdf)

## **Lewis, Robert G. & Heffernan, Maureen S., Adolescents and Families for Life: A Toolkit for Supervisors.**

<http://www.rglewis.com/> and <http://www.thetoolkit.org/>

**The National Resource Centre for Permanency & Family Connections,** Hunter College School of Social Work.

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/>, including:

**Susan Dougherty, Promising Practices in Reunification,** 2004.

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp/downloads/promising-practices-in-reunification.pdf>

**National Resource Center for Youth Development,** publications on permanency.

<http://www.nrcyd.ou.edu/resources/publications.html>

**“Preserving Connections. Helping Children and Youth Develop and Maintain Connections.”** This booklet addresses some ways to preserve and build connections for children and youth, written to support all those who work with foster youth to think creatively about how to maintain connections for children; how to help them preserve their life stories.

<http://shaening.com/projectDocs/Preserving%20Connections.pdf>

**RD4U** is a website designed for young people by young people. It is part of Cruse Bereavement Care’s Youth Involvement Project and is here to support people after the death of someone close. RD4U means the ‘road for you’ - the main aim of the site is to let you find your own ‘road’ to dealing with your loss.

<http://www.rd4u.org.uk/>

Dorothy Scott, Cas O’Neill, Andrew Minge, **‘Literature review: Contact between children in out-of-home care and their birth families.’** 2005. School of Social Work, University of Melbourne

[http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/DOCSWR/\\_assets/main/documents/OOHC\\_research.pdf](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/DOCSWR/_assets/main/documents/OOHC_research.pdf)

**Walmsley, Christopher.** Protecting Aboriginal Children. UBC Press. 2005

This is a companion document to the report **Belonging 4 Ever: Creating Permanency for Youth in and from Care (2010)**, available from the **Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks** and **First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition**.