# Description: http://www.sog.unc.edu/dailybulletin/images/SOGLogoForEmail.gif Website Resources: Helpful Hints for Child Welfare Information

## Microsites (or Home Pages)

The School of Government refers to certain landing pages as “Microsites.” The following microsites may provide information you are looking for when addressing an issue related to abuse, neglect, dependency, or termination of parental rights.

1. The Juvenile Law Microsite

https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/juvenile-law/

* + This microsite offers a place where you can access materials and resources related to child welfare and juvenile justice. There is a left navigation bar that brings you to other resources on the School’s website [the Child Welfare Case Compendium (CWCC), summaries of legislative changes, publications specific to juvenile law, materials from past courses and conferences, on-line trainings] as well as outside resources, such as North Carolina statutes, the administrative code, and the NC DHHS Division of Social Services child welfare policies.

1. The Abuse, Neglect, Dependency Termination of Parental Rights Manual Microsite https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/abuse-neglect-dependency-and-termination-parental-rights
   * This microsite is the on-line version of the manual. You can download the entire manual and/or individual chapters here. As of June 2015, the School only produces an on-line version of the manual
2. The District Court Judges Microsite

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/nc-district-court-judges>

* + This microsite links to the Juvenile Law Microsite. It contains course and conference announcements and materials from past courses and conferences, some of which are specific to child welfare. It also explains the AOC certification for Juvenile Court.

1. The North Carolina Judicial College Microsite <https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/north-carolina-judicial-college>
   * Contains course announcements and materials from past courses
2. The Social Services Microsite

<https://www.sog.unc.edu/resources/microsites/social-services>

* + Contains publications and past course and conference materials on issues related to social services, including child welfare.

## Blogs

On the Civil Side: <http://civil.sog.unc.edu/>

In January 2015, the School launched *On the Civil Side,* a blog that focuses on civil legal issues including child welfare, juvenile justice, family law, civil procedure, estate proceedings, adult guardianship, small claims, etc. You can search topics by keyword or you can select a Category for all blogs indexed with a particular category (“Child Welfare Law”). You can also get a listing of every blog published by a contributing author; for example, Sara DePasquale authors a majority (but not all) of the blog posts categorized under “Child Welfare Law.” Blogs are published on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you would like to receive emails when new posts come out, type your email in the “Subscribe” box in the top right corner.

### Other Blogs

Two other School of Government blogs that may have an occasional post that apply to child welfare are

* North Carolina Criminal Law (<http://nccriminallaw.sog.unc.edu/>) and
* Coates’ Canons: NC Local Government Law (<http://canons.sog.unc.edu/>).

Both of these blogs may be searched in the same manner as On the Civil Side: by selecting a pre-filtered category, viewing a list of posts published by individual authors, or by conducting a keyword search.

## Case Summaries

https://www.sog.unc.edu/cwcc/  
The Child Welfare Case Compendium (CWCC) is an on-line searchable database that consists of annotations of opinions addressing child welfare issues that have been published by the North Carolina appellate courts and the U.S. Supreme Court from January 2014 to present. The annotations are organized into six different categories:

* Abuse, Neglect, Dependency
* Termination of Parental Rights
* Adoption
* UCCJEA
* Civil Cases with Application to Child Welfare
* Criminal Cases with Application to Child Welfare

 A user may conduct a global search of the entire CWCC by keyword or phrase or may conduct and/or limit a search by using one of the six Categories as a filter. Within each Category, additional filters have been created to allow a user to conduct a more focused search by using a Stage and/or Topic that is associated with a specific Category. For example, a search may be made by selecting the Category, “Abuse, Neglect, Dependency,” a Stage that relates to that selected Category (e.g. “Adjudication”) and a “Topic” that applies to the selected Stage (e.g. “Abuse”).    
   
Each annotation includes the case name and citation, a description of the holding, the judgment (including whether there is a dissent and/or stay), related tags (or pre-identified search terms) that allow users to see other case annotations with the same tag, and a link to the published opinion. Because cases are organized by discrete legal issue, a case may appear multiple times.

## Social Services Confidentiality Research Tool

https://www.sog.unc.edu/css-research-tool   
Every day social services agencies in North Carolina must identify, interpret, and apply numerous state and federal confidentiality laws that apply to a range of public assistance and protective services programs. Because there are so many laws to consider, it is sometimes difficult to identify the right laws. In 2002, former School of Government faculty member John Saxon began the process of collecting and summarizing applicable confidentiality laws. Aimee Wall expanded on his work and created this on-line search tool, which is a database that includes over 250 legal resources, including statutes, regulations, cases, and guidance materials. For each resource identified, the database includes a citation, an external link, a brief summary, and links to other potentially relevant resources. You can use one of the drop down menus to sort the resources by type (e.g., state case, federal statute) or topic (e.g., child protective services). Users can also click on the column headings to sort the database by citation, type, or topic. There is also is an open text search field, but the sensitivity and accuracy of that search function varies.

## Podcast: Beyond the Bench

In the Summer of 2016, the NC Judicial College at the School of Government started a podcast.

**Season Two** is hosted by Sara DePasquale and focuses on neglect and the child welfare system with a particular emphasis on homelessness. Through six episodes, you will hear about family homelessness in North Carolina, whether homelessness is neglect and requires a report to a county child welfare (or social services) department under North Carolina’s mandated reporting laws, and the different stages of a child welfare case. Each episode discusses a different stage in a child welfare case and includes the various voices and perspectives of the people involved in a case. Those voices include homeless shelter staff, county department social workers and attorney, the children’s guardian ad litem, a parent attorney, and district court judges. The first episode, *“Without a Home,”* airs on November 4th. A new episode will be released every two weeks (with a slight adjustment for the University’s winter break). Although the podcast has a legal focus, it is intended to be accessible to everyone, not just lawyers. You can listen through the web on our Beyond the Bench website, <http://podcast.sog.unc.edu/>, or download episodes through Itunes or Stitcher.

## Publications

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