Children’s Law Center

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Mission: The Children’s Law Center is a training and resource center for professionals involved in child maltreatment or juvenile justice court proceedings and child advocates working to improve the safety and well-being of children.

Geographic area covered: Depending on the type of service, the Children’s Law Center provides support mainly for South Carolina residents and professionals, but may also be available upon request to out of state residents.

Services Provided:

News and Events

• The Children’s Law Center is a central point for news and developments in children’s law.

Training

• We offer trainings throughout the year on various topics related to children’s law and child well-being. All of our programs are developed by former practitioners with years of experience and expertise in the topic area and are designed to ensure you get the most out of your training experience.

Publications and Resources

• Publications
  o Our staff members produce training and resource materials to assist professionals and volunteers working with children involved in the child protection and juvenile justice court systems. In addition to publications developed by center staff, links to valuable on-line materials are also provided.

• Statutes and Case Law
  o Search laws affecting children in our state with easy-to-navigate links to relevant state statutes and case summaries with links to the cases in full.

• Child Law Book Collection
  o Located in the Hampton Street office, the Child Law Book Collection contains books, periodicals, and reports on various topics related to child welfare, child abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice.

• Child and Family Services Resource Guide
  o A convenient tool to help you access program descriptions and contact information for service providers that assist children and families in South Carolina.

• Online Resources
• Legal Resources for the Public

Committees and Task Forces

• The Children’s Law Center provides research assistance and staff support to various committees and task forces across the state. The Center specifically serves as the research and writing staff for the South Carolina Children’s Justice Act Task Force, the South Carolina Citizen Review Panels, the South Carolina Family Court Bench-Bar Committee, and the South Carolina Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children.

Student Opportunities

• If you are interested in a career in children’s law, we invite you to learn more about opportunities with the Children’s Law Center. The Children’s Law Center complements
the School of Law’s child law concentration program, making USC an ideal choice for students interested in child law.