

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

Legal Issues

Material Title: **A Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples (Eleventh Edition)**
 Author: Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford & Frederick Hertz *Books* 2002 173 pages

Laws designed to protect married heterosexual couples don't apply to lesbian and gay couples - you need to take specific legal steps to define and protect your relationships in the eyes of the law. This practical, plain-English guide shows lesbian and gay couples how to: make practical decisions about living together; obtain domestic partner benefits; make medical decisions for each other in times of illness or incapacity; take care of a partner's finances in times of absence or incapacity; leave property to each other; understand the practical and legal aspects of having and raising children through adoption, donor insemination, surrogacy or foster parenting.

Material Title: **Adoption Politics: Bastard Nation and Ballot Initiative 58**
 Author: E. Wayne Carp *Books* 2004 169 pages

The passage of Measure 58 in Oregon in 1998 restored the legal right of adopted adults to request their original birth certificates. This book reveals the efforts of the grassroots organization, Bastard Nation to pass this milestone initiative. It follows the campaign from its inception, addressing essential ethical questions raised by all sides of this complex issue.

Material Title: **For the Love of My Child: Estate Planning for Parents of Children with Special Needs (CD)**
 Author: Steven Owens *CDs* 8/6/2011 1 hour 28 minutes

Presented by Steven Owens, Steven R. Owens Attorney and Counselor at Law, Colorado at the 37th NACAC Conference 2011 in Denver, Colorado. The workshop will discuss the legal steps that parents of disabled children must take to ensure that their children will be cared for if the parents become disabled or pass away, and to ensure that the children remain eligible for all public benefits. Using information relevant to people from all states, the presenter will discuss special needs trusts, disability planning, and guardianship.

Material Title: **From Place to Place (DVD)**
 Author: Porch Productions *DVDs* 2011 80 minutes

Having recently aged out of foster care, Micah, Mandy & Raif face life with little support beyond their social worker, Matt. Raif falls in and out of love as many times as he jumps trains, Mandy tries to succeed at her education and Micah just can't stay out of jail. Mustering courage into action, Mandy and Raif travel to Capitol Hill to tell their stories and try to change the system that raised them for generations to come.

Material Title: **Implementing the Fostering Connections Act in Your State (CD)**
 Author: Joe Kroll *CDs* 2010 90 minutes

Parents and young people have shaped significant federal legislation recently, including the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act. This session will help you be part of implementing the Fostering Connections Act in your state—estimating how much your state will receive when it increases adoptions and places previously non-IV-E eligible children for adoption.

Material Title: **Mental Health Law in Oregon**
 Author: Disability Rights Oregon *Information Packets* 2012 71 pages

This guide was written to provide information about the rights and protections that individuals with mental illness have under the law in Oregon, and includes citations to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR).

Material Title: **Moving Forward: Making Sense of Our Complex Children (DVD)**
 Author: Dr. Ronald Federici and Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *DVDs* 2012

When children reach the later teenage years, many times they are not emotionally or developmentally ready for the challenges of independence. In this DVD, Dr. Federici discusses legal and financial options families have in order to stage their children through a slower and more gradual approach into adulthood. This volume sheds light on how to create the balance children with trauma histories need, without overwhelming them, to move them forward successfully.

Material Title: **Oregon's Legal Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children – 2012**
 Author: *Non-Return Items* 2012 75 pages

The first half of this booklet helps caregivers understand their legal rights in a number of situations. The second half offers practical suggestions for dealing with such things as school registration, medical insurance, financial assistance (food stamps, SSI, respite care, etc.), housing considerations, violence in the family, etc., and a list of resources.

Legal Issues

Material Title: **Wrightslaw: Special Education Law (CD-ROM)**

Author: CD-ROM

CD-ROMs

1999

This "Complete Reference to Special Education Legal Rights and Responsibilities" shows you what the law says about IEP requirements and IEP teams, evaluations, reevaluations, and independent evaluations, rights and responsibilities of parents and schools, and much more. NOTE: The entire text of this CD ROM is also available as a book of the same title.

Material Title: **Wrongful Adoption: Law, Policy, and Practice**

Author: Madelyn Freundlich

Books

1998

77 pages

In response to cases where adoptive parents fail to receive accurate or complete information about a child's physical, emotional, or developmental problems, or about the child's birth family and history, these authors examine adoption practice (in relation to disclosure of children's health and other background information), cases that have shaped the legalistic definition of wrongful adoption, significant policy and practice issues, and recommendations for quality adoption practices.