

Health & Safety Resources



Department for Community Based Services

General Information: 502-564-3703/800-372-2973
Report Child Abuse: 877-585-2331/877-597-2331
chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs

As Kentucky's child welfare agency, the Department for Community Based Services administers the state foster care and adoption systems. DCBS also accepts and investigates reports of child dependency, neglect and abuse. DCBS is part of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and can provide information about services that might benefit your family.

Human Trafficking

General Information: 502-696-5300
National Hotline to Report Human Trafficking: 888-373-7888
ag.ky.gov/Priorities/Protecting-Kentuckians/Pages/Human-Trafficking.aspx

The Office of the Attorney General is the leading agency in Kentucky's fight against human trafficking. The OAG provides resources for victims and information on how to recognize and report human trafficking.

Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence

502-209-5382
kcadv.org

The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence offers a variety of supportive services to both shelter residents and nonresidential participants. All services are free of charge and include:

- 24-hour crisis line
- Legal/court advocacy
- Case management and safety planning
- Support groups and individual counseling
- Children's groups and parenting classes
- Housing assistance, financial education, budgeting and help in reaching economic independence
- Access to individual development accounts, free tax preparation and job search assistance
- Drug and alcohol services or referrals to substance abuse programs

Educational Resources



Kentucky Department of Education

502-564-3141
education.ky.gov

The Kentucky Department of Education supports and regulates the state's public school districts and provides information about educational and program opportunities for children.

Kentucky Protection & Advocacy

800-372-2988
kypa.net

Kentucky Protection & Advocacy's mission is to protect and promote the rights of Kentuckians with disabilities through legally based individual and systemic advocacy, and education. KPA provides information and referrals to advocates and attorneys. KPA operates within the Department of Public Advocacy.

Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network

502-937-6894/800-525-7746
kyspin.com

The Kentucky Special Parent Involvement Network is a statewide nonprofit organization. KY-SPIN links families and individuals with disabilities to valuable resources that will enable them to live productive, fulfilling lives.

Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs

502-429-4430/800-232-1160
chfs.ky.gov/agencies/ccshcn/Pages/default.aspx

The Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs provides comprehensive care to children and youth with special health care needs. Services are available to Kentucky residents younger than 21 who meet medical and financial eligibility. The OCSHCN offers resources, facilitates communication with other staff members and supports parents seeking services for their children.



Department of Family & Juvenile Services
Administrative Office of the Courts
1001 Vandalay Drive | Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
800-928-2350 | kycourts.gov

Kentucky Resources for Youth & Families



Provided by the
Administrative Office of the Courts

The Department of Family & Juvenile Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts is pleased to provide a list of resources for young people involved in Kentucky's juvenile justice system. This resource is provided as a courtesy to youth and their families and is not meant to be comprehensive or an endorsement of any organization.

Court Resources

Administrative Office of the Courts

502-573-2350/800-928-2350

kycourts.gov

The Administrative Office of the Courts is the administrative arm of the Judicial Branch. The AOC supports court facilities and programs in all 120 counties, with its main campus in Frankfort. The AOC can provide information about the state court system and the Court Designated Worker Program.

Judicial Conduct Commission

502-564-1231

kycourts.gov

The Judicial Conduct Commission investigates complaints of judicial misconduct, wrongdoing or disability. It is the only entity authorized under the Kentucky Constitution to take disciplinary action against a sitting Kentucky judge.

Legal Resources

Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky

cackentucky.org/local-centers

Children's Advocacy Centers of Kentucky maintains 15 centers across the state. Each center provides specialized child-friendly interviews, medical exams, therapy and advocacy to children entering the justice system as part of an investigation of abuse.

Children's Law Center

866-386-8313

childrenslawky.org

The Children's Law Center is a nonprofit legal service center protecting the rights of children and youth to help them overcome barriers and transition into adulthood, better advocate for their needs and successfully contribute to society.

Department of Juvenile Justice

502-573-2044

djj.ky.gov

The Department of Juvenile Justice provides a range of services to sentenced, committed, probated and detained youth and their families. This assistance is meant to create opportunities for young people to develop into productive, responsible citizens while enhancing public safety.

Department of Public Advocacy

502-564-8006

dpa.ky.gov

The Department of Public Advocacy provides representation statewide to indigent persons of all ages who are accused of crimes or facing a deprivation of liberty. The DPA handles cases that include involuntary commitment, juvenile cases, misdemeanors including DUI, and felonies.

Louisville Jefferson-County Public Defender Corporation

502-574-3800

louisvillemetropublicdefender.org/about.html

The Louisville-Jefferson County Public Defender Corporation is a nonprofit organization providing legal services in the largest jurisdiction in Kentucky. The office serves indigent adults and juveniles accused of crimes and status offenses, and those who are subjected to involuntary hospitalization due to mental illness.

Kentucky Bar Association

502-564-3795

kybar.org

The Kentucky Bar Association is an independent agency of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. The KBA serves approximately 18,980 active and inactive Kentucky licensed attorneys.

Civil Legal Aid Programs

Kentucky's four civil legal aid programs provide free legal assistance to low-income and other vulnerable people. The programs help individuals and families with issues related to income, family, housing, food security, safety and health.

Kentucky Legal Aid

Serves Southcentral and Western Kentucky

Bowling Green 270-782-1924/800-782-1924

Madisonville 270-825-3801/800-467-2193

Owensboro 270-683-4588/800-467-2260

Paducah 270-442-5518/800-467-2218

klaid.org

Kentucky Legal Aid provides free legal advice and representation to low-income, disabled and elderly people with civil legal problems.

Legal Aid Society

Serves Jefferson and Surrounding Counties

502-584-1254/800-292-1862

yourlegallaid.org

The Legal Aid Society is based in Louisville and offers free civil legal help to individuals and families with incomes at or below 125% to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. LAS provides legal assistance on issues related to income, family, housing, safety and health.

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass

Serves North and Northeastern Kentucky

Ashland 606-329-1321

Covington 859-431-8200

Lexington 859-233-4556

Morehead 606-784-8921

lablaw.org

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass provides civil legal aid to low-income families with children, the elderly, veterans and people needing access to health care. LAB helps resolve important problems through direct representation, education, advice, advocacy and coordination with other community resources.

AppalReD Legal Aid

Serves Eastern and Southcentral Kentucky

866-277-5733

ardfky.org

The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky – known as AppalReD Legal Aid – AppalReD focuses on legal problems that affect its clients' basic needs for food, shelter, income, personal safety from all forms of abuse, and safety and stability for children and the elderly.