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LEGAL RESEARCH GUIDE

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TOPIC: **BABYSITTING**: Information about babysitting for parents, children, providers and employers.

Quick Research Tip: Contact your **local** Red Cross Office, school, county Juvenile Department, **local** health and human services, or commission on children and family departments. For specific phone or Internet contact information, call your local public library or city/county information service.

1) BOOKS/PAMPHLETS/BROCHURES (TIP: Remember, **not everything is online!**)

- Many legal research resources are not online. Oregon legal practice manuals on state and federal law and practice are published by the Oregon State Bar and are available for reference at your county law libraries. For example, The Rights of Children and Adolescents or Torts.
- Ask at your county or state law library for titles. Locate your local county law library: [Oregon Council of County Law Libraries directory \(OCCLL\)](#)
- Ask about legal self-help books at your public library and local bookstores such as the American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Handbook or Start and Run a Home Day Care Business published by [Self-Counsel Press](#).
- Oregon public library links [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

2) ONLINE INFORMATION

- [Oregon Revised Statutes](#) (ORS) search for key words such as child, child care, care provider, minor, child labor, neglect, abuse, minimum wage, family care home and more. Be sure to also check [Oregon Administrative Rules](#) (OAR's) for applicable agency regulations.
- Oregon Employment Division's [Child Care Division](#) is the place to go for parents, child care providers, family care homes, employers and links to child care rules, the online criminal history registry application, complaint history and more.
- The [American Red Cross](#) offers classes for babysitters (and "When I'm in Charge" classes) through local Red Cross chapters. The Portland area [Oregon Trail Chapter](#) offers over thirty community youth class locations in the tri-county area.
- [Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries](#) (BOLI) is the place to go for information for employers and employees on wages, child labor and independent contractor pay issues.
- The [National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care](#): learn about the Child Care Law Center, allergies, rights of children with disabilities, safety, and more.
- [Oregon State Bar \(OSB\) Public Info](#) (503-684-3763)

OTHER RESOURCES

- The [OSB Problem Solvers](#), a service of the Oregon State Bar: volunteer lawyers provide free legal information and advice to young people between ages 11 and 17.
- [Legal Aid Services of Oregon \(LASO\)](#): 03-648-7163
- Oregon Judicial Department (OJD): [Self-Help Resources](#)
- A [directory of Portland Metro-Area Legal Services](#)
- [How to Find a Lawyer in Oregon and other legal research guides](#)
- Ask an Oregon librarian a question via email: [Oregon State Library / LNET](#)
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