

# Washington County (Oregon) Law Library

## LEGAL RESEARCH GUIDE

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**TOPIC: GRANDPARENTS: Visitation, adoption and custody of grandchildren**

### QUICK TIPS:

- Oregon: [Legal Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children](#)
- General: [AARP Grandparenting Program Information Center](#)

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

- Oregon legal practice and procedure manuals are generally available for research at law school and county law libraries:
  1. Oregon Law Institute (OLI), *Guardianships and Conservatorships, Updated Forms and Procedures*, 2007 (CLE course book)
  2. Oregon Law Institute (OLI), *Guardianships, Conservatorships, and Transfers to Minors*, 2004 (monograph)
  3. Oregon State Bar, "*Family Law*" (chapters on custody, visitation, and rights of third parties) (loose-leaf)
  4. Oregon State Bar, "*Juvenile Law*" (loose-leaf) (updated irre)
  5. Oregon State Bar, "*Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Juvenile Law But Were Afraid to Ask*," 2006 (includes chapter on third-party parenting rights)
- Locate your county law library: [Oregon Council of County Law Libraries directory \(OCCLL\)](#)
- Ask about legal self-help books at your public library and local bookstores.
- Oregon public library links [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#).

### 2) ONLINE INFORMATION: Statutes, Government Agencies, Nonprofit Organizations

- [Oregon Revised Statutes](#) (ORS): search keywords *child custody, grandparent visitation, temporary power of attorney, Indian Child Welfare, substantial relationship, best interests, caretaker relationship, child-parent relationship, dependent, abuse, neglect, Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA), intervention, child support, Family Medical Leave Act*, and more.
- [Oregon Administrative Rules](#) (OAR's): applicable agency regulations
- [Oregon Judicial Department \(OJD\)](#): information on legal issues involving grandparents and grandchildren: [OJD Family Law resources](#)
- [Oregon State Bar \(OSB\) Public Info](#): (503-684-3763) Family and juvenile law resources and lawyer referral service.
- [Oregon Department of Human Services](#) (DHS): state government health and welfare benefits, abuse, neglect, foster care, child care and child care assistance, and Indian Child Welfare Act

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- [Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries](#) (BOLI): Family Medical Leave Act and grandparents
- U.S. Government, [Grandparents Raising Children](#): clearinghouse of information and programs for grandparents and children: e.g. federal benefit eligibility information, health and child care resources, fact sheets, and links to state resources.
- [Internal Revenue Service](#) (IRS): tax information such as the child tax credit, dependent child care credit and more.
- [National Committee of Grandparents for Children's Rights](#): state laws, child welfare statistics, recent cases from the U.S., foster care world wide and more.
- [American Association for Retired Persons](#) (AARP): information and resources for grandparents including a grandparenting toolkit, state fact sheets, information on visitation and child custody, articles and books, benefits links and more.
- Online articles published by [Nolo Press](#) (search "*Entire Site*", with search word: *grandparent*)

## OTHER OREGON LEGAL RESOURCES

- [Legal Aid Services of Oregon \(LASO\)](#): 503-648-7163
- [Elders in Action](#)
- 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 / L-NET](#)
- [Oregon Legal Research blog](#)

## Washington County (Oregon) Telephone Resources

- Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Hillsboro Office: 503-648-7163
- Oregon Judicial Department (OJD) Family Law Facilitator: Washington County (Oregon): 504-846-2898
- St. Andrew Legal Clinic 503-648-1600
- Washington County Services: Aging Services-503-640-3489 and Disabilities Services-503-640-3489

**Keywords:** custody, visitation, adoption, power of attorney, guardianship, grandparents, children, minors, juveniles, dependency, neglect, benefits