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Resources — New + Newly Discovered

 [National Family Support Network](#) The mission of the NFSN is to promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state networks and championing quality family support and strengthening practices and policies.

 [Think of Us](#) Disrupting and rebuilding an inequitable system

 [Safe Camp Audio Shows](#)

Family Defense in the News

 [Minnesota Legislature Passes Bill](#) Allocating \$15M For Law Aimed at Disproportionality in Foster Care

 [Direct Representation Pilot Program](#) for youth 13 and older and their siblings in dependency hearings in South Carolina

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 Angela Burton-1

[The Community In-Site Podcast](#) : A Practical Case for Family Well-Being with Angela Burton



[The Imprint Weekly Podcast](#): Recent Trump Administration Action in Child Welfare

What About Parents Who Use Drugs? (with Dinah Ortiz) [The UpEND Podcast](#)

The Think Tank

 [Family Policing as Welfare Theatre](#), Tarek Z. Ismail, Published in the Wisconsin Law Review

 [The Origins of Family Rights and Family Regulation](#): A Dual Legal History Laura Savarese, Published in the Stanford Law Review

Dates & Deadlines

2026 Conferences Snapshot

Apr 13-Jun 8: NACC Foundations of Child Welfare Law & Practice, weekly live or online training [Information](#)

Jun 14–17: APHSA Nat'l Human Services Summit (Arlington, VA)

Jul 19–22: NCJFCJ Annual Conference (Nashville, TN), **Presenting Sponsor** -  [Sunlight](#) 

Aug 11–14: NACC National (Portland, OR)

Sept 16-17: ABA 2026 Virtual National Conference on Parent Representation

Oct 14–16: NACC Virtual (Virtual)

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