Adoption Law and Policy Resources

American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law
www.abanet.org/child
The Center is a full-service technical assistance, training, and research program addressing a broad spectrum of law and court-related topics affecting children. These include child abuse and neglect, adoption, adolescent health, foster and kinship care, custody and support, guardianship, missing and exploited children, and children's exposure to domestic violence.

Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute
www.ccainstitute.org
The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising Congressional and public awareness about the issue of adoption. CCAI serves as an informational and educational resource to policymakers about current domestic and international adoption-related matters.

Defending Childhood Initiative – U.S. Department of Justice
www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood
The Defending Childhood Initiative was launched in 2010 to address children's exposure to violence. It leverages existing resources across the U.S. Department of Justice to focus on preventing, addressing, reducing, and more fully understanding childhood exposure to violence.

Family and Youth Law Center
www.familyyouthlaw.org/
The National Center for Adoption Law & Policy seeks to improve the law, policies, and practices associated with child protection and adoption systems.

State Child Welfare Policy Database
www.childwelfarepolicy.org/maps/state/
 Child Trends, with support from Casey Family Programs, hosts a website that acts as the clearinghouse for state child welfare policies. The database provides information on child welfare laws, procedures, and agency guidance for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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