

Supplementary Information: Fostering (Wales)



Please, read this information in addition to the, 'Supporting Individuals in Distress - Children and Young People,' course booklet.

Take particular notice of the ACE's section of the course and course booklet.

Suggested Reading

Children (Leaving Care) 2000

Sets out the duties local authorities have to support young people leaving care from 16 to 21 years of age. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/35/contents>

Adoption and Children Act 2002

Updated the legal framework for domestic and inter-country adoption, and places a duty on local authorities to maintain an adoption service and provide adoption support services. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/38/contents>

Children and Adoption Act 2006

Gives courts more flexible powers to facilitate child contact and enforce contact orders when separated parents are in dispute. <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/20/contents>

Children and Young Persons Act 2008

Legislates for the recommendations in the Department for Education and Skill's 2007 Care Matters white paper to provide high quality care and services for children in care.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/23/contents>

Children and Families Act 2014

- Encourages 'fostering for adoption' which allows approved adopters to foster children while they wait for court approval to adopt.
- Introduces a 26 week time limit for the courts to decide whether or not a child should be taken into care. In some cases, this limit may be extended by eight weeks.
- Introduces 'staying put' arrangements which allow children in care to stay with their foster families until the age of 21 years. This is provided that both the young person and the foster family are happy to do so.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/contents/enacted>

Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

Part 6 of this Act relates to looked after and accommodated children

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2014/4/contents/enacted>

Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/anaw/2016/2/contents/enacted>

When I am Ready. Good Practice Guide (March 2016)

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-05/when-i-am-ready-good-practice-guide-march-2016.pdf>