

Resources to Support Implementation of the Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Provision of PL 113-183

1. Federal Legislation

H.R.4980: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

The purpose of this legislation is to prevent and address the sex trafficking of children and youth in foster care, extend and improve adoption incentives, and improve international child support recovery.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-113hr4980ih/pdf/BILLS-113hr4980ih.pdf>

Detailed Summary of H.R. 4980:

http://waysandmeans.house.gov/uploadedfiles/hr_4980.pdf

P. L. 113–183: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act

Full text of legislation from GPO.gov, September 29, 2014:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-113publ183/pdf/PLAW-113publ183.pdf>

Congressional Research Service (CRS) review of P.L. 113–183:

http://greenbook.waysandmeans.house.gov/sites/greenbook.waysandmeans.house.gov/files/R43757_gb.pdf

2. Reports, Commentary, Guidance and Information on H.R. 4980 and P.L. 113–183

Administration for Children and Families Information Memorandum (October 23, 2014)

The purpose of this memo is to inform states and Tribes of the enactment of the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and provide basic information on the new law, including title IV-E plan changes, new case plan requirements and definitions, additions to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System, modifications to the Family Connection grants, Chafee program, and reauthorization of the Adoption and Guardianship Incentive Program.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/im1403.pdf>

Caregiver Guide to Normalcy (Kids Central, Inc.)

This resource provides information and guidance on the normalcy decision-making process; it includes a detailed Q&A section.

<http://www.kidscentralinc.org/caregiver-guide-to-normalcy/>

Implementing the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (P.L. 113–183) to Benefit Children and Youth (Children’s Defense Fund)

This briefing provides guidance on the implementation of P.L. 113–183.

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/library/data/implementing-the-preventing.pdf>

Letter to Associate Commissioner of the Children’s Bureau (National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators)

Offers commentary on and guidance regarding P.L. 113–183.

<http://www.aphsa.org/content/dam/aphsa/pdfs/Actions/Comment%20Letters/NAPCWA%20Letter%20to%20CB%20on%20Implementing%20PL%20113-183%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (P.L. 113–183) (Voice for Adoption)

Legislative analysis of the bipartisan agreement reached by Committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate.

http://nfpaonline.org/Resources/Documents/2014/Final_HR4980_VFASectionAnalysis.pdf

Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 (H.R. 4980) (National Conference of State Legislators)

Provides a comprehensive overview of H.R.4980.

http://www.ncsl.org/documents/cyf/Preventing_Sex_Trafficking_and_Strengthening_Families_Act.pdf

3. Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard: State Legislation and Policies

2013 Summary of Legislation Passed: CS/HB 215—Dependent Children (The Florida Senate, Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs)

Provides a brief summary of Florida bill (Chapter 2013–21, L.O.F.) that amends the law related to children in foster care to better enable these children to participate in extracurricular enrichment and other social activities.

http://www.flsenate.gov/PublishedContent/Session/2013/BillSummary/Children_CF0215cf_0215.pdf

California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Training Resource on the Reasonable & Prudent Parent Standard (California)

This resource provides brief training resources and is designed to disseminate vital information about the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard to everyone affected by the changes in the law.

<http://calswec.berkeley.edu/training-resource-reasonable-prudent-parent-standard>

Foster Care Bill of Rights, Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (National Conference of State Legislators)

Provides searchable full-text access to State statutes providing for the Foster Children's Bill of Rights, Foster Parent Bill of Rights, and the reasonable and prudent parent standard (RPPS).

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/foster-care-bill-of-rights.aspx>

“Let Kids be Kids” Law (Florida Department of Children and Families)

Provides a brief overview of the Florida statute that went into effect on July 1, 2013. This law recognizes the importance of allowing children in foster care the ability to take part in everyday activities, without the unnecessary involvement of case managers, provider agencies, or the court system.

<http://centerforchildwelfare2.fmhi.usf.edu/kb/normalcy/LetKidsBeKidsLaw.pdf>

Promoting Well-Being Through the Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standard: A Guide for States Implementing the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (H.R.4980) (Center for the Study of Social Policy)

This brief is focused on how States can meet the requirements of H.R. 4980. It pays particular attention to expectant and parenting youth and youth who identify as LGBTQ and provides recommendations to help them experience socially and developmentally appropriate activities and to take risks in supportive environments.

<http://www.cssp.org/policy/2014/A-GUIDE-FOR-STATES-IMPLEMENTING-THE-PREVENTING-SEX-TRAFFICKING-AND-STRENGTHENING-FAMILIES-ACT-HR-4980.pdf>

Questions and Answers (Q&A) Regarding Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standards (California Department of Social Services)

This All County Information Notice is designed to remind counties, caregivers, and licensees in the state of California of the RPPS as it applies to a licensed foster family home or group home, a certified family home, and an approved relative and non-relative extended family member home. The notice addresses some of the most frequently asked questions as they relate to minor foster children.

http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/entres/getinfo/acin/2013/l-17_13.pdf

Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (California Department of Social Services)

Provides an overview of California’s RPPS and features special sections on the goal of the RPPS, occasional short-term babysitting, applications to foster family agencies, as well as a list of resources.

<http://www.fosterfamilyhelp.ca.gov/PG3001.htm>

Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standards (Children’s Advocacy Alliance of Nevada)

This factsheet provides an overview and a summary of pertinent legislation in California, Florida, Nevada, Utah, and Washington.

<http://caanv.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Prudent-Parent-Laws-NV-Final.pdf>

Rule R512–310: Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (Utah Department of Administrative Services, Division of Administrative Rules)

Contains guidance regarding a range of issues, including requirements for decision-making, participation in activities, and group home or residential setting activities.

<http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r512/r512-310.htm>

The What and Why of the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard and. Telephone Access for Foster Children. (California Department of Social Services)

Reasonable and prudent parent standards training handout resource for supervisors and managers.

<http://www.cclld.ca.gov/res/pdf/PrudentParentTrainingTool.pdf>

Washington State House Bill 2699–Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (Committee on Early Learning & Human Services)

Full text of bill for the state of Washington that provides caregivers authority to allow children placed in their care to participate in normal childhood activities based on the RPPS.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2013-14/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/2699.pdf>