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Surveys of State Laws

I would like to do a survey of a few states and how they deal with juvenile sex offenders and registries. Is there an easier way to get an overview of the States to pick which ones would be different enough to discuss, instead of looking at the individual States? I have read a few journal articles that discuss some States, but haven't found anything that really compares the States practices.

What method would you recommend to locate statutes from other states that correspond to a similar Washington statute?

What is the most efficient way to conduct a fifty-state analysis into state statutes extending (or not extending) foster care to 21? Is the starting point just to make a list of the states and find each state's equivalent of the RCWs or is there a tool in Westlaw/Lexis/elsewhere that would streamline this research?

- Hein Online > [Subject Compilations of State Laws](#)
- [National Conference of State Legislatures](#)
- When Yes Means No, Legally: An Eighth Amendment Challenge to Classifying Consenting Teenagers as Sex Offender, 60 DePaul L. Rev. 1169 (2009). P. 1185, fn. 107. Citations only. Cites to codes. Covers the twenty-nine states that have sex offender laws that "require teenagers to register as sex offenders for engaging in consensual sex."
- [National District Attorneys Association](#)
- [American Bar Association, Before You Plea](#)

Foreign Legal Research

Where would I find a good comparative law source for other countries' laws regarding emancipation and child welfare—not the raw statutes but a survey and summary of a group of countries, such as the EU?

- UW Libraries > Article & Research Databases > Access UN
- [EuroChild](#)

Are there any region-specific (Latin American, in particular) databases for statutes, caselaw, journal articles, etc.?

- [WorldLII.org](#), [Global Legal Information Network](#), [GloboLex](#)
- Gallagher Law Library > [Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals](#)
- Gallagher Law Library > [Foreign Law Guide](#)
- Neither Westlaw (except for Business & News sources) or Lexis

Case Law

I'm going to need to synthesize a TON of case law on the 8th Amendment. Is there a resource where I can find cases organized neatly by sub-topic?

- USCA (Notes of Decisions) has an index to topics and topics & KeyCite

Court Briefs

How do I find briefs for cases pending before the U.S. Supreme Court?

- Gallagher guide on [Court Briefs & Oral Arguments](#)

Cases Citing Previous Versions of Statutes

Is there a way I can look up "Notes of Cases" and "Citing References" for previous versions of statutes? It might be helpful to check those to see if there were any cases leading up to the legislative change in the statute.

- Lexis > USCS from 1992
- Westlaw > USCA from 1990
- Superseded volumes

Social Science Literature

What scholarly journals would address "Reparative Therapy?" What are the relevant cases dealing with youth rights in "Reparative Therapy?" *Reparative Therapy is commonly known as "pray away the gay."

- UW Libraries > Subject Guides >
 - Gay & Lesbian Studies > [Find Articles](#)
 - Psychology > [Find Articles](#)

Statistics

Do you know of a good resource for finding current and past statistics on Indian Country.

- US Census > [American Indian and Alaska Native Data and Links](#)
- National Library of Medicine > American Indian Health > [Research & Data—Statistics](#)
- US Justice Department > National Criminal Justice Reference Service > [Justice in Indian Country](#)