

Introduction to the 2026 Edition

The 2026 Louisiana Children's Code Handbook contains the new laws and amendments from the 2025 legislative session. In the 2025 session, the Legislature enacted few major changes to the laws impacting children. This year's Louisiana Children's Code Handbook provides all these statutory revisions, along with updated commentary and notations about the latest developments in juvenile jurisprudence from the United States Supreme Court, as well as the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Courts of Appeals. The Handbook includes the Louisiana Children's Code along with additional standards and state statutes important for practicing attorneys, advocates, judges, and all stakeholders in the field of juvenile justice, family welfare and children's rights.