

Child Welfare & Cultural Diversity

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The Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) holds as one of its guiding values the idea that effective child welfare training, education, policy, and evaluation is multidisciplinary, multicultural, and collaborative in nature.

Multicultural in this sense means not only the great diversity among cultures in our society but also the differences within many cultural groups. Those who work, study, and develop policy in child welfare must understand the experiences of diverse groups in child welfare and have access to helpful information about cultural diversity and racial disparities. They need tools to help them develop cultural sensitivity.

This is the first in a series on Resources on Child Welfare & Cultural Diversity. Below are links leading to more general resources on diverse communities, disparities, and child welfare.

General or Multi-Cultural Resources

National

- ❖ [Cultural Competence in Working with Children & Families](#), Child Welfare Information Gateway
- ❖ [Building a Culturally Competent Agency](#), Child Welfare Information Gateway
- ❖ [Cultural Competence](#), Child Welfare Information Gateway
- ❖ [NASW Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice](#) (2001)
- ❖ [Courts Catalyzing Change: Achieving Equity and Fairness in Foster Care](#), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2010)
- ❖ [Unequal Opportunity within the Child Welfare System](#), Annie E. Casey Foundation
- ❖ [Race Matters Consortium](#)
- ❖ [CWLA's Children of Color in the Child Welfare System](#) (2003)

Minnesota

- ❖ [Legislative Responses to Reduce Racial & Ethnic Disparities in Child Welfare](#), CASCW
- ❖ [Minnesota Child Welfare Disparities Report 2010](#), MN DHS
- ❖ [DHS Priority: Reducing Disparities 2010](#), MN DHS Child & Family Services
- ❖ [Minnesota's Child Welfare Report 2012](#), MN DHS
- ❖ Minnesota Compass' [Overview of Disparities in Minnesota](#)
- ❖ [CURA's Directory of Nonprofit Organizations of Color in Minnesota](#)
- ❖ [MN DHS Directory of Minnesota Organizations Serving Diverse Populations](#)
- ❖ University of Minnesota Law School's [Institute on Metropolitan Opportunity](#)
- ❖ [US Census Bureau's Community Facts Search](#)
- ❖ [State of MN Office of Ombudsperson for Families: Biennial Report 2010-2011](#)