



CHILD & FAMILY POLICY ASSOCIATES

Child & Family Policy Associates is a consulting firm supporting national and local organizations' efforts to achieve better outcomes for children and families. CFP specializes in translating research into practice, promoting cross-sector collaboration, and identifying and spreading new and promising practices.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Child welfare
- Child and adolescent health
- Juvenile status offenses
- Juvenile justice
- Youth homelessness
- Other issues related to children, youth, and families

SERVICES

Research, writing, and editing

CFP has extensive research, writing, and editing experience, ranging from publications that educate and persuade national audiences to internal memoranda for key organizational leaders. CFP can develop:

- Articles and books
- Literature reviews and resource guides
- Policy briefs and reports
- Practice guides
- Training curricula and instructor's manuals
- Landscape analyses and strategic guidance documents

CFP can author or edit publications on a wide range of issues. CFP can also develop publications from start to finish, including identifying subjects and authors, editing, and overseeing design and production.

Training and facilitation

CFP can develop and present training sessions for attorneys, judges, social workers, and other advocates and professionals. CFP can also facilitate working groups, coalitions, and other bodies. CFP is available to:

- Speak on a wide range of child and family-related topics.
- Create training curricula including instructor guides, PowerPoint slides, handouts, and pre/post-tests.
- Organize and/or facilitate conferences, continuing education sessions, and meetings, including identifying relevant topics, developing agendas, securing subject matter experts, and helping attendees work collaboratively to achieve mutual goals.

Policy development and analysis

CFP can help your organization and its constituents develop, adopt, disseminate, and get support for policy positions and practice statements relating to children and families. CFP can:

- Organize standards development committees, draft standards of practice for legal and non-legal audiences, and help garner support and endorsement by other organizations.
- Draft organizational policy statements on child welfare, status offense, or juvenile justice topics and help obtain necessary support within and outside of your organization or agency.

Strategic planning and additional capacity

CFP has helped organizations successfully plan for and launch new initiatives, as well as identify gaps and needs and improve current programming to address them. CFP can also assist with other organizational functions (e.g., project management or completion) on a short-term basis to fill in for temporary staff openings.

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Lisa Pilnik Bio

Lisa Pilnik is a national expert on policy and practice related to children, youth, and families, particularly those involved with the court system. She has spent more than a decade educating a wide range of stakeholders on the intersections between health, child welfare, juvenile justice, and homelessness, and identifying ways to improve outcomes for children and youth across these issue areas.

She is co-founder and director of Child & Family Policy Associates, where she undertakes a wide range of short- and long-term projects. Her recent work includes consulting for Georgetown University Center for Juvenile Justice Reform's Crossover Youth Practice Model, for the American Bar Association's Homeless Youth Legal Network, and for the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Collaborating for Change project.

She previously served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Coalition for Juvenile Justice, a position in which she helped promote best practices, develop policy guidance, and speak and write on a range of status offense and juvenile justice issues.

Lisa was also previously a Staff Attorney at the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law, where she worked on two federally funded, multi-disciplinary, collaborative projects addressing the health of court-involved children and youth. She also worked on projects on nonresident father involvement in child welfare cases, status offenses, and other child welfare topics. Her work included conducting state and national trainings for attorneys, judges, and other professionals and writing and editing books, articles, and policy briefs. Prior to that, she was an Associate at Arent Fox, LLP.

Lisa received her JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, an MS in Nonprofit Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice, and a BA from George Washington University. She is admitted to the bar in the State of New York and the District of Columbia.

Selected Publications (authored or co-authored):

- *Planning to Prevent Homelessness: Ensuring Lifelong Housing Stability for Youth Involved with the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems.* CW360. Available [here](#).
- *Victimization and Trauma Experienced by Children and Youth: Implications for Legal Advocates.* Safe Start Center/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Available [here](#).
- *How Does Education in the Juvenile Justice System Measure Up? It Doesn't.* Education Week. Available [here](#).
- *Addressing the Intersections of Juvenile Justice Involvement and Youth Homelessness: Principles for Change.* Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Available [here](#).
- *Improving Responses to Youth Charged with Status Offenses (National Standards and Training Curriculum).* Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Available [here](#).
- *Engaging Noncustodial Fathers in Child Welfare Cases.* National Quality Improvement Center on Non-Resident Fathers and the Child Welfare System. Available [here](#).
- *Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Futures: A Judge's Guide.* American Bar Association. Available [here](#).
- *The School to Prison Pipeline: Incarceration Replacing Education is a Public Health Issue.* CityMatCH. Available [here](#).