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## Book Review of State Legislative Summary, 1994: Children, Youth, and Family Issues

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595. **State Legislative Summary, 1994: Children, Youth, and Family Issues.** Denver, Colo., National Conference of State Legislatures, 1994. 144p. \$20.00pa. ISBN 1-55516-649-0.

Since 1982, the National Conference of State Legislatures' Children and Families Program has compiled summaries of recent state legislation affecting children and families. Each year, state legislative staff provide the Children and Families Program with the latest legislation. Program staff summarize the legislation (in anywhere from one to five sentences), which is then reviewed (and presumably edited) by state legislative staff.

The legislative summaries are arranged into 11 main subject areas: "Child Abuse and Neglect," "Child Care/Early Childhood Education," "Child Health," "Child Mental Health," "Child Welfare," "Family Law," "General Children, Youth, and Families," "Juvenile Justice," "Public Assistance," "Substance Abuse and Control," and "Youth at Risk." These broad topics are then subdivided into narrower categories, where the summaries are presented alphabetically by state. Each summary is preceded by a citation to the state session law where the complete text of the legislation may be found. An appendix includes citations, but not abstracts, to recent child support legislation.

The *State Legislative Summary, 1994* will prove useful to legislators and others who research these policy areas. It is recommended particularly for law and governmental libraries, and other libraries with comprehensive youth and family law collections.—**James S. Heller**