

1600s – 1700s

YOUTH JUSTICE SYSTEM

CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

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Early 1600s

The family was the unit of social control.
Children were property and born with sin.
Government and private institutions were not involved in any aspect of how parents raised their children.

1619

First slave ship docked in Jamestown, Va.

1692: States and municipalities identified care of abused and neglected youth as a responsibility of local government and private institutions. Youth and communities of color were excluded from this due to slavery and total segregation.

1700s

American Revolution
Declaration of Independence