

ADDITIONAL INTERNET RESOURCES

Afterschool Alliance

A site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of after school programs and advocating for quality, affordable programs for all children. Supported by a group of public, private and nonprofit organizations that share the Alliance's vision of ensuring that all children have access to after school programs by 2010.

http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/about_us.cfm

Afterschool.gov

Site providing links to federal resources supporting children and youth during out-of-school hours.

<http://www.afterschool.gov/cgi-bin/home.pl>

American Academy of Pediatrics

<http://www.aap.org/default.htm>

American Library Association's 700+ Great Sites for Kids and Parents

<http://www.ala.org/parentspage/greatsites>

The American Council for Drug Education

A substance abuse prevention and education agency.

<http://www.acde.org>

American Library Association

Site for parents, caregivers, teachers and others who care about kids.

<http://www.ala.org/parents/index.html>

The American Medical Association

<http://www.ama-assn.org/>

Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF)

Fosters public policies, human service reforms, and community supports regarding needs of today's vulnerable children and families. Offers the Kids Count Data Book and online databases.

<http://www.aecf.org>

American Psychological Association

<http://www.apa.org/>

American Public Human Services Association

A nonprofit, bipartisan organization for state and territorial human service agencies who work in or otherwise have an interest in human service programs.

<http://www.aphsa.org>

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)

A site for educators and others committed to the needs of children in a changing society.

<http://www.acei.org>

Bridges4Kids

This website highlights building partnerships between families, schools and communities. Translation in several languages is available on the site. Connections to many other sites including NCLB info. Bridges4kids is a non-profit parent organization providing a comprehensive system of information and referral for parents of children from birth through transition to adult life.

<http://www.bridges4kids.org>

Brush Up on Healthy Teeth

A CDC campaign, offers a parent fact sheet and quiz.

<http://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/factsheets/brushup.htm>

California Childcare Health Program

Offers a number of training curricula, as well as a newsletter, fact sheets (many available in Spanish), and resources and links for numerous health and safety topics.

<http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org>

Car Safety Seats: A Guide for Families 2004

Every state requires that infants and children ride buckled up. However, state laws do not always require the safest way to transport a child. More children are still killed as passengers in car crashes than from any other type of injury. Using a car safety seat correctly can help prevent injuries to young children, but it is not as easy as you think. Just a little mistake in how the car safety seat is used could cause serious injury to your child.

<http://www.aap.org/family/carseatguide.htm>

Celebrating Families 2004

Celebrating Families 2004 is an online calendar of dates, activities and resources that strengthen families. These pages celebrate culture, tradition and diversity, as well as advocate active community involvement.

<http://www.celebratingfamilies.org/>

Census Bureau Child Care Statistics

Information on child care costs and arrangements collected on an intermittent basis in the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP).

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/childcare.html>

Census 2000 School District Maps

A mapping application that provides an interface to state, county and school district information. Includes tools and capabilities which enable the user to view maps of the unified, secondary or elementary school districts data for a state; view details about a school district by choosing a school district from the map or compare two school districts by selecting both from the map.

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/sdds/c2000m.asp>

CHADD

A non-profit organization serving individuals with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity

Disorder (AD/HD)

<http://www.chadd.org>

Child Advocate

Serves the needs of children, families, and professionals while addressing educational, medical, legal, and legislative issues.

<http://www.childadvocate.net/>

Child Care Aware

A non-profit initiative helping parents find information on locating quality childcare and child care resources. Funded through a cooperative agreement with the Child Care Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

<http://www.childcareaware.org>

Child Care Bureau

Established in the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to administer federal childcare programs to states, territories and tribes for low-income children and families.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/>

Child Care Nutrition Resource System

Provides information on food preparation, food safety, recipes, and other nutrition resources. A useful Website for those working in USDA's Child Nutrition Programs.

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/childcare/index.html>

Child Care Partnership Project

Provides information on creating and maintaining public-private partnerships to increase and improve child care in states and communities throughout the country.

<http://nccic.org/ccpartnerships/home.htm>

Child Care Safety Checklist for Parents and Child Care Providers

From the consumer Product Safety Commission, helps ensure that child care settings are safe.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/childcare.html>

Child Trends Data Bank

A one-stop-shop for the latest national trends and research on over 70 key indicators of child and youth well-being.

www.childtrendsdatbank.org

Child Welfare League of America

The nation's oldest and largest organization devoted entirely to the well-being of America's vulnerable children and their families.

<http://www.cwla.org>

Children's Bureau

Responsible for assisting states in the delivery of child welfare services (i.e., services designed to protect children and strengthen families). The agency provides grants to states, tribes, and communities to operate a range of child welfare services.

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/>

Children's Defense Fund (CDF)

A private, nonprofit organization paying particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities.

<http://www.childrensdefense.org>

The Children's Partnership

Participates in programs for researching, publishing, and creating partnerships among parents, policymakers and the private sector. This site contains information about health, education, and welfare for children, youth and families with links to experts, services, programs and discussion groups.

<http://www.childrenspartnership.com/>

Civitas

Produces and distributes practical, easy-to-use tools that assist in making the best possible decisions on behalf of children.

<http://www.civitas.org>

College Parents of America (CPA)

A national membership association offering parents resources to prepare for putting their children through college.

<http://www.collegeparents.org>

Connect For Kids

Offers a place on the Internet for adults-parents, grandparents, educators, policymakers and others-who want to become more active citizens, from volunteering to voting with kids in mind.

<http://www.connectforkids.org/homepage1535/index.htm>

Consumer Information Catalog

Free on-line consumer information.

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov>

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Announces product recalls and product safety news.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>

Council of Family Health

Dedicated to educating consumers about the proper use of non-prescription and prescription medicines, dietary supplements, home safety and personal health.

<http://www.cfhinfo.org>

Critical Facts About Young Children and Early Childhood Programs in the United States (October 2002)

This resource includes current data about young children, early childhood education programs, and the early childhood workforce in the United States.

http://www.naeyc.org/childrens_champions/criticalintro.asp

Department of Agriculture

Invites schools to join Team Nutrition, focusing on nutritious school meals, nutrition education, and a health-promoting school environment.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Join/index.htm>

Department of Education Parent Information and Resource Center

Provides information on the parent information and resource centers funded by the Department of Education (DOE) in twenty-eight states to help families and schools support children's learning.

<http://www.ed.gov/Family/ParentCtrs/index.html>

Early Childhood Organizations

Additional links to national organizations dealing with early childhood issues.

http://www.naeyc.org/childrens_champions/links_list.asp

Early Head Start National Resource Center (EHS NRC)

Designed to ensure that Early Head Start programs have information and training on "best practices" on a range of early childhood topics.

<http://www.ehsnrc.org>

Education Commission of the States

Policy research and analysis.

<http://www.ecs.org>

ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education

<http://www.ericcece.org>

ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading, English, and Communication website

<http://reading.indiana.edu/>

Even Start Family Literacy Program

The purpose of the Even Start Family Literacy Program is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities for families. This is accomplished by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy and adult basic education, and parenting education into a unified literacy program. Even Start is implemented nationally through cooperative projects that build on existing community resources, creating a new range of services for children, families and adults.

<http://www.evenstart.org>

FACE

A national non-profit organization creating public awareness about the connection between alcohol and critical public health issues.

<http://www.faceproject.org>

Families USA

Includes publications on family health issues, such as children's health insurance, managed care and health maintenance organizations. It also links to the Medicaid Clearinghouse, which gives detailed information about the Medicaid program.

<http://www.familiesusa.org>

Family Education Network

An online consumer network of learning and information resources for parents, teachers and students.

<http://www.familyeducation.com>

Family Village

Integrates information, resources, and communication opportunities on the Internet for persons with cognitive and other disabilities, for their families, and for those that provide them services and support.

<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu>

Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics

Offers easy access to federal and state statistics and reports on children and their families, including: population and family characteristics, economic security, health, behavior and social environment and education.

www.childstats.gov

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence

Site of free Federally supported teaching and learning resources.

<http://www.ed.gov/free>

Financing of a System of Early Childhood Education

NAEYC's Policy Brief on the Financing of a System of Early Childhood Education.

http://www.naeyc.org/childrens_champions/financing.asp

Financing of a System of Early Childhood Education Tool Kit

An extension of the NAEYC Policy Brief on the Financing of a System of Early Childhood Education.

http://www.naeyc.org/childrens_champions/financing_toolkit.asp

Fight Crime Invest in Kids

Works to examine crime prevention. Among the strategies proven to be effective are early care and education programs for preschoolers, good schools, after-school programs and prevention of child abuse, as well as programs that nip delinquency in the bud by getting troubled kids back on track.

<http://www.fightcrime.org/>

Foster Parent Home Page

Site dedicated to foster parents and those interested in foster parenting.

<http://fostercare.org/FPHP>

Foundation Center (grant info)

A site on philanthropy dedicated to serving grant seekers, grant makers, researchers, policymakers, the media, and the general public.

<http://www.fdncenter.org>

Free Educational Publications from the U.S. Department of Education

An online database of publications from the United States Department of Education for families and educators.

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs/html>

Grandparents raising grandchildren

American Association of Retired Persons website offering resources and suggestions to grandparents raising grandchildren.

<http://www.aarp.org/life/grandparents/helpraising/>

The Grantsmanship Center

A website devoted to grant information and grantsmanship training.

<http://www.tgci.com>

Head Start Bureau

Provides information on the national Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income preschool children. Specific services for children focus on education and socio-emotional development.

<http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/>

Head Start Emergent Literacy Project

A federally funded project through the Idaho Center on Developmental Disabilities at the University of Idaho. The goal of the project is to increase emergent literacy actions in Head Start classrooms where formal reading and writing instruction may be ineffective.

<http://www.educ.uidaho.edu/cdhd/emeralit/>

Health and Safety Topics

An U.S. Department of education site listing Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE) in Health and Safety.

<http://www.ed.gov/s-health.html>

Healthy Child Care America Campaign

Numerous resources for parents and early childhood educators in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Child Care Bureau, and the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics).

<http://www.aap.org>

Healthy Families America

A national home visitation program model designed to help expectant and new parents get their children off to a health start.

<http://www.healthyfamiliesamerica.org/>

Healthy Start, Grow Smart (available in English and Spanish)

A series of parent pamphlets from birth to 12 months of age initiated by Laura Bush as First Lady of Texas. Now revised and distributed by the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Education and Health/Human Services. To order (reference):

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/pubs.html>

to download:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/earlychildhood/healthystart/>

I Am Your Child

A national non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of early childhood development and school readiness.

<http://www.iamyourchild.org>

International Reading Association (IRA)

<http://www.reading.org/>

Join Together

A site to support people working on substance abuse and gun violence issues. A project of the Boston University School of Public Health.

<http://www.jointogether.org/>

Just for the Kids

A nonprofit organization providing tools to support public school improvement, including collecting and sharing performance data about schools.

<http://www.just4kids.org>

Kids Count

A national and state-by-state effort to track the status of children in the U.S. Provides policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being.

<http://www.kidscount.org/>

Kids Health

Site providing doctor-approved health information about children from before birth through adolescence.

<http://www.kidshealth.org/parent/misc/about.html>

Kids in Action: Fitness for children Birth to Age Five

A booklet which presents parents and caregivers with simple ideas for physical activities that they can do with children from birth to age five to adopt an active lifestyle early and positively to impact their physical intellectual and emotional development. Developed in partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), Kellogg Company and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

http://www.aahperd.org/NASPE/pdf_files/brochure.pdf

Kindergarten

Resources on policies and practices on kindergarten.

http://www.naeyc.org/childrens_champions/kindergarten.asp

Letter writing to Legislators

A site focusing on after school care. Contains samples and tip for parents and educators writing legislators re general program issues.

http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/prog_tools_contact.cfm

Library of Congress

The Library serves as the research arm of Congress and is recognized as the national library of the United States.

<http://www.loc.gov>

Literacy: Born to Read - How to Raise a Reader

List some of the best easy-to-do tips developed by members of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. This information is also available in Spanish.

http://www.ala.org/alsc/raise_a_reader.html

Mapping Your Future

Site for students and parents with information on financial strategies, career options, and college planning.

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org>

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

Administers the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program for forty-nine states. This site contains links to information about grants, programs, and MCHB publications.

<http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/>

Minnesota Higher Education Center Against Violence and Abuse

Website for violence - related resources.

<http://www.umn.edu/mincava>

National Association for the Education of Young Children

<http://www.naeyc.org>

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

Provides technical consultation and resources to member child care resource and referral agencies.

<http://www.naccrra.net>

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

The primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. NCES is located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.

<http://nces.ed.gov/>

National Center for Family Literacy

<http://www.famlit.org>

National Center for Fathering

<http://www.fathers.com>

National Child Care Information Center

Established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, seeks to complement, enhance and promote child care linkages and to serve as a mechanism for supporting quality, comprehensive services for children and families.

<http://www.nccic.org/>

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

<http://www.health.org>

National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education: Parent and Community Involvement

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/about.htm>

National Conference of State Legislatures - Child Care and Early Childhood Education Project

NCSL's Child Care and Early Childhood Education project can assist state legislators and legislative staff with information about a range of early childhood policy and financing options. The project provides technical assistance and informational services to legislators and legislative staff.

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/cyf/Trends2001.htm>

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System (NECTAS)

A national technical assistance consortium working to support states, jurisdictions and others to improve services and results for young children with disabilities and their families.

<http://www.nectac.org/default.asp>

National Education Service

<http://www.nes.org>

National Family Week

National Family Week: *Connections Count* is an initiative of the Alliance for Children and Families, a Milwaukee-based nonprofit membership association representing child- and family-serving organizations in the United States and Canada. A National Family Week toolkit is available from the site.

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org/history-nfw.htm>

National Fathers Network

<http://www.fathersnetwork.org>

National Governors Association (NGA) and NGA Best Practices Page

<http://www.nga.org/nga/1,1169,,00.html>

National Health Information Center

<http://www.health.gov/nhic/>

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

<http://www.nichcy.org>

National Institute for Literacy

<http://www.nifl.gov>

National Institute of Media and the Family

<http://www.mediaandthefamily.org>

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

<http://www.nichd.nih.gov>

National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nih.gov>

National Network of Child Care

Provides resources for child care providers, including contacts for regional technical assistance information and support.

<http://www.nncc.org>

National Network for Immunization Information

Provides news and information about immunizations and related issues.

<http://www.immunizationinfo.org/>

National Network for Family Resiliency

<http://www.nnfr.org>

National Parent Information Network

<http://www.npin.org>

National Parenting Center

<http://www.tnpc.com>

National PTA

<http://www.pta.org>

National Reading Panel

<http://www.nationalreadingpanel.org>

National Resource Center for Paraprofessionals (NRCP)

A site addressing policy questions and issues that will enable administrators and staff-developers to improve the recruitment, deployment, supervision, and career development of paraprofessionals.

<http://www.nrcpara.org/index.shtml>

National SafeKids Campaign

<http://www.safekids.org/index.cfm>

National School-Age Care Alliance

A network for professionals providing before and after school care.

<http://www.nsaca.org/>

Netparents

<http://www.netparents.org>

No Child Left Behind

<http://www.nclb.gov>

No Child Left Behind Parents Tool Box

<http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov/parents/index.html>

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory

A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing research-based expertise, resources, assistance and professional development opportunities to educators and policymakers.

<http://www.ncrel.org/>

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights Center

A website for families of children with handicapping conditions.

<http://www.pacer.org>

Parenting Education Database

<http://www.hec.ohio-state.edu/famlife/nnfr/ctf/>

Parenting Pipeline

<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extnews/pipeline>

Parenting Special Needs

<http://www.specialchildren.about.com/parenting/specialchildren>

Parents and Children Together Online

<http://teams.lacoe.edu/documentation/places/parents.html>

Parents as Teachers (PAT) National Center

An early childhood family education and support program that offers training to help communities implement the highly-acclaimed Parents as Teachers program.

<http://www.patnc.org>

Parents Guide to the Internet

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/>

Partnership for Family Involvement in Education

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/PFIE/families.html>

Partnership for Learning

<http://www.PartnershipForLearning.org>

Partnership for Reading

<http://www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/>

Positive Parenting

<http://www.positiveparenting.com>

Prevent Child Abuse America

<http://www.childabuse.org>

Prevention Network

<http://preventionnetwork.org>

Questions Parents Ask

A United States Dept. of Education publication relating to questions frequently asked by parents of elementary and middle-school-aged children who want to help their children learn and succeed. The research-based tips in this publication provide information about a range of topics.

<http://www.ed.gov/Family/agbts/Questions/>

Read, Educate and Develop Youth: R.E.A.D.Y.

A national award-winning program developed by Michigan education and early childhood experts to provide parents and caregivers with information and materials to help give young children a great start.

<http://www.michigangreatstart.org>

Ready Web

Resources on school readiness.

<http://readyweb.crc.uiuc.edu/>

Resilience Web

<http://www.resilnet.uiuc.edu>

Search Institute

<http://www.search-institute.org>

Stand For Children

<http://www.stand.org>

Stepfamily Network

<http://www.stepfamily.net>

Teaching Our Youngest

A Guide for Preschool Teachers & Child Care & Family Providers (Prepared by the Early Childhood-Head Start Task Force, U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2002)

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/teachingouryoungest/>

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project

Gives scholarships to child care workers to complete course work in early childhood education and to increase their compensation.

http://www.childcareservices.org/TEACH/TEACH_Project.html

Title I

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) amended in 2002 to: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged.

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/ESEA02/pg1.html>

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs

Contains descriptions of USDA's Food and Consumer Service Programs for children including the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/>

U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jsp>

Voices for America's Children (formerly known as National Association of Child advocates)

The only national organization devoted to building the capacity of state and local child advocacy organizations.

<http://www.childadvocacy.org/>

The White House
<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

ZERO TO THREE
National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families.
<http://www.zerotothree.org>