

Early Childhood Resources

► [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

Web site address: www.aap.org

The American Academy of Pediatrics is dedicated to the health of all children and committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

Contact Information:

National Headquarters:
The American Academy of Pediatrics
141 Northwest Point Boulevard
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098
847-434-4000
847-434-8000 (Fax)

► [Center for Early Childhood Leadership](#)

Web site address: <http://cecl.ni.edu>

The Center for Early Childhood Leadership is dedicated to enhancing the management skills, professional orientation and leadership capacity of early childhood administrators.

Contact Information:

National-Louis University
6310 Capitol Drive
Wheeling, IL 60090
800-443-5522, ext. 5056

► [Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning \(CSEFEL\)](#)

The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) is focused on promoting the social emotional development and school readiness of young children birth to age 5. CSEFEL is a national resource center funded by the Office of Head Start and Child Care Bureau for disseminating research and evidence-based practices to early childhood programs across the country.

Web site address: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>

Contact Information:

CSEFEL
Department of Special Education

Box 328 GPC, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN 37203
Phone: (615) 322-8150
Fax: (615) 343-1570
(866) 433-1966

► [Chicago Public School District #299](#)

Web site address: <http://www.ecechicago.org/>

The mission of the Chicago Public Schools Office of Early Childhood Education is to ensure all children ages birth through age 8 have equal access to comprehensive, high quality program options, and support on a developmental continuum. A separate appropriation for Early Childhood programs is awarded to the City of Chicago School District #299. Applicants proposing to provide services for children and families within the Chicago city limits must apply for funds through the Chicago school district and should contact Dr. Christine Ryan.

Contact Information:

Dr. Christine Ryan
773-535-3245
Email: cryan@cps.k12.il.us.

► [Child & Family WebGuide](#)

Web site address: www.cfw.tufts.edu

The Child & Family WebGuide describes and evaluates web sites that contain research-based information about child development.

Contact Information:

Child and Family WebGuide
105 College Ave.
Medford, MA 02155
617-627-3355
617-627-3503 (fax)

► [Child Care Resource and Referral](#)

Web site address: www.inccrra.org

An organization of regional Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies serving communities throughout the state of Illinois.

Contact Information:

Illinois Network of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies
1226 Towanda Plaza
Bloomington, IL 61701

309-829-5327 or 800-649-1884
309- 828-1808 (fax)
Email: inccrra@inccrra.org

► [Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)

Web site address: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/index.cfm>

The Child Welfare Information Gateway provides access to information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families.

Contact Information:

Child Welfare Information Gateway
Children's Bureau/ACYF
1250 Maryland Avenue, SW
Eighth Floor
Washington, DC 20024
703.385.7565 or 800.394.3366
Email: info@childwelfare.gov

► [Children's Book Council](#)

Web site address: www.cbcbooks.org

The Children's Book Council is dedicated to encouraging literacy and the use and enjoyment of children's books.

Contact Information:

The Children's Book Council
12 West 37th Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10018-7480
212-966-1990
212-966-2073 (fax)
888-807-9355 (toll free fax)
800-999-2160 (orders only/ toll-free)

► [Children's Literature](#)

Web site address: www.childrenslit.com

Children's Literature offers information on authors and illustrators, recommended books by theme, book award winners, etc.

Contact Information:

800-469-2070 (help desk)
301-469-2070 (editorial and accounting)
301-469-2171 (fax)
Email: CLCDhelp@ixn.com

► [Circle of Inclusion](#)

Web site address: <http://circleofinclusion.org>

The Circle of Inclusion web site is for early childhood service providers and families of young children. This web site offers demonstrations of and information about the effective practices of inclusive educational programs for children from birth through age eight.

Contact Information:

Email: questions@circleofinclusion.org

► [Civitas](#)

Web site address: www.civitas.org

Civitas is a national not-for-profit communication group that works to provide educational tools to all adults who live and work with young children.

Contact Information:

Civitas
PO Box 893
Wheaton, IL 60187
312-226-6700
312-226-6733 (fax)
Email: email@civitas.org

► [CLAS Early Childhood Research Institute](#)

Web site address: <http://clas.uiuc.edu>

The CLAS Early Childhood Research Institute collects and describes early childhood/early intervention resources that have been developed across the United States for children with disabilities and their families and the service providers who work with them. The materials and resources available on this site reflect the intersection of culture and language, disabilities and child development.

Contact Information:

877-275-3227 (V/TTY)
E-Mail: clas@uiuc.edu

► [Division of Early Childhood](#)

Web site address: www.dec-sped.org

The Division of Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) is a nonprofit organization advocating for individuals who work with or on behalf of

children with special needs, birth through age eight, and their families. There is also an [Illinois Subdivision for the Division of Early Childhood](#) (IDEC).

Contact Information:

Division for Early Childhood
27 Fort Missoula Road Suite 2
Missoula, MT 59804
406- 543-0872
406-543-0887 (fax)
Email: dec@dec-sped.org

► [Early Childhood Educators' and Family Web Corner](#)

Web site address: <http://users.stargate.net/~cokids>

The Early Childhood Educators' and Family Web Corner contain articles, teacher pages, family pages, etc.

Contact Information:

PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network)
5347 William Flynn Highway
Gibsonia, PA 15044

► [EdWorld.Resources](#)

Web site address: www.educationworld.com/a_earlychildhood

EdWorld.Resources covers a variety of areas of Early Childhood.

Contact Information:

Email: webmaster@educationworld.com

► [Eric](#)

Web site address: www.eric.ed.gov

Eric provides research-based information and articles in the field of early childhood.

Contact Information:

ERIC Project
c/o Computer Sciences Corporation
655 15th St. NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005
800-538-3742

► [I AM Your Child](#)

Web site address: <http://store.parentsactionstore.org/prostores/servlet/StoreFront>

I Am Your Child is a national public awareness and engagement campaign to make early childhood development a top priority of our nation.

Contact Information:

Parents' Action for Children
P.O. Box 2096
Culver City, CA 90231
888-447-3400
213-477-2230 (fax)
Email: store@parentsaction.org (for store inquiries)
Email: info@parentsaction.org (all other inquiries)

► [Illinois Department of Children and Family Services](#)

Web site address: www.state.il.us/dcfs/daycare/index.shtml

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services web site for information on day care licensing, etc.

Contact Information:

Chicago Headquarters
100 West Randolph Street 6-200
Chicago, IL 60601
312-814-6800
312.814.8783 (TTD)

Springfield Headquarters
406 East Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701-1498
217-785-2509
217-785-6605 (TTD)

► [Illinois Department of Human Services Early Intervention](#)

Web site address: www.state.il.us/agency/dhs/earlyint/earlyint.html

The Illinois Department of Human Services Early Intervention site contains information for parents and service providers, including Child and Family Connections contacts.

Contact Information:

Help Me Grow/Future for Kids helpline
800-323-4769

Bureau of Early Intervention
217-782-1981

► [Illinois Early Learning Web](#)

Web site address: www.illinoisearlylearning.org

The Illinois Early Learning Web site provides evidence-based, reliable information for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children in the State of Illinois.

Contact Information:

Illinois Early Learning Project
c/o Clearinghouse on Early Education and Parenting
University of Illinois
Children's Research Center
51 Gerty Drive
Champaign, IL 61820-7469
877-275-3227
217-244-7732 (fax)
Email: iel@uiuc.edu

► [Illinois Head Start Association](#)

Web site address: www.ilheadstart.org

The [Illinois Head Start Association](#) site describes Early/Head Start programming, requirements, and provides links to partner sites. In addition, you can locate your local Early/Head Start program, using the Illinois Head Start Map & Head Start Programs by Zip Code sections, as well as access various resources and publications.

Contact Information:

Illinois Head Start Association
3435 Liberty Drive, Suite D
Springfield, IL 62704
217- 241-3511
217- 241-3508 (fax)

► [Illinois Resource Center](#)

Web site address: www.thecenterweb.org

Lists of recommended children's books for birth to five and Early Childhood Block Grant professional development opportunities are available on the Early Childhood portion of the Illinois Resource Center's web site.

Contact Information:

2626 S. Clearbrook Dr.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4626

224-366-8500

► [Illinois Secretary of State's literacy program](#)

Web site address:

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/literacy/home.html

The Illinois Secretary of State's literacy program site includes grant applications and literacy resources.

Contact Information:

Springfield Literacy Program Staff
300 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701
800-665-5576, #3

► [Meld](#)

Web site address:

www.parentsasteachers.org/site/pp.asp?c=ekIRLcMZJXE&b=272091

Meld offers education and support for parents, trains family service providers to apply best practices in their work with families and publishes a broad range of resource materials for parents and the people who work with them.

Contact Information:

Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.
Attn: Public Information Specialist
2228 Ball Drive
St. Louis, Mo. 63146
314-432-4330
314-432-8963 (fax)
866-PAT4YOU (toll free)
Email: info@parentsasteachers.org

► [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

Web site address: www.naeyc.org

The National Association for the Education of Young Children has for its purpose, "leading and consolidating the efforts of individuals and groups working to achieve healthy development and constructive education for all young children."

Contact Information:

1313 L Street, NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005
202-232-8777
800-424-2460 (toll free)

202-328-1846 (fax)
Email: naeyc@naeyc.org

► [National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center](#)

Web site address: www.nectac.org

The National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center supports the implementation of the early childhood provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Their mission is to strengthen service systems to ensure that children with disabilities (birth through five) and their families receive and benefit from high quality, culturally appropriate, and family-centered supports and services.

Contact Information:

Campus Box 8040, UNC-CH
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040
Street address for shipping:
517 S Greensboro Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
919- 962-2001
919- 966-7463 (fax)
E-mail: nectac@unc.edu

► [National Head Start Association](#)

Web site address: www.nhsa.org

The National Head Start Association is a private not-for-profit membership organization that provides a national forum for the continued enhancement of Head Start services for children ages 0 to 5 and their families.

Contact Information:

National Head Start Association
1651 Prince St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-739-0875
703-739-0878 (fax)

► [National Institute for Early Education Research](#)

Web site address: <http://nieer.org>

The National Institute for Early Education Research supports early childhood education initiatives by providing objective, nonpartisan information based on research.

Contact Information:

National Institute for Early Education Research

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
120 Albany Street, Suite 500
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
732-932-4350
732 932-4360 (fax)

► [National Institute of Child Health and Human Development](#)

Web site address: www.nichd.nih.gov

The NICHD, established by congress in 1962, conducts and supports research on topics related to the health of children, adults, families, and populations.

Contact Information:

P.O. Box 3006, Rockville, MD 20847
800-370-2943
888-320-6942 (TTY)
866-760-5947 (fax)
Email: NICHDInformationResourceCenter@mail.nih.gov

► [Ounce of Prevention](#)

Web site address: www.ounceofprevention.org

The Ounce of Prevention was established to promote the well-being of children and adolescents by working with families, communities, and policy-makers. _

Contact Information:

Ounce of Prevention Fund
33 West Monroe Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60603
312-922-3863
312-922-3337 (fax)

Email: info@ounceofprevention.org

► [Parents as Teachers National Center](#)

Web site address:
www.parentsasteachers.org/site/pp.asp?c=ek1RLcMZJxE&b=272091

The Parents as Teachers National Center is committed to seeing that "all children will learn, grow, and develop to realize their full potential." The information is geared to parents but helpful to all programs in early childhood.

Contact Information:

Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc.

Attn: Public Information Specialist
2228 Ball Drive
St. Louis, Mo. 63146
314-432-4330
314-432-8963 (fax)
866-PAT4YOU (toll free)
Email: info@parentsasteachers.org

► [Partnership for Reading](#)

Web site address: <http://nifl.gov/partnershipforreading>

The Partnership for Reading continually creates resources and shares information about how scientifically based research can inform the acquisition of reading skills across the lifespan, from birth to adulthood. Visit the [Early Childhood](#) section.

Contact Information:

National Institute for Literacy
1775 I Street, NW; Suite 730
Washington, DC 20006-2401
202-233-2025
202-233-2050 (fax)

► [Prevent Child Abuse America](#)

Web site address: www.preventchildabuse.org/index.shtml

Prevent Child Abuse America provides leadership to promote the prevention of child abuse and neglect at both the national and local levels. Information is also available in Spanish.

Contact Information:

Prevent Child Abuse America
500 North Michigan Avenue Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60611.3703
312-663-3520
312-939-8962 (fax)
E-mail: mailbox@preventchildabuse.org

► [Reading Rocks](#)

Web site address: www.readingrockets.org

Reading Rockets, "launching young readers", contains resources, book lists, and tips on early reading.

Contact Information:

Reading Rockets
WETA Public Television
2775 S. Quincy St.
Arlington, VA 22206
703-998-2001
703-998-2060 (fax)
E-mail: readingrockets@weta.org

► [Society for Research in Child Development at the University of Michigan](#)

Web site address: www.srcd.org

The Society for Research in Child Development at the University of Michigan is a multidisciplinary, not-for-profit, professional association of approximately 5,000 researchers, practitioners, and human development professionals.

Contact Information:

SRCD - Executive Office
2950 S. State Street, Suite 401
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-926-0600
734-926-0601 (fax)
Email: info@srcd.org

► [U.S. Department of Education's Early Reading First](#)

Web site address: www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/index.html

The U.S. Department of Education's Early Reading First site contains information on the status of Early Reading First grants.

Contact Information:

U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
800-872-5327
800-437-0833 (TTY)

► [U.S. Department of Education](#)

Web site address: www.ed.gov/index.jhtml

The U.S. Department of Education main site includes information on No Child Left Behind.

Contact Information:

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202
800-872-5327
800-437-0833 (TTY)

► [Voices for Illinois Children](#)

Web site address: www.voices4kids.org

Voices for Illinois Children works with families, communities, and policy-makers to ensure that all children grow up healthy, nurtured, safe, and well educated.

Contact Information:

208 s. LaSalle Street. Suite 1490
Chicago, IL 60604
312-456-0600

► [Zero to Three](#)

Web site address: www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer

Zero to Three is a leading resource on the first three years of life. Its goal is to strengthen and support families, practitioners and communities to promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers.

Contact Information:

ZERO TO THREE
National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families
2000 M St. NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
202- 638-1144
202 638-0851 (fax)
Email: webhelp@zerotothree.org