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Family and Children Web Sites

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This fact sheet presents Web sites that will provide you with useful information about family, children and parenting issues. Many have linkages to other helpful Web sites also. You must type the URL **exactly** as listed.

- Family Resources
- Parenting/Children
- Fathering
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- Databases

[Editor's Note: While we try to maintain the current links, sometimes links change and become inactive.]

Family Resources

The following Web sites provide opportunities to explore many potential marriage and family resources. Some are content links to other sites. Some are research-based, some have a religious base and some are linked to universities, agencies or programs.

- 1. *Family URL Resources*. Developed by the University of Kentucky, and grouped by category, are many URLs of possible interest to family scientists and families as well. This site links to several Web sites on: (1) family organizations, (2) marriage information, (3) family reading, (4) parent information, (5) women and mothers, (6) family issues (e.g. remarriage and divorce), (7) domestic violence, (8) fun for families and (9) other miscellaneous sites. http://www.uky.edu/HumanEnvironmentalSciences/FamilyNetwork/hotlist.html
- 2. *Family Forever...Surfing the Net.* A huge Web site with numerous linkages to marriage, family, divorce, conflict, parenting, male, female, health, psychology and social organizations, research and information material.
 - http://home.pb.net/~janfcohen/linkstoc.htm

- **3.** American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP). Publishes Facts for Families to educate parents and families about psychiatric disorders affecting children and adolescents. There are 56 Fact Sheets in this series. These are available in English, Spanish and French. http://www.aacap.org/publications/factsfam/facts.htm
- 4. Marriage Builders Resource Links. An excellent Web site with numerous linkages to other sites and informational pieces on: (1) alcohol, drugs and addictions, (2) domestic violence, (3) grief and loss, (4) mental health, (5) parenting, (6) physical disabilities and (7) Internet search engines which allow you to type in key words to find information. http://www.marriagebuilders.com/graphic/mbi9000_links.html
- 5. The Coalition for Marriage, Family and Couples Education (CMFCE). Dedicated to improving the quality of marriage and family life through bringing educational courses for couples and families to the public. CMFCE serves as an information exchange to help couples locate and select courses, to promote greater awareness of the effectiveness of preventive, educational courses and to increase availability of these courses in the community. The coalition is non-partisan and is a volunteer organization only. http://www.his.com/~cmfce/
- 6. Families and Work Institute. This site links you to information and publications on work and family. The FWI is a national non-profit research, strategic planning and consulting organization that conducts policy and worksite research on the changing workforce and changing family/personal lives.

 http://www.familiesandwork.org
- 7. Work and Family Links. Links you to many extremely useful sites and databases, including the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Work & Family Connection the nation's only clearinghouse of information about work-life issues and practices for human resource professionals. http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/worklinks.html
- 8. Stop Family Violence. This site is devoted to helping fight all forms of family violence and to providing information about services that are available to families. There are links to other sites, articles, essays and reader comments about family violence. http://www.famvi.com
- 9. PAVNET On-Line. Pavnet stands for Partnerships Against Violence Network of seven federal agencies. It is an interagency, electronic resource on the Internet created to provide information about effective violence prevention initiatives. It is a virtual library of information about violence and youth-at-risk representing Departments of Agriculture, Labor, Education, Justice, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, and Defense. http://www.pavnet.org
- 10. Human Development and Family Life Bulletin Ohio State University. Articles on (1) Caregiving for the Elderly; (2) Understanding Adolescent Problem Behavior, (3)Welfare to Work Transition, (4) Putting Non-residential Fathers Back Into the Family and (5) Effective Prevention Programs for Children, are among those available. http://www.hec.ohio-state.edu/famlife/faculty/index2.htm
- 11. School of Family Studies & Human Services Kansas State University. Site provides many linkages to children and family material, including ERIC Clearinghouse on education issues, the

Children, Youth and Families Consortium (CYFC), Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), Children's Defense Fund (CDF), and Administration for Children & Families Overview of Welfare Reform, to name a few.

http://www.ksu.edu/humec/fshs/fswebcf.htm

12. USA Today. A collection of news articles on marriage, family, divorce, parenting, children and other family-related issues that have appeared in USA Today over the past several months. This site is updated periodically.

http://www.usatoday.com/life/health/family/lhfam000.htm

Parenting/Children

- 1. Parenting Link Web Site. This Web site links you to numerous other sites on parenting (The Parenting Resource Center, Family Planet, National Parenting Center, Positive Parenting, Family Internet Channel, National Parent Information Network, Parent News, LIFECRAFT), family fun, child safety, at-home moms, at-home dads, etc. http://iquest.com/~jsm/moms/parenting.html/
- 2. **Positive Parenting On-Line.** Another Web site that links you to numerous sites on parenting, children, marriage, family, health and physical and learning disorders in children. http://www.positiveparenting.com/links.html
- 3. Wonderwise Parents. Kansas State's Web site on becoming a caring parent. Courses, publications and sections to view about humor and children's activities. Linkages to other sites. http://www.ksu.edu/wwparent/wondhome.htm
- **4. Parent Time.** Owned by Time-Warner, this site links you to many others. It offers information on prenatals to 17 year olds. http://www.pathfinder.com/@@joA17QUAyrnye4Ov/ParentTime/homepage/homepage.all.html
- 5. Search Institute. A non-profit organization in Minneapolis studying the attitudes and behaviors of children and youth since the 1950's. Provides research-based information about raising children, and about adolescents and families as they interface with communities. http://www.search-institute.org
- 6. Disney's Family Website. Mostly geared to young children, this Web site is a combination of Disney's Web site and Family Planet. Linkages to information about food, children and youth activities, parenting and travel. http://www.family.com
- 7. *Parent Page*. A home page with links to many other home pages on foster parenting, the national parenting center, divorce, fathernet, facts for families and Stephen Glen's "Developing Capable People."
 - http://www.mbnet.mb.ca/~ahawkins
- 8. Surfing the Net for Kids and Families. A guide developed by the University of Minnesota to help families make good choices in using Web resources. This guide answers questions such as (1) How can the Internet benefit families? (2) How do we know the material we find on the Internet is current and accurate? (3) How can we protect children from offensive material that is available on the net?

- 9. Resources for Children and Families on the Web. A University of Minnesota site linking to many other sites and informational resources concerning children and families. http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/cyfclinks.html
- 10. I Am Your Child. A link to many informational sources on early child development for parents and caregivers.

http://www.iamyourchild.org

- 11. Zero To Three. A site which focuses on the "whole baby" within the context of the family and the community. Within this site are links to information specifically for parents of babies and toddlers 0-3 years of age. There is another site for professionals who work with parents and children. http://www.zerotothree.org
- 12. Parent Place. A site devoted to many parenting and childrearing issues. Has links to parent and child issue chat rooms and discussion groups. http://www.parentsplace.com
- 13. Parenthood Web. A fun and comprehensive site with much information about pregnancy and parenting. Has links to a library, parenting professionals, a huge bookstore and many other interesting places.

http://www.parenthoodweb.com

- 14. Prevention Yellow Pages. A worldwide directory of programs, research, references and resources dedicated to the prevention of youth problems and the promotion of nurturing children. Topics include abuse, gangs, families, adolescence, high risk, alcohol, delinquency, divorce, mentoring, parenting, peer influence and drug usage. http://www.tyc.state.tx.us/prevention/40001ref.html
- 15. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This site provides comprehensive information and linkages to material and programs dedicated to combating youth violence. It focuses on prevention programs and improving the juvenile justice system. http://www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm
- 16. Child Care PPIN. This is an Internet resource for all child care providers, parents, commercial day care center staff, au pairs, nannies and all those who work with children. http://www.childcare-ppin.com
- 17. Future of Children. The purpose of this site is to disseminate timely information on major issues about the well-being and future of children with special emphasis on providing an objective analysis, evaluation, translating existing knowledge into effective policies and programs, and promoting constructive institutional change.

 http://www.futureofchildren.org
- 18. Kids Health. A Web site devoted to the health of children and teens. It has much accurate, up-to-date information about growth, food and fitness, childhood infections, immunizations, lab tests, medical and surgical conditions and latest treatment. http://www.kidshealth.org/index2.html

19. Children, Youth & Families at Risk — White House Conference on Brain Research. Sponsored by the National Network for Child Care, this site links you to Kidcare, and the White House conference on the latest in brain research. It is a resource on child development issues, as well as linking you to the Ages & States Series, Activities for Infants, Father's Care, Choosing Quality Child Care and the TIME Magazine story on "Fertile Minds." http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/nncc/wh/whconf.html

Fathering

- 1. National Fatherhood Initiative. This site seeks to improve the well-being of children by increasing the number of children growing up with loving, committed, responsible fathers. http://www.fatherhood.org/
- 2. The Worldwide Web Virtual Library on Fatherhood and Fatherlessness. A Library of Congress listing of information and sites on fatherhood and fatherlessness. http://www.vix.com/pub/men/nofather/nodad.html
- 3. National Center For Fathering. A site devoted to strengthening families by strengthening fathering. Linkages to Today's Father magazine, practical tips on fathering, humor, research on fathering and the fatherhood movement. http://www.fathers.com/l
- **4.** American Coalition for Fathers and Children. A site linking to many other sites about issues concerning men in general and fathers in particular. http://www.acfc.org
- **5.** *Fatherhood Project.* A home page of the Families and Work Institute with research and publications on fatherhood. It has links to other sites on fatherhood. http://www.fatherhoodproject.org

Cyfernet

This is Cooperative Extension System's children, youth and family information service. It consists of several networks and provides practical research-based children, youth and family information. http://www.cyfernet.mes.umn.edu

1. **Promoting Family Strengths.** Compiled by the CES National Network for Family Resiliency (NNFR).

http://www.nnfr.org/

- **2.** *Child Care.* Compiled by the CES National Network for Child Care (NNCC). http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/nncc
- **3.** *Strengthening Community-based Programs.* Compiled by CES Children, Youth and Families Initiative (STST).

http://www.cyfernet.mes.umn.edu/commun.html

4. *Health.* Compiled by CES National Decisions for Health Network (NDHN). http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/ndhn/

Databases

The following databases may be useful.

- 1. Nebraska Statistical Handbook. http://www.ded.state.ne.us/economy/stathand/contents.htm
- 2. *U.S. Bureau of Census.* http://www.census.gov
- 3. National Center for Health Statistics. http://www.cdc.gov/nchswww/default.htm
- 4. FedWorld Information Site. http://www.fedworld.gov

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