

## Early Childhood Resources

### ► [American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

**Web site address:** [www.aap.org](http://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.nl.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](mailto:cryan@cps.k12.il.us).

► [Child & Family WebGuide](#)

**Web site address:** [www.cfw.tufts.edu](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@childwelfare.gov)

► [Children's Book Council](#)

**Web site address:** [www.cbcbooks.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:questions@circleofinclusion.org)

► [Civitas](#)

**Web site address:** [www.civitas.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:clas@uiuc.edu)

► [Division of Early Childhood](#)

**Web site address:** [www.dec-sped.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.educationworld.com/a_earlychildhood)

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

**Contact Information:**

Email: [webmaster@educationworld.com](mailto:webmaster@educationworld.com)

► [Eric](#)

**Web site address:** [www.eric.ed.gov](http://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](mailto:store@parentsaction.org) (for store inquiries)  
Email: [info@parentsaction.org](mailto:info@parentsaction.org) (all other inquiries)

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

**Web site address:** [www.state.il.us/dcfs/daycare/index.shtml](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:iel@uiuc.edu)

► [Illinois Head Start Association](#)

**Web site address:** [www.ilheadstart.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@parentsasteachers.org)

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

**Web site address:** [www.naeyc.org](http://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](mailto:naeyc@naeyc.org)

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

**Web site address:** [www.nectac.org](http://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](mailto:nectac@unc.edu)

► [National Head Start Association](#)

**Web site address:** [www.nhsa.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:NICHDInformationResourceCenter@mail.nih.gov)

► [Ounce of Prevention](#)

**Web site address:** [www.ounceofprevention.org](http://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](mailto:info@ounceofprevention.org)

► [Parents as Teachers National Center](#)

**Web site address:**  
[www.parentsasteachers.org/site/pp.asp?c=ek1RLcMZJxE&b=272091](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:mailbox@preventchildabuse.org)

► [Reading Rocks](#)

**Web site address:** [www.readingrockets.org](http://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](mailto:readingrockets@weta.org)

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

**Web site address:** [www.srcd.org](http://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](mailto:info@srcd.org)

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

**Web site address:** [www.ed.gov/programs/earlyreading/index.html](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:webhelp@zerotothree.org)