



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WEB RESOURCES

The second in a series of three reference guides to helpful behavioral healthcare materials.

CHILD & ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RESOURCES...

The Administration for Children and Families

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

A federal agency funding state, local, and tribal organizations to provide family assistance (welfare), child support, child care, Head Start, child welfare, and other programs relating to children and families.

Alliance for Children and Families

<http://www.alliance1.org>

The Alliance for Children and Families is an international membership association representing more than 350 private, nonprofit child- and family-serving organizations. The Alliance's mission is to strengthen members' capacity to serve and advocate for children, families, and communities.

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

<http://www.aacap.org>

A national professional medical association composed of more than 6,500 child and adolescent psychiatrists and other interested physicians. The site includes information on child and adolescent psychiatry, fact sheets for parents and caregivers, AACAP membership, current research, practice guidelines, managed care information, awards and fellowship descriptions, meeting information, and

more. See their "Facts for Families....." series, providing useful background for parents and patients on some 80 subjects (such as depression, schizophrenia, PTSD, etc).

American Public Human Services Association (including National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators)

<http://www.aphsa.org>

Includes publications and resources from APHSA and its affiliates, including the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators (and, for example, their *Guidelines for Public Child Welfare Agencies Serving Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence*).

Caring for Every Child's Mental Health Campaign (via Knowledge Exchange Network)

<http://www.mentalhealth.org/child>

A national public information and education campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of protecting and nurturing the mental health of young people; foster recognition that many children have mental health problems that are real, painful, and sometimes severe; and encourage caregivers to seek early, appropriate treatment and services. Includes resources for families, educators, healthcare providers, and young people themselves.

Child Welfare League of America <http://www.cwla.org>

An association of more than 1,100 public and private nonprofit agencies that assist over 3.5 million abused and neglected children and their families each year with a wide range of services.

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

<http://www.chadd.org>

CHADD is a non-profit organization serving individuals with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. It has more than 20,000 members and more than 200 affiliates nationwide. The site provides science-based, evidence-based information about AD/HD to parents, educators, professionals, the media, and the general public.

Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health

<http://www.ffcmh.org>

A national parent-run advocacy and support organization for children and youth with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders and their families.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Children and Adolescent Action Center

<http://www.nami.org/youth/index.html>

NAMI is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses. Their site on youth issues includes a “Kids Newsletter,” brochures, fact sheets, and other resources related to child and adolescent mental health.

National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems

<http://www.naphs.org>

Site includes materials developed for the NAPHS grassroots advocacy campaign to “Make Behavioral Health for Youth a Priority.” Materials include a 50+-page Lewin Group report on *Enhancing Youth Services*, fact sheets, and more. Organizations are encouraged to use campaign materials to educate state legislators and other policymakers on the resources needed to ensure access, coverage, and funding for behavioral health care for children and adolescents.

National Association of School Psychologists

<http://www.nasponline.org>

NASP represents and supports school psychology and encourages professional growth. Site includes publications and advocacy information.

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health

<http://www.ncemch.org>

Site includes information on “Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health” — a two-volume set of consensus guidelines which includes a mental health tool kit with hands-on tools for health professionals and families for use in screening, care management, and health education.

National Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/scientific.htm>

Includes access to Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System as well as mortality (suicide) data, etc.

National Mental Health Association

<http://www.nmha.org>

Site includes mental health information on advocacy for children and families. Resources are available on a wide variety of issues and events, including Childhood Depression Awareness Day, helping children cope with loss, the NMHA Juvenile Justice Initiative, the Invisible Children’s Project, and more.

National Technical Assistance Center for Children’s Mental Health

<http://gucdc.georgetown.edu/cassp.html>

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children’s Mental Health (TA Center) is part of the Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development at the Georgetown University Medical Center. The TA Center works to reform services for children and adolescents who have, or are at risk for, mental health problems and their families. The TA Center works to assist states and communities in building systems of care.

National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign

<http://www.mediacampaign.org>

A multi-dimensional effort designed to educate and empower youth to reject illicit drugs. The campaign uses a variety of media to reach parents and youth, including TV ads, school-based educational materials, campaign Web sites, and parenting skills brochures.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org>

A federal agency providing resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization, including publications, grant information, events, and more.

Office of National Drug Control Policy

<http://www.freevibe.com/index.shtml>

A site for adolescents that is part of the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Also see <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov> and <http://www.mediacampaign.org>.

PACER Center (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights)

<http://www.pacer.org>

PACER Center was created by parents of children and youth with disabilities to help other families facing similar challenges. Today, PACER Center expands opportunities and enhances the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families. PACER is staffed primarily by

parents of children with disabilities and works in coalition with 18 disability organizations. The "Project for Parents of Children with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders" was organized to assist parents and families in understanding their rights and responsibilities in accessing educational and mental health services for their children.

Promising Practices in Children's Mental Health

<http://cecp.air.org/promisingpractices>

The site, sponsored by the Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice, offers three series of monographs on *Promising Practices in Children's Mental Health*.

YouthInfo (HHS Family & Youth Services Bureau)

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/youthinfo/index.htm>

The Department of Health and Human Services designed this site for those interested in learning about America's young people, their development into productive adults and engaged citizens, and ways to help them achieve their full potential. Young people, parents, community members, youth service professionals, policymakers, and the general public can access an array of youth-related information through this site. Resources include, for example, a calendar of youth-related events, information on potential funding sources, data about young people, links to other sites on youth issues, and information on the positive youth development approach to supporting and partnering with young people.

SITES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE...

Girl Power!

<http://www.girlpower.gov>

A national public education campaign sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services to help encourage and motivate 9- to 14- year-old girls to make the most of their lives. Includes "BodyWise" campaign information (to help prevent eating disorders), as well as resources for teachers and parents.

NOTE...

Inclusion or exclusion of a web site does not indicate endorsement or disapproval by the American Hospital Association or the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems.

Any web site for children should be reviewed by parents, guardians, and/or other responsible family members to judge appropriateness.