

Online Resources

These additional resources are all available electronically. The descriptions of the following organizations are taken from their respective websites.

- **Florida Abuse Hotline** <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/>
This website will lead the user to information about reporting requirements and methods. It provides the phone, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), and fax numbers for use in reporting. It includes a link to the web reporting system and guidelines for using that system. It also includes a copy of the current form to use in reporting suspected abuse via fax.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics** <http://www.aap.org>
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and its member pediatricians dedicate their efforts and resources to the health, safety, and well-being of all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The AAP has 57,000 members in the United States, Canada, and Latin America. Members include pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists. More than 41,000 members are board-certified and are called Fellows of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP). The mission of the AAP is to attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. To this purpose, the AAP and its members dedicate their efforts and resources.
- **American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law**
<http://www.abanet.org/child>
In 1978 the American Bar Association's (ABA) Young Lawyers Division created the ABA Center on Children and the Law. From modest origins as a small legal resource center focusing exclusively on child abuse and neglect issues, the Center has grown into a full-service technical assistance, training, and research program addressing a broad spectrum of law and court-related topics affecting children. These include child abuse and neglect, adoption, adolescent health, foster and kinship care, custody and support, guardianship, missing and exploited children, and children's exposure to domestic violence.
- **American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children** <http://www.apsac.org/>
The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) is a nonprofit national organization focused on meeting the needs of professionals engaged in all aspects of services for maltreated children and their families. Especially important to APSAC is the dissemination of state-of-the-art practice in all professional disciplines related to child abuse and neglect.

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
Child Maltreatment Prevention
<http://cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/childmaltreatment/>

- **Child Abuse Prevention Foundation** <http://www.preventchildabuse.com>
The National Exchange Club (a national service organization) Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of children, families, and our communities through its national project, the prevention of child abuse. The NEC Foundation's most successful method of countering abuse is by working directly with parents through the parent aide program. The NEC Foundation coordinates a nationwide network of nearly 100 Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers who use the parent aide program and provide support to families at-risk for abuse.

- **Child Abuse Prevention Network** <http://child-abuse.com>
The Child Abuse Prevention Network is the online nerve center for professionals in the field of child abuse and neglect. Child maltreatment, physical abuse, psychological maltreatment, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse and neglect are their key areas of concern. The network provides unique and powerful tools for all workers to support the identification, investigation, treatment, adjudication, and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Originally launched as an outreach effort of the Family Life Development Center, the Child Abuse Prevention Network is sponsored by LifeNET, Inc.

- **Child Trauma Academy** <http://www.childtrauma.org>
The Child Trauma Academy (CTA) is a not-for-profit organization based in Houston, Texas. The mission of the Academy is to help improve the lives of traumatized and maltreated children and their families. The CTA works to create unique partnerships with corporate, public, and private organizations. Over the years, The Child Trauma Academy has developed a unique insight and skill set that helps create and sustain successful partnerships and projects. Two primary activities of The Child Trauma Academy are program consultation and development and education and training.

- **Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)** <http://www.cwla.org>
The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization. They are committed to engaging people everywhere in promoting the well-being of children, youth, and their families and protecting every child from harm. Believing that children are our most valuable resource, CWLA strives to advance national standards of excellence and sound public policies on behalf of the three million abused, neglected, and vulnerable children served by their 1,200 public and nonprofit member agencies. CWLA is also the largest publisher of child welfare materials in North America.

- **Childhelp USA** <http://www.childhelpusa.org>
 Childhelp USA is one of the largest and oldest national nonprofits dedicated to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect. Since its founding in 1959, the organization has directly provided help and hope to millions of children and adults whose lives have been traumatized by child abuse.

- **Children's Defense Fund** <http://www.childrensdefense.org>
 The mission of the Children's Defense Fund is to Leave No Child Behind® and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. CDF provides a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. CDF pays particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities. CDF educates the nation about the needs of children and encourages preventive investment before they get sick or into trouble, drop out of school, or suffer family breakdown. CDF is a private, nonprofit organization supported by foundations, corporation grants, and individual donations. CDF has never taken government funds.

- **Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
<http://www.fcadv.org/projects-programs/primary-prevention>

- **Florida Department of Children and Families** <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs.shtml>
 The Florida Department of Children and Families serves Florida's most vulnerable residents, including children, disabled adults, and elders. Through the Department's primary program areas, which include child and adult protection, homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health services, child care, and public assistance, families throughout the state receive the help they need to become stable, self-sufficient, and resilient households. The Department administers these programs and many other special initiatives applying the guiding principles of transparency, accountability, integrity, orientation to action, common sense and a sense of urgency.

- **Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Abuse Hotline Resources and Referral Numbers**
<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/abuse/resources.shtml>.

- **Florida Department of Children and Families, Office of Child Care**
<http://www.myflorida.com/childcare>
 Child care is a valuable support system for families. This website provides information about minimum health and safety standards for child care facilities and homes, training for child care personnel, quality guidelines, and inspections of child care programs regulated by DCF. Parents can search for child care

providers by name, location, or services, including voluntary prekindergarten. Contact information for local staff is also available. For information regarding Child Care Training, please contact the Child Care Training Information Center at (888) 352-2842, and for additional questions regarding the regulation of child care, please contact the Child Care Regulation Program Office at (850) 488-4900.

- **Florida Department of Education, Office of Professional Practices Reporting Misconduct and Abuse** <http://www.fldoe.org/edstandards/poster.asp>
- **FRIENDS National Resource Center** <http://www.friendsnrc.org>
FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) is funded under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau to provide training and technical assistance to designated CBCAP lead agencies and set-aside grantees. FRIENDS is an acronym for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service.
- **Health and Human Services, Child Abuse and Neglect FAQ**
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/fri/index.htm#can>
- **Health and Human Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Resources**
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/statistics/can.cfm>
- **International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect**
<http://ispcan.org/>
The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, founded in 1977, is the only multidisciplinary international organization that brings together a worldwide cross-section of committed professionals to work toward the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation globally.
- **Kempe Center for Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect**
<http://www.kempecenter.org/>
Founded by Dr. C. Henry Kempe in 1972 and celebrating 30 years of pioneering work, the Kempe Children's Center provides clinical treatment, training, research, education, and program development to prevent and treat child abuse and neglect. Located in Denver, Colorado, Kempe has built its reputation as a national and international leader by creating model programs for national replication, providing quality clinical assessment and treatment to abused children and their families, developing curricula to train professionals, providing training and consulting to other professionals, and conducting research studies that assist in program development and public policy making.

- **Monique Burr Foundation** <http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org>
 This organization provides training and education to prevent and reduce the rate of abuse among children throughout northeast Florida and in the Tampa region.
- **National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center** <http://aia.berkeley.edu/>
 The National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center's mission is to enhance the quality of social and health services delivered to children who are abandoned or at-risk of abandonment due to the presence of drugs and/or HIV in the family. The Resource Center provides training, information, support, and resources to service providers who assist these children and their families.
- **National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds**
<http://www.ctfalliance.org/>
 The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds initiates and engages in national efforts that assist state Children's Trust and Prevention Funds in strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect. This includes promoting and supporting a system of services, laws, practices, and attitudes that supports families by enabling them to provide their children with a safe, healthy, and nurturing childhood. Members of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds are catalysts for the development of community-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs in their states. They are also incubators for innovative new programs and services related to strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- **National Association of Counsel for Children** <http://www.naccchildlaw.org/>
 The National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) is a nonprofit child advocacy and professional membership association dedicated to representation and protection of children in the legal system. Founded in 1977, the NACC is located in the Kempe Children's Center on the campus of The Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado. The NACC also maintains a policy representative in Washington, DC. The NACC provides training and technical assistance to child advocates and works to improve the child welfare, juvenile justice, and private custody systems. The NACC is a multidisciplinary organization with approximately 2,000 members representing all 50 states and several foreign countries. NACC membership is comprised primarily of attorneys and judges, although the fields of medicine, social work, mental health, education, and law enforcement are also represented.
- **National Call to Action: A Movement to End Child Abuse and Neglect**
<http://www.corporationwiki.com/California/San-Diego/the-national-call-to-action-a-movement-to-end-child-abuse-and-neglect/43718730.aspx>
 Under the banner of a "National Call to Action," the NCTA Board of Directors, Authentic Voices, representatives from several participating organizations, and interested people are implementing a plan to dramatically reduce the incidence of

child abuse and neglect in the U.S. This website provides action alerts and policy updates.

- **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)**

<http://www.missingkids.org>

NCMEC was established in 1984 as a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to provide services nationwide for families and professionals in the prevention of abduction, endangerment, and sexual exploitation of children.

- **National Child Traumatic Stress Network** <http://www.nctsn.com/nccts>

This is a source of information for teachers and parents about the learning and emotional problems that children may experience as a result of exposure to traumatic events, including one-time events, such as natural disasters, accidents, and crimes, and chronic situations, such as neglect, abuse, domestic violence, and parental substance abuse or mental health issues.

- **National Child Welfare Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo01/appendix/appendf2.htm>

The mission of the Resource Center is to assist state and tribal child welfare agencies in implementing family-centered practices to achieve the goals of safety, permanency, and wellbeing for children and families. The Resource Center believes that the best care and protection of children can be achieved when service delivery focuses on developing and using the strengths of nuclear and extended families and communities.

- **National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues**

<http://www.abanet.org/child/rcldji/home.html>

The National Child Welfare Resource Center on Legal and Judicial Issues is dedicated to achieving safety, permanence, and well-being for abused and neglected children through improved laws and judicial decision-making. The Resource Center provides training, technical assistance, and consultation to agencies and courts on all legal and judicial aspects of the child welfare system, including court improvement, agency and court collaboration, court process, reasonable efforts requirements, legal representation of children and their families, guardianship, confidentiality, and other emerging child welfare issues.

- **National Children's Advocacy Center** <http://www.nationalcac.org/>

The National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama, is a nonprofit agency providing prevention, intervention, and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children and their families within a child-focused team approach. Since opening in 1985 as the nation's first Children's Advocacy Center, the NCAC has become a leader in the field of prevention and intervention of child maltreatment.

- **National Children's Alliance** <http://www.nca-online.org>

The National Children's Alliance (formerly the National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers) is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide training, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to communities seeking to plan, establish, and improve Children's Advocacy Centers. Children's Advocacy Centers offer a new way of serving abused children through a comprehensive approach to services for victims and their families. These programs are designed by professionals and volunteers in response to the needs of their own communities. Children's Advocacy Centers stress coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases. The goal is to ensure that children are not re-victimized by the very system designed to protect them.
- **National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**
<http://www.joeant.com/DIR/info/get/4231/41761>

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information was established in 1974 by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to collect, organize, and disseminate information on all aspects of child maltreatment. The Clearinghouse is a service of the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The mission of the Clearinghouse is to connect professionals and concerned citizens to timely and well-balanced information on programs, research, legislation, and statistics regarding the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families.
- **National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association**
<http://www.nationalcasa.org>

In addition to providing leadership for CASA programs across the country (also known as Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Programs), the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association stages an annual conference, publishes a quarterly newsletter, and promotes CASA through public relations efforts. National CASA offers consultation and resources that help start CASA programs and provides vital assistance to established programs.
- **National Data Archive on Child Abuse (NDACAN)** <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu>

A resource since 1988, NDACAN (a project of the Family Life Development Center, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University) promotes scholarly exchange among researchers in the child maltreatment field. NDACAN acquires microdata from leading researchers and national data collection efforts and makes these datasets available to the research community for secondary analysis.
- **National Indian Child Welfare Association** <http://www.nicwa.org/>

The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) is the most comprehensive source of information on American Indian child welfare and works on behalf of Indian children and families. NICWA provides public policy, research, and advocacy; information and training on Indian child welfare; and community development services to a broad national audience, including tribal governments and programs, state child welfare agencies, and other organizations, agencies, and professionals interested in the field of Indian child welfare. NICWA works to address issues of child abuse and neglect through training, research, public policy, and grassroots community development.

- **National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning**

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/socwork/nrcfcpp>

The National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work is a training, technical assistance, and information services organization dedicated to increasing the capacity of child welfare agencies to provide children with safe, permanent families in supportive communities.

- **National Resource Center for Information Technology in Child Welfare (NRC-ITCW)**

<http://www.nrcitcw.org>

The mission of NRC-ITCW is to assist state, local, and tribal child welfare agencies and the courts in improving outcomes for children and families through the use of information technology. This resource center assists front line workers, supervisors, and administrators in child welfare, as well as judges and court administrative personnel, in using technology and information to inform policy and practice in child welfare. NRC-ITCW also supports states and courts in meeting the requirements of the Adoption and Safe Families Act and other federal mandates.

- **National Resource Center on Child Maltreatment**

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cwo01/appendix/appendf5.htm>

The National Resource Center on Child Maltreatment (NRCCM) is supported by a cooperative agreement with the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The center provides information, training, and technical assistance to state, local, and tribal child protection agencies. The center's training efforts are based on effective instructional design strategies executed by their expert staff and consultants. They have numerous years of organizational development research and practice and are committed to helping other agencies develop skills and competencies in areas such as policy and procedure development, Child Protective Services decision making, and Safety and Risk Assessment Model review and design.

- **National Resource Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare**

<http://www.ncsacw.samhsa.gov/>

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare (NCSACW) is an initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services and jointly funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) and the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Children's Bureau's Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN). NCSACW's goals are to develop and implement a comprehensive program of information gathering and dissemination, to provide technical assistance and to develop knowledge that promotes effective practice, organizational, and system changes at the local, state, and national levels. A key feature of the National Center's efforts is assistance in developing the cross-system partnerships and practice changes that are needed to address the issues of substance use disorders among families in the child welfare system.

- **Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida** <http://www.ounce.org>
The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida is a private, nonprofit corporation whose mission is to identify, fund, support, and evaluate innovative prevention and early intervention programs that improve the health, education, and life outcomes of Florida's at-risk children and families. For prevention information, go to <http://www.ounce.org/PreventionServices.asp>
- **Prevent Child Abuse America** <http://www.preventchildabuse.org>
Since 1972, Prevent Child Abuse America has led the way in building awareness, providing education, and inspiring hope to everyone involved in the effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of this nation's children. Working with chapters in 39 states and the District of Columbia, this initiative provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at both the national and local levels. With the help of state chapters and concerned individuals, Prevent Child Abuse America is strengthening families and engaging communities nationwide. Pinwheels for Prevention is Prevent Child Abuse America's campaign to "change the way our nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur." <http://www.pinwheelsforprevention.org>
For prevention tips for parents, www.preventchildabuse.org/publications/parents/
- **Shaken Baby Alliance** <http://www.shakenbaby.com>
The mission of the Shaken Baby Alliance is to provide support for shaken baby syndrome (SBS) victims' families (including adoptive and foster parents), advocate for justice for SBS victims, and increase SBS awareness. The Alliance seeks to work collaboratively with all agencies and professionals in a community effort.
- **Voices for America's Children** <http://www.voicesforamericaschildren.org>
Voices for America's Children is a national organization committed to working at the state and local levels to improve the well-being of children. With member

organizations in almost every state, Voices provides a voice for the voiceless—children—in city halls and statehouses across the country. Formerly the National Association of Child Advocates, Voices was founded in 1984 by a small group of child advocates dedicated to working at the state and local level to improve children's lives.