



**National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information
National Adoption Information Clearinghouse**



Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families

Child Abuse and Neglect/Child Welfare Advocacy and Public Policy Organizations

The following organizations are among many that provide information about child abuse and neglect and child welfare advocacy and public policy. If you are aware of any others, please contact the Clearinghouse. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

Alliance for Children and Families

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The Alliance is an association representing private, nonprofit child and family service organizations. Its members provide an array of services ranging from residential care to domestic abuse prevention and intervention. The mission of the Alliance is to strengthen the ability of its members to serve and advocate for children, families, and communities. The Alliance was formed by a merger between Family Service America and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children in 1998.

American Humane Association (AHA)

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The American Humane Association's mission is preventing cruelty, abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children and animals. AHA's Child Welfare Division has worked for many years to improve the public and private child welfare systems so they can respond more effectively to the needs of abused and neglected children. AHA is a national association of child protection programs, agencies, and individuals, and its membership includes State and local social service agencies, child advocates, courts, hospitals, schools, mental health professionals, and concerned citizens in every State. AHA information assists professionals and citizens in making informed decisions about how to help children and families in crisis. The association also develops resources and programs which help communities and citizens prevent child abuse.

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

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The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children addresses all facets of the professional response to child maltreatment: prevention, assessment, intervention, and treatment. APSAC membership reflects all of the major disciplines that respond to child maltreatment, including mental health, medicine, child protective services, and law enforcement. APSAC publications and training cover all aspects of child maltreatment, including emotional and other types of neglect and physical and sexual abuse.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information

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**American Psychological Association Division of
Child, Youth and Family Services**

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URL: <http://www.apa.org/about/division/div37.html>

The APA's Division of Child, Youth and Family Services is committed to applying psychological knowledge to advocacy, service delivery, and the formation of public policy. The Division employs a multidisciplinary approach in advancing research, education, training, and practice. The Division's activities and publications focus on divorce and custody, child abuse prevention, pediatric AIDS, drug-exposed infants, latchkey children, homelessness, and systems of care.

**American Public Human Services Association
(APHSA)**

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The American Public Human Services Association is an organization of individuals and agencies concerned with human services. APHSA works to educate members of Congress, the media, and the broader public on what is happening in the States in regard to welfare, child welfare, health care reform, and other issues involving families. APHSA's mission is to promote, develop, and implement public human service policies that improve the health and well-being of families and children.

**Association of Administrators of the Interstate
Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)**

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The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children is a uniform State law establishing a contract among party States to ensure that children placed across state lines receive adequate protection and services. The primary function of the ICPC is to protect the interests of both the children and the States by requiring that certain procedures be followed in the interstate placement of children who are being adopted, placed with relatives, or going into residential care or foster family homes.

Black Administrators in Child Welfare, Inc. (BACW)

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Black Administrators in Child Welfare is committed to strengthening and supporting the healthy development of African American children, families, and communities through advocacy, leadership development, consultation, and training.

Chadwick Center for Children and Families

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MC 5016
San Diego, CA, 92123
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Phone: (858) 576-1700, x 4972
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The Chadwick Center's mission is to protect children and strengthen families through prevention, treatment, education, public policy, advocacy, and research in the areas of child maltreatment and family violence. The Center uses a multidisciplinary, family-centered approach.

Chapin Hall Center for Children

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Chapin Hall is a research and development center focusing on policies, practices, and programs affecting children and the families and communities in which they live. The Center devotes special attention to children facing significant problems such as abuse or neglect, poverty, and mental or physical illnesses, and to the service systems designed to address these problems.

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

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The Child Welfare League of America is the oldest national organization serving vulnerable children, youth, and their families. CWLA provides training, consultation, and technical assistance to child welfare professionals and agencies while also educating the public on emerging issues that affect abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Through its publications, conferences, and teleconferences, CWLA shares information on emerging trends, specific topics in child welfare practice (family foster care, kinship care, adoption, positive youth development), and Federal and State policies.

Childhelp USA

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Childhelp USA is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of abused and neglected children by focusing its efforts and resources in the areas of treatment, prevention, and research. Its programs and services include the operation of the Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline, residential treatment facilities for severely abused children, child advocacy centers that reduce the trauma of child abuse victims during the interview and examination process, group homes, foster family selection, training and certification, Head Start programs for at-risk children, child abuse prevention programs, and community outreach.

Children's Defense Fund (CDF)

National Headquarters
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URL: <http://www.childrensdefense.org>

The Children's Defense Fund focuses on key issues affecting the well-being of children by helping develop, implement, and monitor State and Federal policies. CDF gathers and disseminates data on children, promotes public education, provides technical assistance to State and local child advocates, and pursues an annual Federal legislative agenda.

Children's Healthcare is a Legal Duty, Inc. (CHILD)

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Sioux City, IA, 51106
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Fax: (712) 948-3704
Email: childinc@netins.net
URL: <http://www.childrenshealthcare.org/>

Children's Healthcare is a Legal Duty was established to protect children from abusive religious and cultural practices, especially religion-based medical neglect. CHILD opposes religious exemptions from duties to care for children.

Darkness to Light

247 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC, 29401
Phone: (843) 965-5444
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Toll-Free: 1-866- FOR-LIGHT (1-866-367-5444)
URL: <http://www.darkness2light.org/>

Darkness to Light is a primary prevention program whose mission is to engage adults in the prevention of child sexual abuse; to reduce the incidence of child sexual abuse nationally through education and public awareness aimed at adults; and to provide adults with information to recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

David and Lucille Packard Foundation Children, Families and Communities Program

The Future of Children
The David and Lucille Packard Foundation
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Los Altos, CA, 94022
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URL: <http://www.packard.org/>

One of the major program areas of the Foundation is the Children, Families, and Communities Program. The Program focuses on children's access to high-quality health care, the development of children and youth, the economic security of families, and the reduction of violence in homes. The "Future of Children" is a publication of this Program. The primary purpose of this journal is to promote effective policies and programs for children by providing policymakers and service providers with objective information based on the best available research.

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health (FFCMH)

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Alexandria, VA, 22314
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URL: <http://www.ffcmh.org>

The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health is a parent-run advocacy organization for families of children and youth with special emotional, behavioral, or mental health needs.

Generations United (GU)

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URL: <http://www.gu.org/>

Generations United is the only national membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies. It is a national organization that advocates for the mutual well-being of children, youth, and older adults. GU serves as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic and social need for intergenerational cooperation. GU provides a forum for those working with children, youth, and the elderly to explore areas of common ground.

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

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The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, founded in 1977, is the only multidisciplinary international organization that brings together a global cross-section of committed professionals to work towards the prevention and treatment of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation. ISPCAN's mission is to prevent cruelty to children in every nation, in every form: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, street children, child fatalities, child prostitution, children of war, emotional abuse, and child labor. ISPCAN is committed to increasing public awareness of all forms of violence against children, developing activities to prevent such violence, and promoting the rights of children in all regions of the world.

Military Family Resource Center (MFRC)

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Arlington, VA, 22202-3424
Phone: (703) 602-4964
Phone: 332-4964
Phone: (202) 628-8787
Fax: (703) 602-0189
Fax: 332-0189
Email: mfrcrequest@caliber.com
URL: <http://www.mfrc-dodqol.org/>

The Military Family Resource Center is a resource for military members and their families, professionals, and policy makers. MFRC offers publications and resource referrals for information on the military lifestyle and quality of life issues for single and married service members and their families. MFRC also provides information on quality of life policies, the latest research initiatives, and model programs.

National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI)

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The National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions promotes the health and well-being of children and their families through support of children's hospitals and health systems. Through the Association, NACHRI members work to ensure children's access to healthcare and the ability of children's hospitals to provide the services children need. NACHRI's tools include education, research, promotion of good health, and advocacy.

National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)

1825 Marion Street
Suite 242
Denver, CO, 80218
Toll-Free: (888) 828-NACC
Email: advocate@NACCchildlaw.org
URL: <http://www.naccchildlaw.org>

The National Association of Counsel for Children works to improve the legal protection and representation of children by training and educating child advocates and by effecting policy and legal systems change. The NACC sponsors conferences and seminars on important issues confronting child advocates and files amicus curiae briefs in selected court cases affecting children. The Association also has a legislative agenda, a national child advocate awards program, and a speakers bureau.

National Association of Foster Care Reviewers (NAFCR)

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URL: <http://www.nafcr.org>

The National Association of Foster Care Reviewers is a membership organization devoted to the development and expansion of foster care review systems and citizen review programs. NAFCR works to promote permanent families for children by assuring that every child in foster care receives independent, timely, quality case reviews, and to advocate on behalf of abused and neglected children nationwide by using the information gathered during the review process.

National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)

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Washington, DC, 20005
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Toll-Free: (800) 556-2234
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The National Black Child Development Center's mission is to improve and protect the well-being of African American children. The Center sponsors a national training conference, provides publications and curricula, and advocates for public policy on child welfare issues such as kinship care, foster care, and permanency planning.

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (NCEMCH)

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Fax: (202) 784-9777
Email: nchlibrary@ncemch.org
URL: <http://www.ncemch.org>

The National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health provides national leadership to the maternal and child health community in program development, policy analysis and education, and state-of-the-art knowledge with the goal of improving the health and well-being of the nation's children and families. A multidisciplinary faculty and staff collaborates with Federal agencies, corporate, philanthropic and other professional organizations, and academic institutions to develop national health initiatives, develop and disseminate materials, and provide a virtual library.

National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC)

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The National Children's Advocacy Center provides prevention, intervention, and treatment services to physically and sexually abused children and their families with a child-focused team approach. NCAC also operates the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center, which provides education and training to support the development of Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information

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The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, a service of the Children's Bureau, helps professionals locate information on child abuse and neglect and related child welfare issues. Among its resources, the Clearinghouse offers a bibliographic database of child maltreatment and related child welfare materials, summaries of State laws concerned with child abuse and neglect and child welfare, fact sheets, resource lists, bulletins, and other publications. Jointly with the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse (NAIC), the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information publishes the Children's Bureau Express, an online digest of news and resources for professionals concerned with child maltreatment, child welfare, and adoption.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

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URL: <http://www.ncsl.org>

The National Conference of State Legislatures promotes information sharing by tracking legislation and policy issues in State legislatures and the effect of Federal initiatives on the States. The NCSL offers information, publications, conferences, consulting services, and professional development seminars. The NCSL also advocates for the States by lobbying, testifying, and collaborating on Capitol Hill.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

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Reno, NV, 89507
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Fax: (775) 784-6628
Email: admin@ncjfcj.unr.edu
URL: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/>

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is dedicated to improving the court system's handling of juvenile and family matters through applied research, technical assistance, and continuing education of judges and juvenile justice professionals on family violence, child abuse and neglect, and child protection and custody.

National Foster Parent Association (NFPA)

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URL: <http://www.nfpainc.org>

The National Foster Parent Association is a nonprofit volunteer organization established in 1972. The Association's purpose is to bring together foster parents, agency representatives, and people in the community to improve the foster care system. NFPA promotes mutual coordination, cooperation, and communication among foster parents, foster parent associations, child care agencies, and other child advocates in an effort to encourage the recruitment and retention of foster parents and to inform the Association's membership and the general public of particular children needing foster care placement.

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)

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Portland, OR, 97239
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URL: <http://www.nicwa.org>

NICWA functions as the only Native American organization focused specifically on issues of child abuse and neglect and tribal capacity to prevent and respond effectively to these problems. They provide workshops and training programs, using one or more of over 25 culturally appropriate NICWA developed resources, including training materials, curricula, and books. They also offer technical assistance and training on child care, family preservation, and substance abuse.

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

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Fax: (703) 684-5968
TTY: (800) 433-5959
Toll-Free: (800) 969-6642
Email: nmhainfo@aol.com
URL: <http://www.nmha.org>

The National Mental Health Association is dedicated to promoting mental health, preventing mental disorders, and achieving victory over mental illnesses through advocacy, education, research, and service. The Association's National Mental Health Information Center (MHIC) offers referrals to mental health services and provides educational material about mental illness and mental health to the public, local mental health associations, corporations, and other mental health organizations.

National Network for Youth

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URL: <http://www.nn4youth.org>

The National Network engages in public education efforts and promotes the delivery of high-quality programs and services by agencies serving youth. The organization also provides training and technical assistance in Community Youth Development, youth leadership, peer education, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention, grant writing, and organizational development. The National Network for Youth also advocates for key legislation and spending affecting youth.

National Respite Coalition (NRC)

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The mission of the National Respite Coalition, an initiative of the ARCH National Respite Network, is to secure quality, accessible, planned, and crisis respite services for all families and caregivers who need them to strengthen and stabilize families and enhance child and adult safety. The Coalition works to achieve these goals by preserving and promoting respite in policy and programs at the national, State, and local levels.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)

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The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation advises the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy development in health, disability, human services, and science, and provides advice and analysis on economic policy. ASPE leads special initiatives; coordinates the Department's evaluation, research and demonstration activities; and manages cross-Department planning activities such as strategic planning, legislative planning, and review of regulations. ASPE conducts research and evaluation studies, develops policy analyses, and estimates the cost and benefits of policy alternatives under consideration by the Department or Congress.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

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URL: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

The Violence Against Women Office is part of the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The VAWO handles the Department's legal and policy issues regarding violence against women, coordinates Departmental efforts, provides national and international leadership, and responds to requests for information regarding violence against women. The Violence Against Women Office works closely with other components of OJP (the Office of Legal Policy, the Office of Legislative Affairs, the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Immigration and Naturalization Office, the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, U.S. Attorneys' Offices, and State, Tribal and local jurisdictions) to implement the mandates of the Violence Against Women Act and subsequent legislation.

Prevent Child Abuse America

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Local Contacts:
http://www.preventchildabuse.org/get_local/index.html

Prevent Child Abuse America is committed to promoting legislation, policies, and programs that help prevent child abuse and neglect, support healthy childhood development, and strengthen families. Working with chapters in 37 States and the District of Columbia, Prevent Child Abuse America provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at the national and local levels.

Safer Society Foundation, Inc.

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The Safer Society Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit agency, is a national research, advocacy, and referral center on the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse. The Foundation provides training and consultation, research, sex offender treatment referrals, a computerized program network, and a resource library. It also publishes materials for the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse.

Sidran Institute

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The Sidran Institute, a leader in traumatic stress education and advocacy, is a nationally focused nonprofit organization devoted to helping people who have experienced traumatic life events. The Institute promotes improved understanding of the early recognition and treatment of trauma-related stress in children, the long-term effects of trauma on adults, and strategies that lead to the greatest success in self-help recovery for trauma survivors. The Sidran Institute also advocates clinical practices considered successful in aiding trauma victims and the development of public policy initiatives that are responsive to the needs of adult and child survivors of traumatic events.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
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HHS is the Government agency responsible for protecting the health of Americans. While the Web site (<http://www.hhs.gov>) covers a much broader range of health issues, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is devoted to families and children and specific populations such as minorities and the disabled.

Voices for America's Children

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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 in the United States by enhancing the capacity of Voices' member organizations to effectively advocate on behalf of children and their families.