

Child Welfare Resource List

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Children's Advocacy
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Building Connections
in Child Welfare

- **Administration for Children and Families**

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

The Administration for Children & Families (ACF) is a division of the Department of Health & Human Services. ACF promotes the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals and communities.

- **Annie E. Casey Foundation**

<http://www.aecf.org/>

The Annie E. Casey Foundation is a private charitable organization, dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. It was established in 1948 by Jim Casey, one of the founders of UPS, and his siblings, who named the Foundation in honor of their mother.

The primary mission of the Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation makes grants that help states, cities and neighborhoods fashion more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs.

- **Child Welfare Information Gateway**

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/>

Child Welfare Information Gateway connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families. We feature the latest on topics from prevention to permanency, including child abuse and neglect, foster care, and adoption.

- **Child Welfare League of America**

www.cwla.org

CWLA leads and engages its network of public and private agencies and partners to advance policies, best practices and collaborative strategies that result in better outcomes for vulnerable children, youth and families.

- **Child Welfare Policy Database**

<http://www.childwelfarepolicy.org>

This easy-to-use website provides state-by-state policy information on a range of child welfare topics. Visitors can access up-to-date information on individual state policies and can compare their own state's policies to those of other states. New topics will be included in the database in the coming months.

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- **Children's Advocacy Centers**

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/programs/ProgSummary.asp?pi=30&ti=&si=&kw=&PreviousPage=ProgResults>

*Program under the Office of Justice Programs

This webpage includes a list of Children's Advocacy Centers which are defined as:

Children's Advocacy Centers coordinate the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases by utilizing multidisciplinary teams of professionals involved in child protective and victim advocacy services, law enforcement and prosecution, and physical and mental health.

- **Children's Defense Fund**

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/>

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is a non-profit child advocacy organization that has worked relentlessly for 40 years to ensure a level playing field for all children. We champion policies and programs that lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education and a moral and spiritual foundation. Supported by foundation and corporate grants and individual donations, CDF advocates nationwide on behalf of children to ensure children are always a priority.

- **Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**

<http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/>

At the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, we believe that we have a responsibility to be the voice of foster care adoption, so that every child finds a family. We exist to find homes for children who are waiting to be adopted from foster care in North America. In the process, we work to inform adults who may have misperceptions about foster care adoption that keep them from getting involved. Through the money we raise, we are able to provide free educational resources, promote awareness, assist policymakers and employers, and support adoption professionals and agencies throughout the United States and Canada to ensure that every child finds a forever home.

- **Every Child Matters Education Fund**

<http://www.everychildmatters.org/>

Established July 20th, 2001 the Every Child Matters Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan organization working to make public investments in children, youth, and families a national political priority. What makes ECM different is that we focus on raising the visibility of children's issues during elections. We urge candidates to support, and the public to demand, greater investments in programs that address the needs of America's families.

- **First Focus**

www.firstfocus.net

First Focus is a bipartisan advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions. First Focus leads a comprehensive advocacy strategy, with its hands-on experience with federal policymaking and a commitment to seeking policy solutions.

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- **Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative**

<http://jimcaseyyouth.org/>

The mission of the Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative is to ensure that young people—primarily those between ages 14 and 25—make successful transitions from foster care to adulthood. We do this by working nationally, in states, and locally to improve policies and practices, promote youth engagement, apply evaluation and research, and create community partnerships. Our work creates opportunities for young people to achieve positive outcomes in permanence, education, employment, housing, health, financial capability, and social capital.

- **Kids Count Data Center**

<http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

Access hundreds of measures of child well-being, including all those regularly used in our popular Data Book and local data from our 53 hundred grantees.

- **National Children’s Advocacy Center**

<http://www.nationalcac.org/>

The NCAC models, promotes, and delivers excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership.

- **National Children’s Alliance**

<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/>

National Children’s Alliance is a professional membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient – and put the needs of child victims first.

- **National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges**

<http://www.ncjfcj.org/>

The **MISSION** of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges is to provide all judges, courts, and related agencies involved with juvenile, family, and domestic violence cases with the knowledge and skills to improve the lives of the families and children who seek justice.

- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

<http://www.ojjdp.gov/>

Juveniles in crisis—from serious, violent, and chronic offenders to victims of abuse and neglect—pose a challenge to the nation. **Charged by Congress** to meet this challenge, OJJDP collaborates with professionals from diverse disciplines to improve juvenile justice policies and practices.

- **Philanthropy News Digest – The Foundation Center**

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/>

PND is a daily news service of the Foundation Center, is a compendium, in digest form, of philanthropy-related articles and features culled from print and electronic media outlets nationwide. Includes selected RFPs and job openings in a variety of areas, including children and youth.

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- **State Policy Advocacy Reform Center (SPARC)**

<http://childwelfaresparc.com/>

Child welfare advocates are uniquely positioned to influence debates that directly impact the safety and well-being of America's children. First Focus is proud to coordinate SPARC, a project designed to help state child welfare advocates make an even bigger impact, and supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative.

- **UNICEF**

<http://www.unicef.org/>

UNICEF is the driving force that helps build a world where the rights of every child are realized. We have the global authority to influence decision-makers, and the variety of partners at grassroots level to turn the most innovative ideas into reality. That makes us unique among world organizations, and unique among those working with the young.

- **University of Minnesota**

<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/cascw/pracresources/ChildWelfarePolicy/Policy-Resources.asp>

Provides a list of national resources pertaining to child welfare policy.

- **Voices for America's Children**

www.voices.org

Voices for America's Children is the nation's largest network of multi-issue child advocacy organizations. Our nonprofit, nonpartisan network spans almost every state, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. We lead advocacy efforts at the community, state and federal levels to improve the lives of all children, especially those most vulnerable, and their families.