

Child Care Collaboration: An Internet Resource Pathfinder

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INTRODUCTION

This Pathfinder was developed to provide the user with a tool to locate virtual sites on Child Care Collaboration. Internet search engines used in its development were: Infoseek, Altavista, and Excite. Underlined text within this document indicates a hyperlink.

This product was developed by Head Start Information and Publication Center Information Services. If you have any questions or need assistance with this Pathfinder, please contact Nanette Lofaro at nanettel@headstartinfo.org. You can also call (202) 737-1030. We also welcome suggestions for future Internet Guides on other topics.

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General Information

A selection of web sites providing general information on child care partnerships and collaborations.

Center for Policy Alternatives

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The Center for Policy Alternatives is a "non-profit, non-partisan public policy and leadership development center devoted to community-based solutions that strengthen families and communities." Their web site offers a newsletter Alternatives, information on programs and campaigns, news releases on national and community issues, information on model legislation, and links to additional resources.

Early Head Start National Resource Center

ZERO TO THREE
2000 M Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (703) 683-2878
Fax: 703-683-5769
Internet: <http://www.ehsnrc.org>

The Early Head Start National Resource Center, operated by ZERO TO THREE in collaboration with WestEd, provides training and technical assistance to Early Head Start Programs.

Families and Work Institute

330 Seventh Avenue, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Phone: (212) 465-2044
Fax: (212) 465-8637
E-mail: afarber@familiesandwork.org
Internet: <http://www.familiesandwork.org/>

The Families and Work Institute is a non-profit research organization that addresses the changing nature of work and family life and, in collaboration with the Finance Project and the National Governors' Association, forms part of The Child Care Partnership Project. Of special relevance to child care partnerships their web site contains the Community Mobilization Forums with topic areas such as: Assessing Community Needs, Involving Families, Collaboration, Improving Program Quality, Financing, and Public Engagement. The Collaboration page lists simple steps to follow when involving business and other community participants in partnerships and will soon contain downloadable materials on partnerships, a library of additional articles and resources, and a bulletin

board for information exchange and resource sharing. They also list publications which can be ordered online including a guide: Community (1996) that contains detailed descriptions of successful community collaborations nationwide with tips and guidelines from those working in the field.

The Finance Project

1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 600

Washington, DC 20005

Phone: (202) 628-4200

Fax: (202) 628-4205

E-mail: info@financeproject.org

Internet: <http://www.financeproject.org>

The Finance Project is a "national initiative to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of public- and private-sector financing for education, other children's services, and community building and development." FP works to identify and track existing partnerships and practices at the state and local level, develops written technical assistance materials, conducts a national conference on public-private partnerships for state administrators, and provides periodic updates to state child care grantees. Their web site includes general information about their projects including community systems, lists of working papers, discussion groups, and links to other relevant web sites.

National Child Care Information Center

243 Church Street, NW, 2nd Floor

Vienna, VA 22180

Phone: (800) 616-2242

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TTY: (800) 516-2242

E-mail: ewen@nccic.org

Internet: <http://nccic.org>

The National Child Care Information Center, an adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse for Child Care sponsored by the Child Care Bureau (ACF/DHHS), disseminates child care information, provides outreach to ACF grantees, and publishes the Child Care Bulletin twice a year. In addition to providing information on child care organizations, funding resources, and state child care profiles, their web site contains several past issues of the Child Care Bulletin which have articles addressing the topic of child care partnerships: 1998, Issue 19: Federal Partners with Child Care, January/February 1997, Issue 13: Community Based Child Care Planning and May/June 1997, Issue 15: Linkages with Child Care.

National Governors' Association & NGA Center for Best Practices

444 N. Capital Street, Suite 267

Washington, DC 20001-1512

Phone: (202) 624-5300

Publications: (301) 498-3738

Internet: <http://www.nga.org/nga/1,1169,,00.html>

The National Governors' Association's and NGA Center for Best Practices helps to identify and share the best practices and innovations of state programs and assists governors in exploring and developing public and private partnerships within their states. Their web page includes First Three Years: A Governor's Guide to Early Childhood and identifies early childhood initiatives in the states.

National Head Start Association

1651 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 739-0875 / (800) 687-5044
Fax: (703) 739-0878
E-mail: genpart@nhsa.org
Internet: <http://www.nhsa.org/>

The National Head Start Association, a private, non-profit membership organization devoted to concerns of the Head Start community, has a special section on partnerships on their home page.

National Network for Child Care

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Part of the Cooperative Extension System's CYFERNET, the National Network for Child Care web site offers a menu of publications and resources on various child care topics, information on conferences, an e-mail discussion group KIDCARE, and links to other child care related web sites and resources. Of particular relevance to child care partnerships is a section on skills for working with community groups.

National Network for Collaboration

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Internet: <http://crs.uvm.edu/ncco/>

The National Network for Collaboration, comprised of twenty-one Land-Grant Universities, designs programs, provides curriculum, research, and training materials, and offers a variety of services for Cooperative Extension System Educators, agency and organizational partners, and citizens involved in collaborative, community-based efforts to improve the lives of children, youth and families. Professionals may access the Network by telephone, E-mail, FAX or through CYFERNET, the Cooperative Extension System's Children, Youth and Family Network. The NNCO web site provides several resources on collaboration such as: Collaborative Framework--Addressing Community Capacity - a guide for starting or strengthening community partnerships; and the Interactive Training Package.

North Central Regional Educational Laboratory

1900 Spring Road, Suite 300

Oak Brook, IL 60521

Phone: (800) 356-2735

Fax: (630) 571-4716

E-mail: info@ncrel.org

Internet: <http://www.ncrel.org/>

The North Central Regional Educational Laboratory, a non-profit organization, is one of ten Regional Educational Laboratories that provide research-based resources and assistance to educators, policymakers, and communities in their respective regions. Their web site contains a wealth of information on collaborations and partnerships especially on their Pathways to School Improvement Internet Server pages under the sections on Integrated Services and Parent and Family Involvement.

Quality in Linking Together (QUILT)

Toll Free Technical Assistance Hotline:

1-877-to-QUILT/1-877-867-8458

Hours: 8:30 to 7:30 Eastern Standard Time

Internet: <http://www.QUILT.org>

For further information contact:

Community Development Institute (CDI)

9745 East Hampden Avenue, Suite 310

Denver, CO 80231

Phone: (303) 369-8706

Fax: (303) 337-5339

Education Development Center, Inc.

55 Chapel Street

Newton, MA 02458-1060

Phone: (617) 969-7100

Fax: (617) 969-3440

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"QUILT is a national training and technical assistance project funded by the Federal Head Start and Child Care Bureaus. Our purpose is to support full-day, full-year partnerships among child care, Head Start, prekindergarten, and other early education programs at the local, state, tribal, territorial, and regional levels." This new federal initiative plans to collect, develop and distribute information on partnership structures and collaborative strategies, develop training materials and publications on guidance and fiscal strategies, provide assistance to ACF staffs, T/TA providers, and other regional , state, tribal, territorial and local agencies to build partnerships, and deliver on-site technical assistance to Head Start, child care, prekindergarten, and other early education providers through QUILT staff, expert consultants and existing T/TA systems. They will also conduct national and regional training sessions, forums, and meetings for early childhood education staff. Check their web site for new postings and information.

Reports and Other Documents

A selection of direct links to reports, guidebooks and other online publications on child care partnerships and collaboration.

A Compact for Learning: An Action Handbook for Family-School-Community Partnerships

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Compact/>

December 1997

A U.S. Department of Education publication which provides guidelines for developing Compacts among schools, families and communities. Part of the Partnership for Family Involvement in Education.

Early Childhood Reform in Seven Communities: Front-Line Practice, Agency Management, and Public Policy

<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/SER/EarlyChild/>

October 1996--Studies of Education Reform

A U.S. Department of Education report aimed at early childhood practitioners, managers, and policymakers, which includes profiles of several Head Start programs and stresses the need for early childhood programs to collaborate with parents, public schools and community agencies.

Head Start and the Cooperative Extension System

by Charles A. Smith, Interim National Program Leader, Human Development Extension Service-USDA

<http://www.nccc.org/EO/Head.Start.Extension.html>

Aimed primarily at county, state and federal Extension System educators, this brief report presents an overview of Head Start, discusses how effective partnerships between the Extension System and Head Start might be forged, and suggests how each can benefit from these collaborations.

Head Start--Day Care Partnership

Audubon Area Family Development Center

Grand Opening and Celebration

Owensboro, Kentucky | September 24, 1996

with Carol H. Rasco, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

<http://www.audubon-area.com/go-aafdc.htm>

Contains links to the full text of White House Domestic Policy Advisor Carol H. Rasco's speech for the opening ceremony of the Audubon Area Family Development Center, an Early Head Start Grantee, as well as links to a local newspaper article on her visit, and information on an adjunct facility, the Rolling Heights Family Development Center.

Strong Families, Strong Schools: Building Community Partnerships for Learning

<http://eric-web.tc.columbia.edu/families/strong/>

Based on Strong Families, Strong Schools by Jennifer Ballen and Oliver Moles for the National Family Initiative, U.S. Department of Education.

This on-line publication has a chapter on School-Family Partnerships with a special section on Early Childhood Education.

Articles

A selection of direct links to articles concerning child care partnerships and collaborations.

Corporate America, Kids Team Up For the Future

Part Five in a Series

<http://www.herald.com/archive/earlychild/docs/031359.htm>

by Donna Geherke White and Harriet Johnson Brackey

Miami Herald - March 19, 1998

Talks about recent corporate initiatives to improve child care in Louisville, KY, South Florida, and elsewhere in the U.S. in partnership with federal, state and local efforts.

Governors Talk the Line on Early Childhood

<http://www.america-tomorrow.com/ati/acl70203.htm>

by Anne C. Lewis for America Tomorrow - Washington, D.C., February 3, 1997

Presents highlights from a meeting of the National Governors' Association's Committee on Human Resources where several governors give examples of state efforts to improve the care of very young children including Gov. Jim Hunt (D-N.C.) on Smart Start Partnerships and Gov. John Engler (R-MI) on Early On collaborations.

Mayor Daley Unveils a Series of Child Care Reforms: City To Create New Child Care Partnership With Chicago Public Schools

<http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Mayor/SpecialNotices/html/ChildCarePartnership.html>

Chicago, Tuesday, November 12, 1997

Discusses new initiatives aimed at improving child care in Chicago including a \$1.8 million grant in federal Head Start funds to Chicago Public Schools to improve health and education programs for children ages 3-5 living in empowerment zone areas.

Projects

A selection of direct links to information on collaborative child care programs and projects.

Child Care Partnerships at a Glance

<http://www.pitt.edu/~uclid/ccpg.htm>

Information about Child Care Partnerships (CCP) in Allegheny County, PA.

Colorado Bright Beginnings

<http://www.brightbeginnings.org>

Discusses Colorado's Bright Beginnings early childhood development program for 0-3 year olds.

Community Partnerships for Children Program, Massachusetts Department of Education

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/doedocs/comprtnr.html>

Describes an early childhood program that strives to enhance collaboration among community groups.

Idaho: Child Care Connections

<http://www.ets.uidaho.edu/ccc/>

State Strengthening Project Overview of a child care collaboration among University of Idaho State 4-H Office, local school districts, Head Start, Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare and other organizations.

Intergenerational Family Literacy: A Head Start/Older Adult Partnership

<http://www.pitt.edu/~gti/literacy.html>

Funded by the National Institute for Literacy, October 1, 1992-September 30, 1993, this project used older adult mentors to work with Head Start parents to encourage their children to read and learn.

San Antonio Smart Start

<http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/workfamch/smrtsrt.html>

Describes the development and current activities of a public/private child care partnership in San Antonio, Texas.

Shady Grove KidStop Child Care Center

<http://www.co.mo.md.us/oed/ppp/hhs1.htm>

Presents a brief description of a public/private partnership project which developed a child care center at the Shady Grove Metro Station in Maryland.

TEAM Prevention Program

<http://www.son.washington.edu/centers/>

Based at the University of Washington, School of Nursing's Parenting Clinic, the TEAM Prevention Program works in partnership with school districts and Head Start

programs to help prevent childhood aggression, encourage positive social skills, and develop strong self-esteem in preschool and early school age children.

Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts

<http://www.wolftrap.org/institute>

Founded in 1981, the Wolf Trap Institute places professional performing artists in classroom residencies to work with children three to five years old, along with their teachers and parents/families through the disciplines of drama, music and movement.