

Virtual Library: Child Development Resources on the Web

Parenting, teaching, and taking care of young children is a big responsibility and sometimes overwhelming. There is an abundance of online childcare resources that can be very useful when nurturing and raising a new generation. Why not check out these recommended sites from the Ivy Tech State College Virtual Library?

The location is

<http://www.ivytech.edu/library/fortwayne>

From the Region 3 Virtual Library page, click on Browse and Search the Web. Next, click on Program Links, and finally click on Early Childhood Education.

Library Director, Sharon Hultquist, is responsible for the selection of sites.

Agencies & Help Services

The Association for Childhood Education International (AECI)

is a global organization that focuses on the education of the child from birth to pre-adolescence. It reaches out to the professional that works with parents and their children. The AECI publishes journals and newsletters.

The **CYFERNet** is maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It covers topics such as health & safety, music & movement, and family



dynamics. Kids can also explore the Internet. Spanish language resources are available.

National Association for the Education of Young Children is the most well known organization concerning the welfare of children from birth to age three.

Child Care Sites

Daycare Provider Beginner Page is the first stop for those starting a home or center. It is packed with essential information that will assist the novice or established owner.

Early Childhood Education Online is a listserv for those concerned with the welfare of children to age eight.

Early Childhood.com is an attractive and friendly site to prepare children for a wide world of learning.

Positive Discipline.com gives tips on how to relate to your toddler, child, or teen.

Families & Parenting

Alliance for Parental Involvement provides assistance for parents involved in their children's education – public, private, or home schooling.

Edupuppy.com is a fun and resourceful site for parents and teachers of students in preschool to the 2nd grade. Searching by an A – Z listing of keywords, you will find lesson plans, musical activities, clip



art and more. It is also available in Spanish.

Partnering with educational and corporate agencies, **Families.com** lists a variety of info for parents and teachers of gifted and special needs children.

Idea Box has ideas galore for creative early childhood teachers and parents.

Informed Parent: Voice of the Pediatric Medical Center Browse through hundreds of articles on childhood illnesses and issues.

Pampers.com has tips and support for families all over the globe.

Parent Soup is a potpourri of partnerships for parents, grandparents, and kids.

Principles of Parenting. This page lists publications on the art of parenting, complete with real life stories and solutions.

Whole Family.com offers positive dialog for couples, parents, seniors and teens.

Zero to Three gives advice for those concerned with the physical and mental health of children from birth to age three.

Government Sites

Indiana Department of Education's Ideanet lists programs and services for grades K-12. Find out about early literacy and state directives.

National Center for Education Statistics is the main agency that deals with educational data.

National Library of Education covers pre-K to high school. Here you will find lesson plans, curriculum resources, and how new school facilities are designed and built.

Reading and Books for Children



Caldecott Medal Home Page is the official site for the most distinguished award-winning picture books for children.

Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site offers tasteful book reviews along with classroom themes and curriculum.

Coretta Scott King Homepage is sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association. This annual book award is given to an African-American author and illustrator.

Children's Book Council deals with literacy, books, and related activities. For new and best-selling picture books, check out "Hot Off the Press."

DeGrummond Children's Literature Collection is a research center of the University of Southern MS. There are links to numerous writers and illustrators.

Teaching Resources

Fairrosa's Cyber Library is a lovely collection of ebooks and online resources

for "grown-ups who find deep satisfaction in the studying and exchanging discourses of the art of children's literature."

LibrarySpot is almost like having a library at your fingertips. Lists and lists of information and services are arranged by topic.

Teaching Tolerance contains resources, activities, and articles from Teaching Tolerance Magazine.

Websites for Kids

700+ Great Sites for Kids and Parents. ALA's site is a guide to all things Internet.

Billy Bear is a gallery of games and grown-up resources.

Little Explorers (Dictionary for Kids) is available in English, French, German,, Portuguese, and Spanish. Kids will enjoy clicking on cute icons and images.

Worldvillage.com/kidz is an interactive site complete with games and puzzles.

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