

PART FOUR

Resources and References

CHAPTER 10 Resources You Can Use

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Stimulation

The environment or surroundings at home and school should be filled with many experiences in reading and writing. Access to many different kinds of reading and writing materials — library books, magazines, newspapers, other resources, and supportive adults — all make a huge difference in learning to read. Children need to see adults reading so it seems important.

*America Reads: Building Literacy through
Community Partnership, 1998*

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Assistance with program components

Listed below are agencies and programs that can provide information, resources, training, on-site technical assistance, planning, and funding for the one or more of the family literacy program components.

	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>America Reads Challenge U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202 Carol Rasco, Director Phone: 202.401.8888 Fax: 202.401.0596 www.ed.gov/inits/americanreads</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>American Foundation for the Blind 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620 Atlanta, GA 30303 Frances Mary DíAndrea, Manager National Initiative on Literacy Phone: 404.525.2303 Fax: 404.659.6957 www.afb.org/</p>	✓	✓	✓	
<p>The American Library Association Office for Literacy and Outreach Services 50 East Huron Street Chicago, IL 60611-2795 Phone: 312.280.4294 or 800.545.2433 x 4294 Fax: 312.280.3256 www.ala.org/olos/index.html</p>	✓			

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	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>Americorps Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center 301 Maple Avenue West, Suite 602 Vienna, VA 22180 Betty McCloud, Early Childhood Coordinator Phone: 800.616.2242 Fax: 800.716.2242 www.cns.gov/amicorps/index.html</p>	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy 1112 16th Street NW Suite 340 Washington, DC 20036 Benita Somerfield, Executive Director Phone: 202.955.6183 Fax: 202.955.8084 www.barbarabushfoundation.com</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Compensatory Education Programs U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202 Mary Jean LeTendre, Director Phone: 202.260.0826 Fax: 202.260.7764 www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CEP</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Correctional Education Association 4380 Forbes Boulevard Lanham, MD 20706 Phone: 301.918.1915</p>	✓			

	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>Department of Education 600 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20202 Phone: 202.205.9258 www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/</p>	✓			
<p>Early Childhood Child Care Programs Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Early Childhood Education PO Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 Phone: 573.526.6990 www.dese.state.mo.us/divinstr/fedprog/earlychild/</p>		✓		✓
<p>Educare Missouri Department of Social Services P.O. Box 88 Jefferson City, MO 65109 Jenniver Roberts, Eduare Coordinator Phone: 573.751.4431 Fax: 573.526.4837</p>		✓		
<p>Even Start Family Literacy Program U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202 Patricia McKee, Group Leader Phone: 202.260.0991 Fax: 202.260.7764 www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/CEP/programs.html#prog3</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>Federal Programs Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Federal Program Assistance PO Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 Phone: 573.751.9437 www.dese.state.mo.us/divinstr/fedprog/index.html</p>		✓		✓
<p>Head Start Program Administration for Children and Families U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 370 L'Enfant Promenade SW, 5th Floor East Washington, DC 20447 Yvonne Howard, Program Specialist Phone: 202.401.4619 Fax: 202.205.5887 www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA 16802-3202 Phone: 814.863.3777 www.ed.psu.edu/isal/</p>	✓			
<p>Literacy Investment for Tomorrow-Missouri LIFT-Missouri 500 NW Plaza--Suite 601 St. Ann, MO 63074 Barry Freeman, Executive Director Phone: 314.291.4443 www.lift-missouri.org</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Adult Education and Literacy Steve Kaufman, Director P. O. Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Phone: 573.751.1249 www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoiced/adult/index.html</p>	✓			
<p>The National Adult Literacy and Learning Disabilities Center Academy for Educational Development 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009-1202 Phone: 202.884.8185 or 800.953.2553 Fax: 202.884.8422 E-mail: info@nalldc.aed.org novel.nifl.gov/nalldtop.htm</p>	✓			
<p>National Alliance for Business 1201 New York Avenue NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20005 Phone: 202.289.2934 www.nab.com/</p>	✓			
<p>National Center for Family Literacy Waterfront Plaza, Suite 200 325 W. Main Street Louisville, KY 40202-4251 Sharon Darling, President Phone: 502.584.1133 Fax: 502.584.0172 www.famlit.org</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>National Clearinghouse ESL Literacy Education Center for Applied Linguistics 4646 40th St., NW Washington, DC 20016 Phone: 202.362.0700, ext. 200 E-mail: ncle@cal.org www.cal.org/ncle/</p>	✓			
<p>National Institute for Literacy 1775 I Street, Suite 730 Washington, DC. 20006 Phone: 202.233.2025 Fax: 202.233.2050 Literacy Hotline: 800.228.8813 www.nifl.gov</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>National Service Resource Center/ETR Associates PO Box 1830 Santa Cruz CA 95061 Susan Hillyard, Program Manager Phone: 800.860.2684 Fax: 831.430.9471 www.etr.org/NSRC</p>	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW Washington, DC 20202 Mahal May, Education Program Specialist Phone: 202.205.8727 Fax: 202.205.8680 www.ed.gov/offices/OBEMLA</p>	✓	✓	✓	

	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>ParentLink 212 Whitten Hall Columbia, MO 65211 Vivian Murphy, Assistant Director, Phone: 573.884.6312 or 800.552.8522 Fax: 573.884.4225 outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink/</p>			✓	✓
<p>Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc. 10176 Corporate Square Drive, Suite 230 St. Louis, MO 63132-2924 Phone: 314.432.4330 Fax: 314.432.8963 www.patnc.org</p>			✓	✓
<p>Practical Parenting Partnerships 2412-C Hyde Park Road Jefferson City, MO 65109 Darlene Robinett, Director Phone: 573.761.7770 Fax: 573.761.7760 www.pppctr.org</p>			✓	✓
<p>Project Construct National Center 27 South 10th Street, Suite 202 Columbia, MO 65211-8010 Phone: 800.335.7262 or 573.882.1610 Fax: 573-884-5580 www.missouri.edu/~pcncwww</p>		✓		✓

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	Adult Literacy Education	Early Childhood Education	Parenting Education	PACT Time
<p>School Age Care Programs Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Community Education PO Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 Phone: 573.526.3961 www.dese.state.mo.us/divvoiced/community/index.html</p>		✓		✓
<p>State Directors of Adult Education A list of State Directors and/or Family Literacy State Staff Specialists is available from the Adult Learning & Literacy Clearinghouse. www.ed.gov/offices/OVAE/division.html</p>	✓			
<p>System for Adult Basic Education Support Northern Essex Community College 45 Franklin Street Lawrence, MA 01840 Phone: 978.688.6089 www.sabes.org/</p>	✓			
<p>Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages 1600 Cameron Street, Suite 300 Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703.836.0774 E-mail: tesol@tesol.edu www.tesol.edu/index.html</p>	✓			
<p>World Education 44 Farnsworth St. Boston, MA 02210-1211 Phone: 617.482.9485 www.worlded.org/</p>	✓			

Related Web sites

American Psychological Association

www.apa.org/

Describes each APA Division, including the "Child, Youth, and Family Services," "Family Psychology," and "Developmental Psychology" Divisions.

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)

www.udel.edu/bateman/acei/

Provides information about the ACEI, the ACEI's two journals and various publications, membership in the ACEI, and conferences and workshops.

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

www.barbarabushfoundation.com/

The mission of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy: to establish literacy as a value in every family in America, by helping every family in the nation understand that the home is the child's first school, that the parent is the child's first teacher, and that reading is the child's first subject; and to break the cycle of intergenerational illiteracy, by supporting the development of family literacy programs where parents and children can learn and read together.

Center for Career Development in Early Care and Education

ericps.crc.uiuc.edu/ccdece/ccdece.html

This site presents information and resources concerning professional development in the child care and early childhood education fields.

Center for the Child Care Workforce

www.ccw.org/

This site (formerly known as the National Center for the Early Childhood Work Force) provides updates on public policy and on research; information on the early childhood mentoring alliance and on the Worthy Wage Campaign; and resources related to the early childhood workforce.

Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents

public.csusm.edu/campus_centers/csb/

Provides query access to the Center's database and information about its workshops, publications, and special activities.

Children's Defense Fund (CDF)

www.childrensdefense.org/

CDF provides a voice for America's children. The CDF Web site includes information on the Black community Crusade for children; gun control; ways to help children; ordering information for CDF publications; and statistics on the status of children today.

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Children's Literature Web Guide

www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html

This site provides links to such resources as children's books online, children's book awards, and movies based on children's books. The site also has lists of resources for teachers, parents, and storytellers.

Early Childhood.com

www.earlychildhood.com/

This site provides information for all who share an interest in improving the education and general life experience of young children. It's a place for getting advice from experts in the early childhood field, expanding your collection of creative projects, and sharing ideas and questions with the early childhood community.

Early Childhood Educators and Family Web Corner

users.sgi.net/~cokids/

This site includes articles and links on the following topics: 1) Education in America; 2) Health and Nutrition; 3) Parenting; 4) Consumer Information; 5) Safety; 6) Special Education; 7) Social Issues; and, 8) Advocacy.

Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion

www.fpg.unc.edu/~ecrii/

The Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion (ECRII) is a five-year national research project funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, to study the inclusion of preschool children with disabilities in typical preschool, day care and community settings. The site includes general information on inclusion; information on ECRII research projects, publications and presentations; and a page of resources and links.

Even Start Family Literacy

www.evenstart.org/index.html

Welcome to the Even Start Family Literacy Home Page, A Holistic Approach to Family Literacy. Sponsored by the National Even Start Association.

Future of Children

www.futureofchildren.org/

The Future of Children is a journal summarizing research and policy issues related to the well being of children. The Web site contains the full text of articles.

Harvard Family Research Project

gseweb.harvard.edu/~hfrp/index.html

This site contains information about the Project, several publications, and special on-line research releases.

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation

www.highscope.org/

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation is an independent nonprofit research, development, training and public advocacy organization with headquarters in Ypsilanti, Michigan. High/Scope's mission is to improve the life chances of children and youth by promoting high quality educational programs. The site features information about High/Scope's programs, curriculum approaches, research, services, training, publications, and upcoming events and conferences.

I Am Your Child

www.iamyourchild.org/

This site contains information about early childhood development and resources for parents and caregivers, including information on the first three years of a child's life, brain research, parent questions, lists of books and other resources, and advice from experts.

Incredible Art Department

www.artswire.org/kenroar/

This site includes art activities that can be used with children, galleries of children's art, and a newsletter devoted to art news.

Instructor Magazine

teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor.htm

Includes strategies for integrating the curriculum, professional development, and ready to use units for specific grade levels including K-1; text of selected articles

International Food Information Council Foundation

ificinfo.health.org/

This site features a wide array of information for parents and educators, lessons for teaching healthy eating, and study reports on any links between food and hyperactivity.

Keeping Kids Reading

www.tiac.net/users/maryl/

This site provides short articles on reading to children and on motivating children to read, and links to other sites containing information about children's books and reading.

Laubach Literacy

www.laubach.org/

Founded in 1955 by literacy pioneer Frank C. Laubach, Laubach Literacy is a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to helping adults of all ages improve their lives and their communities by learning reading, writing, math, and problem-solving skills. Laubach sponsors more than a thousand literacy programs throughout the United States and 68 partner programs in 34 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

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Literacy Online

litserv.literacy.upenn.edu/ncal/index.html

The mission of the National Center on Adult Literacy (NCAL) is to improve understanding of adult learners and their learning, foster innovation, and increase effectiveness in adult basic education and literacy work, and expand access to information and build capacity for adult literacy service provision.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.

www.literacyvolunteers.org/home/

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. (LVA) is a national, not-for-profit educational organization, operated by professionals, which delivers tutoring services through a network of more than 50,000 volunteers nationwide.

MCH-NetLink Project at the Institute for Child Health Policy

www.ichp.edu/

Supports the exchange of information about programs and policies related to maternal and child health.

Media Literacy Online Project

interact.uoregon.edu/MediaLit/HomePage

Contains resources about media literacy such as a listing of professional organizations focusing on media topics, a directory of media education professionals, announcements of conferences and workshops, bibliographies of materials valuable, and pointers to other Internet resources for media literacy.

National Association for the Education of Young Children

www.naeyc.org/default.htm

Provides information on: the content of the NAEYC's journal, *Young Children*; books and videos for practitioners and parents; the NAEYC annual conference; the annual Week of the Young Child; the National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development; and policies to stimulate effective advocacy on behalf of young children.

National Center for Early Development and Learning

www.fpg.unc.edu/NCEDL/

NCEDL's mission is to identify and study issues of national significance to young children and their families and to disseminate that information to researchers, practicing professionals and families. This site contains products, research, press releases, newsletters, and other resources pertaining to the goals and mission of the organization.

National Center for Family Literacy

www.familit.org/

The National Center for Family Literacy is a nonprofit educational organization with 501(c)(3) status headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky. It was founded in 1989 through a grant from the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust and has as its mission the advancement and support of family literacy services for millions of families across the United States through programming, training, research, advocacy, and dissemination of information about family literacy.

National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL)

gseweb.harvard.edu/~ncsall/

The goal of the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL) is to conduct the research, development, evaluation, and dissemination needed to build effective, cost-efficient adult learning and literacy programs. The theme that unifies the research and dissemination strategies of NCSALL's five-year effort is improvement of the quality of practice in educational programs that serve adult learners.

National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)

nccic.org/

The NCCIC site contains bimonthly newsletters, listings of child care organizations, descriptions of projects related to child care, announcements of conferences, information on finding child care, publications, and links to other child care resources.

National Child Rights Alliance

linux.hartford.edu/~jerry/nkra.html

Features full-text documents on preventing child abuse.

National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers (NCCCC)

ericps.crc.uiuc.edu/n4c/n4chome.html

The NCCCC site contains a newsletter, information on a Listserv discussion list, job announcements, and links to other child care resources.

National Institute for Literacy

novel.nifl.gov

NIFL was created as a part of the 1991 Literacy Act by a bipartisan congressional coalition to be the hub of national literacy efforts. By serving as a resource for the literacy community, the Institute assists in addressing urgent national priorities — upgrading the workforce, reducing welfare dependency, raising the standard of living, and creating safer communities.

National Institute on Early Childhood Development and Education

www.ed.gov/offices/OERI/ECI/index.html

Contains information about OERI-sponsored National Educational Research and Development Centers in general and the Research Center at the University of North Carolina in particular; the Early Childhood Research Working Group; and competitive grants awarded by ECI.

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National Institute on Out-of-School Time

www.wellesley.edu/WCW/CRW/SAC/

Formerly the School-Age Child Care Project (SACC Project), this site includes a collection of resources on school-age child care provided by the Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College.

National Network for Child Care

www.nncc.org/

The "Taking Care of Kids" portion of this Web site contains several articles with information on the following topic areas: Child Abuse, Child Development, Curriculum, Disability, Diversity, Guidance and Discipline, Health and Safety, Nutrition, Parent Involvement, and School-Age Care. Each category contains detailed information of interest to parents and child care providers and educators.

National Parent Information Network (NPIN)

npin.org/

NPIN provides information and resources for parents and those who work with parents on topics such as raising children, parent education programs, and the involvement of parents in their children's education.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

www.pta.org/index.stm

This site includes descriptions of PTA publications arranged by subject headings; PTA Issues and Initiatives; a PTA Calendar of Events; and links to local and state PTA Organizations.

Parents, Educators, and Publishers (PEP)

www.microweb.com/pepsite/

This Web site includes a directory of educational software publishers, hints on shopping for computer hardware and software for children, and excerpts from the Children's Software Review newsletter.

Parents Helping Parents

www.php.com/

Provides links to many sites containing information on special education, child support in California, services for children under social security, and fun and educational activities for parents and children together.

Resilience Net

resilnet.uiuc.edu/

Resilience Net provides information and resources related to the resilience of children and families in the face of adversities.

Schools and Libraries Corporation

www.slcfund.org/

An entity created by the Federal Communications Commission to process applications from schools and libraries for discounted rates for telecommunications services.

SuperKids Educational Software Review

www.superkids.com/

This site provides reviews of children's software by parents, teachers, and children; and buyers guides with comparative prices.

Teachers Helping Teachers

www.pacificnet.net/~mandel/

This site is by teachers for teachers, to provide teaching tips to inexperienced teachers, to provide ideas that can be used immediately in the classroom, and to provide new methodology ideas for all teachers.

U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov/

This web site provides a wide range of information of interest to early childhood educators and many links that make it a central site in finding and using education-related information on the Internet. See the Federal Government links page (ericps.ed.uiuc.edu/eece/fedlink.html) for offices and specific resources in the Department of Education.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.os.dhhs.gov/

This site is useful in identifying programs, grant recipients, and organizations funded by DHHS, this site provides links to many other places on the Web, as well as to DHHS staff. Includes consumer information and policy information on programs run by DHHS. See the Federal Government links page (ericps.ed.uiuc.edu/eece/fedlink.html) for offices and specific resources in DHHS.

ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

www.zerotothree.org/

ZERO TO THREE fosters a network of people around the country whom are concerned about the needs of infants, toddlers, and families. It also functions as an Early Head Start National Resource Center and develops and conducts training for the birth to 3 programs that are part of Head Start. The ZERO TO THREE sites describes issues and programs and provides resources, suggestions, and a contact list.

Missouri organizations

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

www.dese.state.mo.us/

- Federal Programs, which include Title I, Even Start Family Literacy, Reading Excellence Act, and Comprehensive School Reform Act;
- Early Childhood program, which includes Parents as Teachers, Early Childhood Child Care, and Missouri Preschool Project;
- Special Education, which includes Early Childhood Special Education and First Steps;
- Adult Education, which includes adult basic education and family literacy; and/or Community Education, which includes School Age Child Care;
- Caring Communities. The task of the school, home, and community is to prepare children to be educated, responsible, and productive members of society who are well equipped to meet the demands of the 21st century.
- Employment Training Section: The Employment Training Section coordinates education services under the federal Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (welfare reform legislation) and the National and Community Service Trust Act. Education services include enrolling eligible participants into training, supervising and monitoring education-based programs, promoting service-learning and career assessment.
- Missouri Learn and Serve America: Service-Learning in K-12 Schools: Learn and Serve America is one of the national service programs created by the National and Community Service Trust Act, passed by Congress in 1993. Learn and Serve America is about young people learning in their local schools, serving their communities and, together, changing their communities for the better.

Head Start-State Collaboration Office

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Literacy Investment for Tomorrow–Missouri

www.lift-missouri.org

LIFT develops and promotes resources to increase the literacy skills of Missourians so all individuals can reach their personal and economic potential.

Missouri 4-H

outreach.missouri.edu/mo4h/current.htm

Missouri 4-H leads the nation in promoting and providing high quality care for school-age children. Missouri 4-H Adventure Clubs operate in community settings to provide before-school, after-school, kindergarten, and summer educational programs. 4-H Adventure clubs teach life skills, provide hands-on learning, and enrich the school curriculum.

Missouri Department of Corrections

Offender Rehabilitation Services–Adult Education

www.corrections.state.mo.us/division/rehab/edu.htm

A basic education is an integral part of the rehabilitation process. In order to prepare inmates for successful reintegration to society and to reduce recidivism, all offenders are required to participate in Adult Basic Education and General Education Diploma classes to improve their basic skills and acquire a GED while confined. The mandatory educational program ensures that inmates will be constructive while confined and productive when released.

Missouri Department of Economic Development

Division of Workforce Development

www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd/default.html

Job Corps Training Opportunities. Job Corps is a federally funded residential education and vocational training program for 16- through 24-year-old disadvantaged youths. The student is enrolled in GED courses or high school credit courses and in vocational courses which include construction trades, clerical, health culinary arts, mechanics (advanced training offered by the United Auto Workers Union at the Clearfield, Utah Center), and transportation occupations (offered by the Transportation, Communications International Union at two centers in Missouri).

Missouri Department of Health

Bureau of Child Care Safety and Licensure

www.health.state.mo.us/LicensingAndCertification/Dcm4.html

The purpose of this document is to provide basic information on the requirements for operating child care facilities in Missouri.

Missouri Department of Health

Community Health Assistance Resource Team

www.health.state.mo.us/CHART/index.html

Recognizing this challenge, the Missouri Department of Health has partnered with statewide health and community-related agencies to provide valuable resources and expert technical assistance that enable communities to assess and improve their community's health. The Community Health Assistance Resource Team (CHART) staff have developed a process for lead-

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ing communities through this difficult task, and communities across the state are actively involved in projects to assess and improve their communities' health.

Missouri Department of Health

Data and Statistical Reports

www.health.state.mo.us/GLRequest/profile.html

The Health Department section for communities to gather data and statistical information.

Missouri Department of Mental Health

www.modmh.state.mo.us/modmh.htm

The Department of Mental Health is dedicated to combating the stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance addiction.

Missouri Department of Social Services

Early Childhood Initiatives

www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/early/index.htm

In 1998, Missouri House Bill 1519 established the Early Childhood Development, Education, and Care Fund from a percentage of riverboat gaming fees. This piece of legislation set aside funding to increase capacity of, and access to, quality early childhood programs for all Missouri families via a combination of grant programs, certificates for families, and an increase in state child care subsidies for child care programs accredited by a recognized accrediting organization.

Missouri Department of Social Services

Division of Family Services

Employment & Training Programs

www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/casem.htm

Case Management provides education, skill training, and employment assistance to individuals receiving Temporary Assistance grants to prepare them for employment, which would lead to self-sufficiency. The self-sufficiency case manager and participant complete an educational and vocational assessment of the individual skills, prior work experience, and employability to develop employment goals and identify barriers to achieving these goals. The individual is referred to an education, training, or job search activity consistent with the individual's employment goals.

Missouri Department of Social Services

Division of Family Services

Income Maintenance & Self-Sufficiency Programs

www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/ccs.htm

Child care services provide reimbursement to parents or direct payment to eligible child care providers. The purpose of the program is to assist families with child care expenses to allow the parents to work or to attend school or training programs.

Missouri Department of Social Services

Division of Family Services

Income Maintenance & Self-Sufficiency Programs

www.dss.state.mo.us/dfs/djp.htm

Direct job placement helps meet work force needs due to labor market shortages. Employers experiencing labor market shortages fill vacancies with recipients of Temporary Assistance. Through direct job placement, recipients with work history and applicable occupation skills will be referred directly to the employer for potential employment. Through a screening process, a recipient's skills are matched with the employer's needs. Child care services are provided to participating families to strengthen the individual's chance of program success. Direct job placement transitions clients quickly away from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Missouri Department of Social Services

Welfare Initiatives

www.dss.state.mo.us/wreform/init.htm

In 1993, Missouri launched its Beyond Welfare initiative. This initiative includes many programs aimed at preventing, reducing and ending dependency.

Missouri Information for Community Assessment

www.health.state.mo.us/MICA/nojava.html

The Health Department section for communities to gather data and statistical information.

Missouri Resource Guide for Community Assessment

www.health.state.mo.us/CHART/ResourceDataIndex.html

This guide is a resource tool for agencies and communities conducting community health assessment. The guide includes websites, documents and/or entities to assist in locating county-specific information.

National Parents as Teachers Center, Inc.

www.patnc.org

Parents as Teachers is an internationally-respected family education and support program for parents with children from birth through age 5. The program is for all families. Through Parents as Teachers, parents acquire the skills to help make the most of these crucial early-learning years. The program covers child development; suggests activities that encourage language development, intellectual growth, social and motor skills; and strengthens the parent-child relationship.

ParentLink

outreach.missouri.edu/parentlink

Our mission is to help Missouri's parents to provide safe, healthy and nurturing environments for their children. The ParentLink Connection Center offers a 1-800 parenting information line, leading library and database of programs available to serve children, youth and families.

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Practical Parenting Partnerships

www.pppctr.org

Practical Parenting Partnerships (PPP) is a K-12 family resource and parent education program offered through the school district to parents, educators and students. The program is designed to support adults in their roles as educators and nurturers of school-age children. Its goal is to help all children become responsible and confident individuals who can function to the best of their abilities in their personal lives, in their educational experiences, and within a complex society. The program also offers opportunities for networks between families, schools and the community.

Foundations

The AT&T Foundation

www.att.com/foundation/

The AT&T Foundation seeks to educate, enrich, engage, and empower the communities served by AT&T.

Greater Kansas City Community Foundation

www.gkccf.org/

The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds invested for the community's future and a source of grants for key community projects. It exists to bring together citizens who care deeply about their community and who believe, as we do, that individuals can act locally to improve quality of life.

SAFECO Corporation

www.safeco.com/about/corporate/relations.asp

We fund programs that provide individuals and families with support during difficult or crucial transitions. These programs are to increase literacy; provide services to families in transition or crisis; support employee involvement through SAFECO's matching gift programs, Your Time Plus and Your Gift Plus, and through United Way.

The United Parcel Service (UPS)

www.community.ups.com/

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