

Web Links and Descriptions

ABRIENDO PUERTAS, INC

www.abriendopuertas.org

Provides human services in a linguistically and culturally competent manner to children and families in the Little Havana Community of the City of Miami, Florida in hope for a better quality of life

American Humane Association

www.americanhumane.org

Through consultation, training, research and evaluation, advocacy and information dissemination, supports the development and implementation of effective community, State, Tribal, and national systems to protect children from abuse and neglect and strengthen families

Annie E. Casey Foundation

www.aecf.org

Builds better futures for disadvantaged children and their families in the United States by fostering public policies, human service reforms and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families

Arizona Department of Human Services-Behavioral Health Services

www.azdhs/bhs.gov

Supports and monitors a statewide system for the delivery of comprehensive community-based behavioral health services for all of Arizona's children and adolescents

Bring the Kids Home Project – Alaska

www.hss.state.ak.us/dbh/resources/initiatives/kids_home.htm

Focus is to return children being served in out-of state facilities back to in-state residential or community-based care.

California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare

www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org

Serves as an online connection for child welfare professionals, public and private organizations, academics and others who are committed to serve children and families by providing up-to-date information on evidence based child welfare practices

Casey Family Programs

www.casey.org

Provides and improves—and ultimately prevents the need for—foster care by providing direct services and promoting advances in child welfare practice and policy

Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University

www.childandfamilypolicy.duke.edu

Assists the State Division of Social Services in evaluating the development of Systems of Care in three North Carolina Counties: Alamance, Bladen, and Mecklenburg.

Children's Bureau

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/index.htm

Seeks to provide for the safety, permanency and well being of children through leadership, support for necessary services and productive partnerships with States, Tribes and communities.

Children's Executive Oversight Committee - Alamance, North Carolina

www.alamance-nc.com/Alamance-NC

Oversees system reform initiatives for children, youth and families

The Children's Trust

thechildrenstrust.org

Funds programs that offer the highest possible quality services, with the goals of implementing best practices and improving the lives of children and families in the Miami/Dade County community

Colorado Systems of Care Collaborative

www.cosystemofcare.org

Provides state of the art information and strategies to communities and policy makers so that children and their families receive seamless, effective services

Community Partnerships for Protecting Children – IOWA Department of Human Services

http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/cppc/family_team/index.html

Focuses on changing child protective services through family-centered practice supported by neighborhood networks

The Congressional Research Service

www.loc.gov/crsinfo/whatscrs.html

The public policy research arm of the United States Congress; as a legislative branch agency within the Library of Congress, CRS works exclusively and directly for Members of Congress, their Committees and staff on a confidential, nonpartisan basis

Contra Costa County California – Employment and Human Services

www.ehsd.org/child000.html

Protect children from abuse and neglect by working with families to ensure the safety of their children and assisting children and families to reach their full potential; work in collaboration with the community toward healthy independence for families and their children

Cuyahoga County, Ohio - Systems of Care Initiative

www.fcfc.cuyahogacounty.us/services.htm

A collaborative system for addressing the needs of multi-need, multi-system children, youth, and families

Cuyahoga County, Ohio (Cleveland) Tapestry System of Care

www.cuyahogatapestry.org/media/news.htm

Takes a family-centered, team approach to serving children who have serious emotional needs that require many sources of support that cannot be met by traditional services

The Dawn Project

www.choicesteam.org/page/program/alias/dawn&article=311&prog=311

Helps Marion County, IN youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by developing integrated care plans designed to improve each family's unique situation

Edna McConnell Clark Foundation's Community Partnerships for Protecting Children

www.emcf.org/programs/children

Seeks to enhance the ability of communities to protect children from abuse and neglect by engaging a broad range of stakeholders, including government agencies, nonprofit groups and local residents, in assuming responsibility for child safety

Family Voices

www.familyvoices.org

A national grassroots network of families and friends that advocates for health care services that are family-centered, community-based, comprehensive, coordinated and culturally competent for all children and youth with special health care needs; promotes the inclusion of all families as decision makers at all levels of health care; and supports essential partnerships between families and professionals

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

www.ffcmh.org

A national family-run organization dedicated exclusively to helping children with mental health needs and their families achieve a better quality of life by providing leadership on developing and sustaining a nationwide network of family-run organizations and aiding policy-makers, agencies and providers to become more effective in delivering services and supports that foster healthy emotional development for all children

Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development

gucchd.georgetown.edu

Directly serves vulnerable children and their families, as well as influences local, State, national and international programs and policy to improve the quality of life for all children and youth, especially those with, or at risk for, special needs and their families

Georgia Connection Partnership

www.gafcp.org/index.html

Assists communities in addressing the serious challenges facing Georgia's children and families and also serves as a resource to state agencies across Georgia that work to improve the conditions of children and families

Greene County Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services Child and Adolescent Service System Program

www.co.greene.pa.us/secured/gc/depts/hs/mhs/cassp.htm

A comprehensive system of care for children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbance; ensures that services for children and adolescents with or at risk of severe emotional disturbance are planned collaboratively with the family and all the agencies that are involved in the child's or adolescent's life

Integrated Care Coordination Units – Nebraska

www.regionsix.com/iccu.htm

A collaboration between Region 6 Healthcare, Nebraska Department of Health and Human services, and Nebraska Family Support Network serving state ward youth and their families through family advocacy, protection and safety, and case management in a team-based approach for out-of-home state ward children and their families

Invest in Children - Cuyahoga County Early Childhood Initiative - Ohio

www.investinchildren.cuyahogacounty.us/

www.cuyahogacounty.us

Seeks to eliminate service gaps and barriers for families with children from birth to age five by improving service coordination and interagency communication; focuses on three program areas: effective parenting, child-care and health care; and collaborates county-wide among public, private and non-profit groups

Jefferson County, Colorado – System of Care

www.co.jefferson.co.us/care/care_T189_R2.htm

Promotes the welfare of children and families through the development of sustainable partnerships that provide integrated, quality services that are individualized, strength-based, family centered and culturally sensitive

LINK Families

New York Citizens' Coalition for Children Inc. Program Initiative

www.nysccc.org/linkfamily/Realities/sharedparent.htm

A new approach for family foster care, in which birth families work as teammates with foster families and caseworkers in caring for children

Maryland's Governor's Office for Children

www.goc.state.md.us

Coordinates child and family-oriented care within the State's Child-Serving Agencies by emphasizing prevention, early intervention and community-based services for all children and families; leads the development of a three-year plan establishing goals and strategies for delivery of integrated services to children and families. GOC will work to promote the well-being of children by collaborating with Local Management Boards, expanding SCYFIS (State Children Youth and Families Information System), and developing and implementing Integrated Systems of Care.

Missouri State Youth Advisory Board

www.dss.mo.gov/cd/chafee/syab/index.htm

Each member of the SYAB is an outstanding youth in foster care that represents other youth in his/her area of the state. Each SYAB member is responsible for providing Children's Services policy and procedural input to Children's Division administrative staff/Juvenile Court. The SYAB decides what goals and activities they want to pursue for upcoming meetings and carry those out accordingly. The SYAB also works as a network by bringing back important information to the Area Youth Advisory Board (AYAB), which, in turn, takes information back to Independent Living Program Specialists and youth in the Independent Living Program classes.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services – State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families

www.state.nj.us/dcf/behavioral/links/mobile.html

Provides time limited, intensive, preventive service that include behavioral and rehabilitative interventions designed specifically to diffuse, mitigate and resolve an immediate crisis to prevent disruption of children and youth's current living arrangement

National Center for Cultural Competence at Georgetown University

www11.georgetown.edu/research/gucchd/nccc/

Provides national leadership and contributes to the body of knowledge on cultural and linguistic competency within systems and organizations. Major emphasis is placed on translating evidence into policy and practice for programs and personnel concerned with health and mental health care delivery, administration, education and advocacy

National Child Traumatic Stress Network

www.nctsnet.org

Works with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop and maintain the Network structure, provide technical assistance to grantees within the Network, oversee resource development and dissemination, and coordinate national education and training efforts to raise the standard of care and increase access to services for traumatized children and their families across the United States.

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement

www.nrcoi.org

One of seven national resource centers (NRCs) funded by the Children's Bureau (CB), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Center supports organizations committed to the welfare of children, youth and families through training, technical assistance, research and evaluation by providing free, on-site training and technical assistance (T/TA) to State and Tribal child welfare agencies.

National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health at Georgetown University

http://www.gucchd.georgetown.edu/programs/ta_center

Dedicated to helping States, tribes, territories, and communities discover, apply, and sustain innovative and collaborative solutions that improve the social, emotional, and behavioral well being of children and families.

Pennsylvania Child and Adolescent Service System Program

www.dpw.state.pa.us/child/behavhealthservchildren/003670138.htm

By collaborating with child's or adolescent's family, the mental health system, the school and other agencies, helps children and adolescents with emotional disturbances gain access to needed services.

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation & Social Services Indian Child Welfare Department

www.pbpindiantribe.com/PBPN_SS/wraparound/wraparound.html

The goal of the wraparound project is to implement, through training, the wraparound process throughout the Social Service department and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and all others interested in providing wraparound services to the PBP families.

President's New Freedom Mental Health Commission

www.mentalhealthcommission.gov/index.html

Established by President George W. Bush in April 2002 as part of his commitment to eliminate inequality for Americans with disabilities

Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Tampa FL

rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/rtcconference/

Works to strengthen the empirical foundation for effective systems of care and improve services for children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders and their families

Rhode Island Department of Children Youth and Families

www.dcyf.ri.gov/programs.php?progmsg=101

Child and Adolescent Services Program (CASSP) is a locally based, family driven and culturally competent system of mental health care for children with serious emotional disorders and their families. Provides family service coordination and wraparound supports to children and youth with SED disturbances who are at risk for placement outside of their homes and communities, as well as assists in returning children and youth from restrictive placements to their communities

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Mental Health Services Program for Youth (MHSPY)

www.rwjf.org/files/publications/books/1999/chapter_09.html

The Nation's largest philanthropy devoted to improving health and health care; supports training, education, research and projects that demonstrate effective ways to deliver health services, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

Sacred Child Project

cecp.air.org/teams/prospectors/sacred_child_project.asp

The Sacred Child Project is a reservation-based system of care approach for children and families with complex needs

Statewide Family Networks Technical Assistance Center

www.tacenter.net/index.cfm

An online network that creates support, information and education networks for families of children with serious emotional and behavior problems. Each of the family networks is unique in its approach of providing opportunities for families, service providers and systems of care to work on family partnership efforts

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

www.samhsa.gov

Works to improve the quality and availability of substance abuse prevention, alcohol and drug addiction treatment, and mental health services

Systems of Care

www.systemsofcare.samhsa.gov

A website devoted to providing systems of care, partnerships, and collaboration information about the mental health of children, youth and families

Texas Community Advisory Committees on Disproportionality

www.dfps.state.tx.us/About/Renewal/CPS/disproportionality.asp

In conjunction with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, committees deal with disparity in child welfare and the issues associated with it

Views on Foster Care in North Carolina

ssw.unc.edu/fcrp/fp/fp_vol7no2/reform.htm

Multiple Response System (MRS) of North Carolina's child welfare system

Wraparound Milwaukee

www.milwaukeecounty.org

Wraparound Milwaukee, a managed care program operated by the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, designed to provide comprehensive, individualized and cost effective care to children with complex mental health and emotional needs