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.childandfamiliypolicy.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/gucchod/ncc/
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.nctsn.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.
Primer Hands On – Child Welfare

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