

Children's Health Resource Guide

Comprehensive listings of children's health related information and resources.



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Dear Parent or Caretaker:

Perhaps you or someone you know is looking for medical information or assistance with insurance for your children or a child in need. The HandKind children's health resource guide was created to help you locate these resources. The guide listings are organized alphabetically within five sections:

General health – illnesses, diseases, nutrition, fitness, preventive care

Pediatrics – parenting and general health topics for babies

Childcare – screening, referrals and matchmaking services

Advocacy and insurance – private and government programs

Nonprofit evaluation and support – guidelines and oversight organizations

Each listing includes a brief summary of the organization, website address, and contact information (telephone numbers when available). We encourage you to several contacts and/or visit the related websites as part of your search for information or assistance.

The organizations, websites and related content listed in this guide are provided as a convenience and are for informational purposes only. This information is not a substitute for medical care or your doctor's attention. Please seek the advice of your pediatrician or family doctor for critical information and care.

General Health

About.com - Health for Kids

Contains a broad range of children's health related information including health, first aid and nutrition.

<http://kidshealth.about.com> Questions answered by e-mail.

AHCPR - Child Health Guide

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research discusses checkups, nutrition and other forms of preventative care. Includes charts for record keeping.

<http://www.ahcpr.gov/ppip/ppchild.htm> (800) 358-9295

All Health Net

Contains information on a vast array of health issues relating to children (neonate to adolescence) from safety to disease.

<http://www.allhealthnet.com/Child+Health/> (800) 777-9763

Child and Youth Health

Australian based searchable database of parenting and child health information covering a broad range of topics.

<http://www.cyh.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Child Health and Development

Division of the World Health Organization presents publications and documents that relate to children's health and diseases.

<http://www.who.int/child-adolescent-health/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

Child Health Information Center

Offers books, videos, games, music and software for children.

<http://www.childhealthinfo.com/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

Children and Hospitals

Written by the nurses and physicians at Children's Hospital, Cincinnati. Information on diagnostic procedures and medication.

<http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/family/pep/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

Children's Environmental Health Network

Provides information on environmental health hazards, the issue of children's environmental health, and links to sources of information and resources in the field.

<http://www.cehn.org/> (202) 543-4033

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Children's Medical Library

Find links to sources of health information as well as links to sites on specific medical topics. Browse alphabetically or use the search tool.

<http://www.childmedlib.org/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Dr. Greene's HouseCalls

Answers common pediatric questions. Topics include bed-wetting, ear infections, eating, potty training, and sleeping.

<http://www.drgreene.com/index.html>

Questions answered by e-mail.

Dr. Koop

Provides users with comprehensive healthcare information on a wide variety of subjects, as well as access to medical databases, other publications, real-time medical news, and interactive communities.

<http://www.drkoop.com/family/childrens/>

(310) 395-5700

Docs Online

Find professionals or hospitals in your area based on your specific health care needs. Profiles each provider.

<http://www.docsonline.com/>

(888) 999-3627

FamilyWeb's misc.kids FAQs

Answers to common questions about pregnancy, infancy, and parenting, from the misc. kids discussion groups.

<http://www.familyweb.com/faqs/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

HealthAnswers.com

A comprehensive pharmaceutical database and an extensive medical encyclopedia provide information and tools they need to make informed decisions about your health

<http://www.healthanswers.com/home/pubHome.asp>

(215) 412-5920

The Health Channel

Offers content and interactive health care management products and access a global library of healthcare information.

<http://thehealthchannel.com/childrens/>

(949) 631-8317

General Health

Health on the Net Foundation

Offers information to assist lay-persons or non-medical users and medical practitioners to useful and reliable online medical and health information.

<http://www.hon.ch/> Questions answered by e-mail.

HealthCentral - Parenting Center

Find a guide to parenting and learn about raising healthy and happy children. Links to educational resources for new parents.

<http://www.healthcentral.com/Centers/OneCenter.cfm?Center=Parenting>
(510) 250.2500

HealthTouch Online

Resource that brings together valuable information from trusted sources on topics such as medications, health, diseases, supplements and natural medicine.

<http://www.healthtouch.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

InteliHealth

Provides a broad range of children's health information from trusted sources, including Harvard Medical School and University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine.

<http://www.intelihealth.com/IH/ihIH/WSIHW000/408/408.html>
(800) 988-1127

KidsGrowth.com

Child health resource offers channels for parents and doctors (professional site requires registration). Find news, articles and discussions.

<http://www.kidsgrowth.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

iVillage Allhealth

The health channel of iVillage.com, a women's online destination providing practical solutions and everyday support for women 18 and over.

<http://www.allhealth.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Kids Health (Nemours Foundation)

One of the largest sites on the Web providing doctor-approved health information about children from before birth through adolescence.

<http://kidshealth.org/parent/> Questions answered by e-mail.

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@Inside HealthCare

Portal of websites containing a wide range of health care topics and websites.

<http://www.insidehealthcare.com/> (617) 969-3235

Mayo Clinic Medicine Center

Provides access to the experience and knowledge of the more than 2,000 physicians and scientists of the Mayo Clinic.

<http://www.mayohealth.org/home> (800) 297-1185

MedicineNet

Editors and physician writers of MedicineNet research submitted questions and publish answers. Includes a chat room.

<http://www.medicinenet.com/Script/Main/hp.asp>
(949) 940-6500

MedMark Pediatrics

Extensive list of organizations and resources, covering children's hospitals, emotional wellbeing, and kids health issues.

<http://medmark.org/ped/> Questions answered by e-mail.

MentalHelp.net

Comprehensive source of online mental health information, news and resources.

<http://www.mentalhelp.net/> (614) 764-0143

National Library of Medicine

Up-to-date, quality health care information from the world's largest medical library, the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

<http://www.medlineplus.org/> (888) 346-3656

National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse

Provides a complete clearinghouse of holdings, new titles, and a searchable subject and title database of children's health information.

<http://www.nmchc.org/> (888) 434-4624

Oncolink

Comprehensive information about specific types of cancer, updates on cancer treatments and news about research advances.

<http://cancer.med.upenn.edu/resources/kids/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

General Health

Quackwatch

Guide to health fraud, quackery, and intelligent health decisions.
<http://www.quackwatch.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Silverlining Network

Provides information resources, assistance, chat, and one-to-one connection for families with seriously ill children.
<http://silverlining.org/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Suite101

Features articles, discussion boards and comprehensive lists of recommended web sites.
http://www.suite101.com/welcome.cfm/childrens_health
(604) 682-1400

US National Library of Medicine

World's largest medical library collects materials in all areas of biomedicine and health care.
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ginfo.html> (888) 346-3656

Virtual Children's Hospital

Digital library of authoritative pediatric info for primary care providers and patients. Contains a database of resources on illnesses and links.
<http://www.vh.org/VCH/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Pediatrics

About.com - Babies & Toddlers

Get advice from experts and parents on breast-feeding, child safety, nutrition, potty training, and developmental games for baby.
<http://babyparenting.about.com/>
Questions answered by e-mail.

About.com - Pediatrics

Information from breastfeeding through bed wetting to immunization, growth, nutrition, illnesses, fitness and safety.
<http://pediatrics.about.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

AccentHealth - Children's Health

Wellness center covers parenting, healthy babies, and childhood diseases. Includes a condition guide and quick diagnosis tool.
<http://www.accenthealth.com/ch/ch.html> (800) 235-4930

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Pediatrics

American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 55,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists and pediatric specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults.
<http://www.aap.org/> (847) 434-4000

Baby Center

Offers hundreds of articles on children's health, development, and discipline, as well as an active community of parents who offer advice and support.
<http://www.babycenter.com/>
Questions answered by e-mail.

Children's Pediatric Primer

Monthly features on accident prevention and childhood development. Topics include bike helmets, ear infections, and ant bites.
<http://www.childrens.com/home.htm> (214) 456-7000

Dr. Plain Talk

Informative articles on pregnancy, breastfeeding, babies, and parenting. Includes facility to email your questions to the doctor.
<http://www.childrenshc.org/fp/default.asp>
(612) 813-6111

GeneralPediatrics.com

Designed to be a starting point for general pediatrics information on the Web. Find resources suitable for consumers and physicians.
<http://generalpediatrics.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

KidsMeds

Providing pediatric drug information to parents of infants and children. Pediatric Pharmacist Online to answer specific questions.
<http://www.kidsmeds.com/> (508) 888 -1122

KidSource OnLine

Comprehensive children's health resource includes nutrition sections for infants, toddlers, and older kids. Subjects include food allergies.
<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/pages/Health.html>
(408) 253-0246

Pediatrics

March of Dimes

National voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality.
<http://www.modimes.org/> 1-888-MODIMES

PEDINFO - Pediatric Internet Index

Comprehensive guide to children's diseases, conditions, and disabilities. Find info on everything from allergies to congenital syndromes.
<http://www.pedinfo.org/> Questions answered by e-mail.

PediaNet

Pediatric health resource for parents, kids and medical professionals offers articles, news, a growth predictor tool and a doctor search feature.
<http://www.pedinet.com/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Pediatrics for Parents

Provides news on developments in the world of children's health. Check out the bookshelf and recipes sections.
<http://www.momsrefuge.com/pediatrics/>
Questions answered by e-mail.

Childcare

Au Pair in America

Matches carefully screened young women and nannies from around the world who provide live-in child care during a year-long cultural exchange.
<http://www.aupairinamerica.com/> (800) 727-2437

CareGuide

Provides families with everything they need to assess, plan, manage and monitor the best care for their children.
<http://www.careguide.net/> (954) 796-3727

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

Information about finding quality child care and resources through local child care resource and referral agencies.
<http://www.naccrra.net/> (202) 393-5501

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Child Care Aware

Helps parents find the best information on locating quality childcare and child care resources in their community.
<http://www.childcareaware.org/>
(800) 424-2246

National Association for Family Child Care

Provides technical assistance to family child care associations.
<http://www.nafcc.org/>
(515) 282-8192

The National Network for Child Care

Provides support and assistance from experts in child care and child development, and has over 1000 publications and resources related to child care.
<http://www.nncc.org/> Questions answered by e-mail.

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care

Childcare health, education and safety information and resources.
<http://nrc.uchsc.edu/>
(800) 598-5437

Zero to Three

National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families provides childcare, health and educational resources for parents and professionals.
<http://www.zerotothree.org/>
(202) 638-1144

Advocacy and Insurance

Administration for Children & Families

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/> (202) 401-9215

Advocacy and Insurance

Am. Fam. Physician - Health Care of U.S. Children

Contains info from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality on the health care status of children in the United States.

http://www.findarticles.com/cf_dls/m3225/10_61/62829125/p1/article.jhtml
(800) 358-9295

Child Welfare League of America

Child Welfare League of America is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization and strives to advance sound public policy on behalf of the more than three million abused, neglected, and vulnerable children.

<http://www.cwla.org/> (202) 638-2952

Children Now

Children Now focuses particular attention on the needs of children who are poor or at risk, while working to improve conditions for all children through advocacy programs.

<http://www.childrennow.org/> (510) 763-2444

Children with Disabilities

Offers information about advocacy, education, employment, health, housing, recreation, technical assistance, and transportation covering a broad array of physical and emotional disabilities.

<http://www.childrenwithdisabilities.ncjrs.org/>

Questions answered by e-mail.

Covering Kids - Insurance

Covering Kids is a national program of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that connects eligible families to SCHIP and Medicaid coverage.

<http://www.coveringkids.org/> (803) 779-2607

EPA Office of Children's Health Protection

Provides information and tools to families that enable them to take steps toward protecting their children from environmental health threats.

<http://www.epa.gov/children/>
(202) 564-2733

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Advocacy and Insurance

Family Voices

National, grassroots clearinghouse for information and education concerning the health care of children with special health needs. We stay on top of public and private sector health care changes that affect.

<http://www.familyvoices.org/> (888) 835-5669

HCFA's Children's Health Insurance Program

Provides materials of interest to various audiences regarding the passage of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

<http://www.hcfa.gov/init/children.htm>
(410) 786-3000

Healthy Kids Resource Center

California organization provides free health learning and teaching materials to teachers, professionals and individuals who work with children.

<http://www.hkresources.org/>
(510) 670-4581

Institute for Child Health Policy

Organization that researches, evaluates, formulates, and advances health policies, programs, and systems that promote the health and well-being of children and youth.

<http://www.ichp.edu/>
(352) 392-5904

The National Association for the Education of Young Children

Child educational and developmental services and resources.

<http://www.naeyc.org/> Questions answered by e-mail.

Nonprofit Evaluation and Support

Action Without Borders

Listings of nonprofit organization job openings, volunteer opportunities, internships, events and resources posted here by organizations all over the world.

<http://www.idealists.org/>
(212) 843-3973

