

National and State Resources

The resources below are listed alphabetically by content areas. Within each content area there is a mix of national and state resources and, in some cases, a site to identify local programs, such as Healthy Families. Content Areas include the following:

- ATTACHMENT
- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (NATIONAL)
- CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (STATE)
- CHILD CARE
- CHILDREN AND YOUTH
- COURT SERVICES
- DATA AND STATISTICAL
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- EARLY CHILDHOOD
- EDUCATION
- EVIDENCE BASED PROGRAMS
- EVIDENCE BASED TOOLS
- EVIDENCE BASED CLEARINGHOUSES
- FAMILY FINDING
- FATHERHOOD
- FUNDING
- HEALTH
- HOMELESSNESS
- IN-HOME SERVICES
- MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES
- PARENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT
- PROTECTIVE FACTORS
- PUBLICATIONS
- STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- TRAUMA

1.1.1.1 Attachment

[Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children \(ATTACH\)](#)-an international coalition of professionals and families dedicated to helping those with attachment difficulties by sharing our knowledge, talents and resources

[Attachment Parenting International](#)-promotes parenting practices that create strong, healthy emotional bonds between children and their parents

1.1.1.2 Child abuse and neglect prevention (National)

[American Humane Association](#)-Children-protecting children from child abuse and neglect

[Casey Foundation](#)-The primary mission of the Annie E. Casey Foundation is to foster public policies, human-service reforms, and community supports that more effectively meet the needs of today's vulnerable children and families. In pursuit of this goal, the Foundation makes grants that help states, cities, and neighborhoods fashion more innovative, cost-effective responses to these needs.

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)-Child Welfare Information Gateway promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children, youth, and families by connecting child welfare, adoption, and related professionals as well as the general public to information, resources, and tools covering topics on child welfare, child abuse and neglect, out-of-home care, adoption, and more.

[Children's Bureau](#)-works with State and local agencies to develop programs that focus on preventing the abuse of children in troubled families, protecting children from abuse, and finding permanent placements for those who cannot safely return to their homes

[FRIENDS](#) (Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service) - National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

[Healthy Families America](#)-evidence-based, nationally recognized home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for child abuse and neglect and other adverse childhood experiences

[National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds](#)-membership organization that provides training, technical assistance and peer consulting opportunities to state Children's Trust and Prevention Funds and strengthens their efforts to prevent child abuse

[National Child Support Enforcement Association](#)-serves child support professionals, agencies, and strategic partners worldwide through professional development, communications, public awareness, and advocacy to enhance the financial, medical, and emotional support that parents provide for their children

[National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being](#)- national study of children who are at risk of abuse or neglect or are in the child welfare system

[Prevent Child Abuse America](#)-provides leadership to promote and implement prevention efforts at both the national and local levels.

1.1.1.3 Child Abuse and Neglect (State)

Casey Family Programs – state child welfare policy database-resources, statistics, data

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Virginia-membership organization dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse and neglect in ways that are effective and efficient and put the needs of children first-provides training, support, technical assistance and leadership on a statewide level to local children’s and child advocacy centers and communities throughout Virginia

Children's Trust of the Roanoke Valley-provides parent education to new or inexperienced parents, high risk parents experiencing homelessness and/or drug and alcohol abuse treatment, and teen parents and expectant teen parents living in the greater Roanoke Valley.

Family and Children’s Trust Fund of Virginia-worked to prevent and treat family violence in Virginia. Family violence includes child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse and neglect, dating violence, and suicide

Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)-local nonprofit organization dedicated solely to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect in the Greater Richmond area

Northern Virginia SCAN-- non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect

Prevent Child Abuse Virginia-statewide, nonprofit, non-partisan organization that works to prevent child abuse and neglect by valuing children, strengthening families and engaging communities

Rappahannock Area Council for Children and Parents-provides eight Circle of Parents mutual self-support groups in the Greater Fredericksburg Area (City of Fredericksburg, counties of King George, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline and Orange).

Voices for Virginia’s Children-statewide, privately funded, non-partisan awareness and advocacy organization that builds support for practical public policies to improve the lives of children.

1.1.1.4 Child care

Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network-community based network of early care and education specialists whose purpose is to deliver

services to families, child care professionals and communities to increase the accessibility, availability and quality of child care in Virginia.

1.1.1.5 Children and youth programs

[Boys and Girls Clubs of America](#)- Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun

[Commission on Youth](#)-bi-partisan legislative commission of the General Assembly which provides a legislative forum in which complex issues related to youth and their families can be explored and resolved

[Find Youth Info](#) – Map My Community-Use the interactive mapping tool on this page to locate federally supported youth programs in your community-search by using full address or zip code

[Incredible Years](#)-research-based, proven effective programs for reducing children's aggression and behavior problems and increasing social competence at home and at school

[STRYVE Youth Violence Prevention](#)- national initiative lead by the CDC, which takes a public health approach to preventing youth violence before it starts

[Virginia High School League](#)-extracurricular activities, including sports teams

[Virginia RULES](#)-Designed especially for teens, provides information about the laws in Virginia with particular emphasis on how they apply to teens in their day-to-day lives

1.1.1.6 Court services

[Virginia CASA](#)-court appointed special advocate program. Child advocacy program that seeks to provide trained volunteers to speak for abused and neglected children who are the subjects of juvenile court proceedings

1.1.1.7 Data and other statistical information

[Casey Family Programs](#) – state child welfare policy database-resources, statistics, data

[Child Abuse and Neglect Statistics](#)-resources present statistics and data on the different types of abuse and neglect as well as the abuse and neglect of children with disabilities, abuse and neglect in out-of-home care, recurrence, and fatalities

[Child Trends](#)-nonprofit, nonpartisan research center that studies children at all stages of development

[Census Data in Children's Defense Fund website](#)-non-profit child advocacy organization

[Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia: Violence at Home: The FACT Report](#)

[Father Facts](#)- the latest statistics on families and fatherhood

[Food service programs](#) – Participation in Virginia

[Kids Count VA data](#)

[National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect](#)-aims at facilitating the secondary analysis of research data relevant to the study of child abuse and neglect and seeks to provide an accessible and scientifically productive means for researchers to explore important issues in the child maltreatment field

[SNAP](#)-Participation in Virginia

[Virginia Performs](#)-shows how Virginia is doing in areas that effect quality of life for people and their families

[Virginia Welfare Report Card](#)

<http://www.childwelfare.com/states/Profiles/Virginia/Welfare/0welfare.htm>

1.1.1.8 Domenstic violence

[Futures Without Violence](#) - works to prevent and end violence against women and children around the world.

[Love is Respect](#) - Teen dating violence resources and helpline 1-866-331-9474

[Virginia Domestic Violence Programs](#)

Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline-24-hour access to crisis intervention and technical assistance 1-800-838-8238

[Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance](#)-is a recognized leader in Virginia's response to sexual and domestic violence

1.1.1.9 Early childhood

[Early Head Start National Resource Center](#)-federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women

[Head Start and Early Intervention Resources](#)

[Head Start Program Directory-Virginia](#)

[Healthy Families America](#)- nationally recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment

[Healthy Families America-Virginia Locations/Contact Information](#)

[Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia](#)- early intervention supports and services in the infant and toddler connection of Virginia

[Smart Beginnings](#)-network of locally operated coalitions that are working to improve the quality of care for children from birth until kindergarten.

[Virginia Head Start Association, Inc.](#)-national child development program for children birth to age 5 which provides services to promote academic, social and emotional development for income-eligible families.

[Virginia Home Visiting Consortium](#)- collaboration of statewide early childhood home visiting programs that serve families of children from pregnancy to age 5.

[Virginia Infant and Toddler Specialist Network](#)-strengthens practices in early care and education programs to enhance the healthy growth and development of infants and toddlers

[Virginia Office of Early Childhood Development](#)- committed to expanding opportunities for high-quality early childhood development for Virginia's children-emphasizes access, quality, and accountability

[Zero to Three](#)-national, nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

1.1.1.10 Education

[Early Childhood Special Education](#)-provide services for children in Virginia from birth to Kindergarten age who qualify according to state and federal law

[The Family Engagement for High School Success Toolkit](#) -designed to support at-risk high school students by engaging families, schools, and the community

[Virginia Department of Education](#)-mission is to increase student learning and academic achievement

1.1.1.11 Evidence based clearinghouses

[Blueprints for Violence Prevention](#)-seeks to identify truly outstanding violence and drug prevention programs that meet a high scientific standard of effectiveness

[California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare](#)- provides child welfare professionals with easy access to vital information about selected child welfare related programs

[Centers for Disease Control](#)-The CDC Division of Violence Prevention's mission is to prevent injuries and deaths caused by violence. The site includes Effective and Promising Child Abuse Prevention Programs.

[Community Prevention Services Task Force](#)-summarizes what is known about the effectiveness, economic efficiency, and feasibility of interventions to promote community health and prevent disease

[FRIENDS](#) (Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service) - National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

[National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#)-supplies a searchable online registry of mental health and substance abuse interventions that have been assessed and rated by independent reviewers

[Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)- collaborates with professionals from diverse disciplines to improve juvenile justice policies and practices

[Promising Practices Network](#)-summaries of programs and practices that are proven to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families.

1.1.1.12 Evidence based programs

[FRIENDS](#) (Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service) - National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

[Healthy Families America-Virginia Locations/Contact Information](#)

[Incredible Years](#)-research-based, proven effective programs for reducing children's aggression and behavior problems and increasing social competence at home and at school

1.1.1.13 Evidence based tools

[Adult Adolescent Parenting Inventory](#)-inventory designed to assess the parenting and child rearing attitudes of adolescents.

[Kempe Family Stress Checklist](#)- checklist used by Healthy Families America to assess strengths and needs of families who have been screened in for services and referred for the Healthy Families Program. See Family Stress Checklist under [Social Connections](#)

[North Carolina Family Assessment Scale](#)-comprehensive family functioning and outcome measurement developed by providers, policy makers and evaluators

[Nurturing Parenting Programs](#)-evidence based programs that have proven effectiveness in treating and preventing the recurrence of child abuse and neglect

[Parents As Teachers \(PAT\)](#)-an evidence based parent education program. CHIP of Virginia is the state office for PAT.

[Protective Factors Survey](#)-designed for use with caregivers receiving child abuse prevention services.

[Social Skills Rating System](#)-used to assess children who have problems with behavior and interpersonal skills.

1.1.1.14 Evidence based clearinghouses

Registries rate evidence-based practices according to their own criteria. Child Welfare Information Gateway and the Children's Bureau do not endorse individual registries or the programs they include; the links are provided only as a resource.

[Blueprints for Violence Prevention-FRIENDS](#)

The National Center for Child Abuse Prevention provides a range of resources, including information on evidence based programs.

[CENTER FOR STUDY and PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE](#)

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado at Boulder

Identifies effective violence prevention programs and provides training and technical assistance to replication sites. The 11 model programs identified have been effective in reducing adolescent violent crime, aggression, delinquency, and substance abuse. Another 18 programs have been identified as promising.

The guide includes details about the program review process and selection criteria.

[California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare](#)

Identifies and disseminates information on evidence-based child welfare practices. Provides guidance to statewide agencies, counties, public and private organizations, and individuals on evidence-based practice as a method of achieving improved outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being for children and families.

[Guide to Community Preventive Services](#)

The Task Force on Community Preventive Services summarizes what is known about the effectiveness, economic efficiency, and feasibility of interventions to promote community health and prevent disease. Two topics, social environment and violence, specifically address issues related to child welfare. A methods section summarizes how the task force evaluated the effectiveness of recommended programs.

[National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration supplies a searchable online registry of mental health and substance abuse interventions that have been assessed and rated by independent reviewers. Aims to assist the public in identifying approaches to preventing and treating mental and substance use disorders that have been scientifically tested and that can be readily disseminated to the field.

[OJJDP Model Programs Guide and Database](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention covers the entire continuum of youth services from prevention through sanctions to reentry. Evidence ratings are based on evaluation literature and are used to classify programs into three categories: exemplary, effective, or promising.

[Promising Practices Network](#)

Features summaries of programs and practices that are proven to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. All of the information on the site has been screened for scientific rigor, relevance, and clarity.

[Strengthening America's Families: Effective Family Programs for Prevention of Delinquency](#)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention & Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Provides

results of the 1999 search for best practice family strengthening programs, which are in two-page summaries, as well as a program matrix. Programs are divided into categories based on the degree, quality, and outcomes of research.

1.1.1.15 Family finding

[Library of Virginia](#)-archived information to find and locate family members

[National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections](#)- at the Hunter College School of Social Work is a training, technical assistance, and information services organization dedicated to help strengthen the capacity of State, local, Tribal and other publicly administered or supported child welfare agencies to: institutionalize a safety-focused, family-centered, and community-based approach to meet the needs of children, youth and families.

1.1.1.16 Fatherhood

[National Fatherhood Initiative](#)-seeks to improve the well-being of children by increasing the proportion of children growing up with involved, responsible, and committed fathers

[National Fatherhood Initiative: Deployed Fathers and Families Guide](#)

[National Fatherhood Initiative: Programs and Products](#)

[National Quality Improvement Center on Non-Residential Fathers and the Child Welfare System](#)-seeks to determine, through a research design, the impact of non-resident father involvement on child welfare outcomes

[Virginia Department of Social Services Strengthening Families and Fatherhood Initiative](#)-provides a point of contact for individuals and organizations seeking information about fatherhood related programs and services

1.1.1.17 Funding

[eVA](#)- Virginia's online, electronic procurement system where VDSS grant opportunities are posted

[Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program \(PSSF\)](#)- designed to assist children and families resolve crises, connect with necessary and appropriate services, and remain safely together in their own homes whenever possible

[Virginia CBCAP](#) (Community Based Child Abuse Prevention) (Download)-community-based child abuse prevention-state reports

[Virginia Comprehensive Service Act](#)-provided for the pooling of eight specific funding streams used to purchase services for high-risk youth

1.1.1.18 Health

[Family Access to Medical Insurance Security](#) (FAMIS) - Virginia program that helps families provide health insurance for their children

[Office of Adolescent Health](#)- coordinates adolescent health promotion and disease prevention programs and initiatives across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[Virginia Department of Health](#)-Virginia resources for resources related to healthy living

1.1.1.19 Homeless

[Project HOPE-Virginia](#)-Virginia, the Virginia Education Program for Homeless Children and Youth, is a federally-funded grant authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Program-ensures the enrollment, attendance, and the success of homeless children and youth in school through public awareness efforts across the commonwealth and sub grants to local school divisions

1.1.1.20 In-home services

[Healthy Families America](#)- nationally recognized evidence-based home visiting program model designed to work with overburdened families who are at-risk for adverse childhood experiences, including child maltreatment

[Healthy Families America-Virginia Locations/Contact Information](#)

[Virginia Home Visiting Consortium](#)- collaboration of statewide early childhood home visiting programs that serve families of children from pregnancy to age 5.

1.1.1.21 Mental health and developmental disabilities

[Co-Occurring Disorders](#)-provides information on co-occurring disorders

[Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#)-a learning portal that links individuals to existing open-access training, organized in areas consistent with nationally endorsed public health and MCH leadership competencies.

[Medical Home Plus](#)-dedicated to empowering children with special needs and their families by strengthening their pillars of supports through education, prevention, resource coordination and advocacy-organization that employs parents successfully navigating the system of care for their children

[Mental Health America](#)-country's leading nonprofit dedicated to helping ALL people live mentally healthier lives

[National Institute for Child Mental Health](#)-provides information on a range of topics that influence child and adolescent mental health.

[SAMHSA – Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness](#)-Creating communities where individuals, families, schools, faith-based organizations, and workplaces take action to promote emotional health and reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse including tobacco, and suicide. This Initiative will include a focus on the Nation's high-risk youth, youth in Tribal communities, and military families-suicide prevention, mental health, substance abuse resources

[The ARC of Virginia](#)-promotes and protects the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[Virginia Association of Community Service Boards, Inc.](#) - the premier mental health, intellectual disability and substance use disorder services management and delivery in Virginia's Communities

[Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services](#)-Child and Family Services-ensures high quality behavioral healthcare for children from birth to age 17

[Virginia Department of Rehabilitation Services](#)-provides services to help Virginians with disabilities become more independent and self-sufficient

1.1.1.22 Parent education and support

[Circle of Parents](#)-provides a friendly, supportive environment led by parents and other caregivers. A place where anyone in a parenting role can openly discuss the successes and challenges of raising children

[FACES](#) (Family Advocacy Collaboration Empowerment Support) of Virginia Families-seeks to **provide a united voice for children, youth, and families involved in foster, adoptive, and kinship care so all children and youth are treated with dignity, respect, and equality**

[KidsPriorityOne-Resource Center](#) where families, and those working with families, find local resources and valuable information related to raising healthy, happy kids

[National Healthy Marriage Resource Center](#)-clearinghouse for timely information and resources on healthy marriage

[Nurturing Parenting Programs-Virginia](#)- family-centered initiative designed to build nurturing parenting skills as an alternative to abusive and neglecting parenting and child-rearing practices

[Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center](#)-builds positive futures for Virginia's children by working collaboratively with families, school and communities in order to improve opportunities to excellence in education and success in school and community life-they provide services and support for families and professionals, easy-to-understand, research-based information and training; and opportunities for strategic partnerships and advocacy for systemic improvement.

[Parent Resource Centers of Virginia](#)-list of centers that offer information, assistance, referrals, and workshops to parents and educators

[Virginia Department for the Aging](#)-fosters the independence and well-being of older Virginians and supports their caregivers through leadership, advocacy and oversight of state and community programs, and guides the Commonwealth in preparing for an aging population

[Virginia Cooperative Extension](#)- provides a range of parent education and support resources in each locality

[Virginia Cooperative Extension-Offices](#)

[Virginia's Parent Information Resource Center](#)-serves culturally, linguistically, educationally, economically and geographically diverse families and the schools, programs and communities

1.1.1.23 Protective Factors

[The National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds](#): online training to support implementation of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework. This free curriculum includes new materials on partnering with parents and promising strategies for practitioners. For more information and to access the online training, go to:

FRIENDS: (Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service) - National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention

[2012 Resource Guide](#)-a guide for preventing child maltreatment and promoting child well-being that includes guidelines for working with families around the protective factors and tips for parents to increase protective factors

1.1.1.24 Publications

[Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)-Publications- publications, documents and other resources that have helped stimulate new directions and guide planning and implementation work from the ground to the policy level

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#): Supporting Brain Development in Traumatized Children and Youth

[My Child Welfare Librarian](#)

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)-focused on raising the standard of care and improving access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States

[Virginia Child Protection Newsletter](#)-focused on one or more topics in child welfare

1.1.1.25 Strengthening families

[Center for the Study of Social Policy](#)-works to secure equal opportunities and better futures for all children and families by **improving public policies, systems and communities by building protective factors, reducing risk factors and creating opportunities that contribute to well-being and economic success.**

[Child Welfare Information Gateway](#)-connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families

[Strengthening Families](#)-research-based, cost-effective strategy to increase family strengths, enhance child development and reduce child abuse and neglect

[Virginia Strengthening Families Initiative](#)- focuses on a holistic approach that looks beyond clients as individuals and focuses on strengthening the family unit as a whole

1.1.1.26 Substance abuse

[Co-Occurring Disorders](#)-provides information on co-occurring disorders

[National Center for Substance Abuse and Child Welfare](#)- mission is to develop and implement a comprehensive program of information gathering and dissemination, to provide technical assistance and to develop knowledge and its application that promotes effective practice, organizational, and system changes at the local, state, and national levels.

[**SAMHSA – Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness**](#)-Creating communities where individuals, families, schools, faith-based organizations, and workplaces take action to promote emotional health and reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse including tobacco, and suicide. This Initiative will include a focus on the Nation’s high-risk youth, youth in Tribal communities, and military families-suicide prevention, mental health, substance abuse resources

[**Virginia Al-Anon**](#)-The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems-believe that alcohol is a family illness

1.1.1.27 Trauma

[**Center for the Study of Social Policy**](#)- Using data, extensive community experience and a focus on results, CSSP promotes public policies that strengthen families and protect and lift children from poverty, helps child welfare and other public human services systems improve their work and achieve race equity for children and families in their care and provides tools and resources.

[**Child Welfare Information Gateway**](#): Supporting Brain Development in Traumatized Children and Youth

[**National Child Traumatic Stress Network**](#)-focused on raising the standard of care and improving access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the United States. Also developed the [**Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit**](#).