

## RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

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National Association of School Psychologists  
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<http://www.nasponline.org>

The NASP website offers a wealth of information for educators, administrators, and parents. The monthly newsletter for members (*Communiqué*) is an indispensable resource. Download excellent handouts for families and educators from the National Mental Health and Education Center (<http://www.naspcenter.org/orderform.htm>) or order free hard copies online. See NASP Position Statements under “NASP & School Psychology.” NASP is a leading advocate on behalf of school psychologists, children and families.

Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice  
American Institutes for Research  
1000 Thomas Jefferson St., NW, Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
888-457-1551

<http://cecp.air.org>

CECP has produced two must-have documents: (1) *Addressing Student Problem Behavior: An IEP Team's Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plans, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* (CECP, 1998), and (2) *Safeguarding Our Children: An Action Guide* (Dwyer, K. & Osher, D., 2000), published by the U.S. Department of Education. For copies, call 877-433-7827 (toll-free) or email [edpubs@inet.ed.gov](mailto:edpubs@inet.ed.gov).

Center for Mental Health in Schools  
Department of Psychology, UCLA  
310-825-3634

<http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu>

The Center provides technical assistance and cutting edge materials, including a superb quarterly newsletter, *Addressing Barriers to Learning*. The staff competently and promptly research professional issues upon request.

Center for School Mental Health Analysis and Action\*  
University of Maryland

<http://csmha.umaryland.edu> [csmha.umaryland.edu](http://csmha.umaryland.edu)

The other federally funded center for school-based mental health. Focus has been research and demonstration projects, and an annual conference. Website includes resource packets on selected topics.

Child and Family Web Guide  
Tufts University

<http://www.cfw.tufts.edu>

Ratings, descriptions, and links to best websites on family & parenting, education & learning, child development, health & mental health, recreation, etc.

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

<http://www.casel.org>

This leading organization on social-emotional learning publicizes important resources and professional development opportunities in its electronic newsletter. Its recent publication, *Safe and sound: An educational leader's guide to evidence-based social and emotional learning programs*, is an essential resource for evaluating curriculum and program options. (See information at [http://www.casel.org/projects\\_products/safeandsound.php](http://www.casel.org/projects_products/safeandsound.php))

IDEA Partnership Projects (ASPIIRE/ILEAD)

[http://www.cec.sped.org/law\\_res/doc](http://www.cec.sped.org/law_res/doc)

While the grant period is over for the federally sponsored ASPIIRE partnership (Associations of Service Providers Implementing IDEA Reforms in Education), the IDEA Practices website developed by ASPIIRE is being maintained by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Its valuable references and resources include IDEA '97 regulations, which remain in effect (unless contradicted by IDEA 2004) for the 2004-05 school year.

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/index.html>

Administers and provides policy information about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For a printer-friendly version of FERPA, go to: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/ferparegs.pdf>

National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

<http://www.nasdse.org>

Best reference for IDEA 2004 language, including the full text and side-by-side comparison with IDEA '97. Contains ordering information for outstanding booklet on RTI: *Response to Intervention: Policy Considerations and Implementation* (NASDSE, 2005).

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities\*

<http://www.nichcy.org> / <http://www.nichcy.org/resources/whatworks.asp>

Formerly the National Information Center for Handicapped Children and Youth (and still identified as NICHCY), the Center's website includes an annotated guide to what works (resources, reports, websites, etc.) in serving children with disabilities.

OSEP Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

<http://www.pbis.org>

National Technical Assistance Center established by the Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education to give schools capacity-building information and technical assistance for identifying, adapting, and sustaining effective school-wide behavior supports and management practices.

#### SAMHSA Model Programs

<http://www.modelprograms.samhsa.gov>

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched an extensive, rigorous project to identify, and compile comprehensive resources about, evidence-based substance abuse and mental health programs.

#### What Works Clearinghouse

<http://www.w-w-c.org>

The U.S. Department of Education established the Clearinghouse to provide a central and trusted source of scientific evidence of what works in education. The Clearinghouse identifies, screens, and reviews studies of effectiveness of educational interventions (programs, products, practices, and policies).

#### Wrightslaw

<http://www.wrightslaw.com>

Also known as the Special Ed Advocate, this free online newsletter provides parents and advocates with valuable articles and materials that are informative for school personnel as well.

## **CONNECTICUT**

Info-Line (information and referral; a service of United Way)

800-203-1234 (or, 211)

One-stop referral and information service that addresses every conceivable human services need. Info-Line also serves as a suicide prevention hotline and provides speakers on this topic.

Birth to Three

800-505-7000 (in-state only)

<http://www.birth23.org>

Information and referral service for children under age 3 with developmental delays.

Connecticut Association of School Psychologists

<http://www.caspweb.org>

listserv: [CASPListserv@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CASPListserv@yahoogroups.com)

CASP offers a polished and informative newsletter, high caliber professional development opportunities, advocacy, and more. Check the website for announcements, publications, and Executive Board contact information.

Connecticut Clearinghouse

334 Farmington Avenue

Plainville, CT 06062

800-232-4424

<http://www.ctclearinghouse.org>

Located in Plainville and operated by Wheeler Clinic with state funding, the Clearinghouse has an extensive collection of books, pamphlets, videotapes, and curriculum materials on alcohol and substance use, suicide prevention, bullying, prevention programs, disaster and trauma, and other mental health topics. Videos can be borrowed by mail. Much information on drug and alcohol use/abuse circulated on its listserv. The Clearinghouse also operates a speakers' bureau.

Connecticut Voices for Children

877-864-2377 (toll-free), 203-498-4240

<http://www.ctkidslink.org>

Connecticut's most active and effective advocacy organization for children offers a wealth of information through its website. Contact CT Voices for Children to subscribe to their electronic newsletter.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

<http://www.state.ct.us/dcf>

Website provides information on DCF programs, and child abuse reporting laws and policies. KidCare Resource Directory (under Features) provides contact information for Community Collaboratives and Emergency Mobile Services. KidCare News and Updates includes a Guide to Connecticut Community KidCare.

Governor's Prevention Partnership

30 Arbor Street

Hartford, CT 06106

860-523-8042

<http://www.preventionworksct.org>

Originally founded as Drugs Don't Work, this organization has taken a leading role in developing prevention programs and strategies, and offers excellent in-service programs. A bulletin of training programs and events is available online.

SERC (Special Education Resource Center)

25 Industrial Park Rd

Middletown, CT 06457

860-632-1485

800-842-8678 (Parent Assistance; Child Find)

<http://www.ctserc.org>

The SERC library has a sizeable collection of books, psychological and educational tests, journals and newsletters (including *Today's School Psychologist*), videotapes, and instructional materials. Visit the website for

information on professional development offerings, or call to be placed on newsletter mailing lists. Many state documents are available online (under “Resource Materials”) or by submitting a Request for Information Form.

### **State Department of Education**

P.O. Box 2219

Hartford, CT 06145-2219

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde>

The SDE website has information from all divisions and bureaus. Items of particular interest include:

- Circular letters (under Commissioner)
- School Profiles, District Data, Fall Hiring Reports, Education Reference Groups, etc., etc. (under Other Links/CT Education Data and Research)
- State Board of Education position statements, meeting reports, etc.

Bureau of Certification and Teacher Preparation

P.O. Box 150471, Room 243

Hartford, CT 06115-0471

860-713-6969

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/dtl/cert/index.htm>

Direct inquiries to: [teacher.cert@po.state.ct.us](mailto:teacher.cert@po.state.ct.us).

Bureau of Health and Nutrition Services and Child/Family/School Partnerships

25 Industrial Park Rd.

Middletown, CT 06457

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On SDE website under **Programs and Services/Bureau of HNSCFSP)**

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/deps/Student/PsychSocial/index.htm>

- *Guidelines for the Practice of School Psychology*
- *Developing Quality Programs for Pupil Services: A Self-Evaluative Guide* (1999)
- *Guidelines for Suicide Prevention: Policy and Procedures, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2004)*

Bureau of Special Education

25 Industrial Park Rd.

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On SDE website under **Special Education**

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/deps/special/index.htm>

- IEP/special education forms; IEP Manual
- *Complaint Resolution Process* (2005)
- Guidelines for LD, SED, ID, Speech/Language
- *Report on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (ADHD Task Force, 2005)
- *A Parent's Guide to Special Education in Connecticut* (2003)
- Updates (periodical announcements and information from the Bureau)

## **PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY / VICTIM SERVICES**

Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center

338 Main Street

Niantic, CT 06357

800-445-CPAC

Satellite office: New Haven: 203-776-3211

<http://www.cpacinc.org>

Special education information and advocacy assistance for parents at no cost.

Department of Children and Families (DCF)

Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline (24 hours)

800-842-2288

Call the 24-hour Hotline to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

DCF Hotline administrative office

860-560-7000

<http://www.state.ct.us/dcf/reptlaws.htm>

If uncertain about whether to make a report, call the administrative office to consult with a supervisor. See website for current reporting laws.

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

888-774-2900

<http://www.ctcadv.org>

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-SAFE (7233)

[www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)

Office of the Child Advocate  
800-994-0939

<http://www.ct.gov/oca>

Watchdog agency that oversee protection and care of children and advocates for their well-being; accepts “last recourse” inquiries about protection and advocacy by DCF and other state agencies.

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities  
Abuse/Neglect Investigations Unit  
800-842-7303 / 860-297-4300

<http://www.ct.gov/opapd>

Protection and advocacy for individuals 18 years of age and older.

Sexual Assault Crisis Services  
888-999-5545

<http://www.connsacs.org>

Calls are automatically directed to the nearest of a statewide network of sexual assault crisis programs. Services include victim assistance, community education, and public policy advocacy.

U.S. Office of Civil Rights  
Northeast regional office—Boston  
617-223-9662

To report violations of Civil Rights Act, Section 504.

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