

## WEB SITE RESOURCE LIST

The following list was compiled as a resource for domestic violence advocates and others concerned about safety and justice for women and children. Sites provide **information** on a wide variety of children's issues, including federal and state legislation, **access** to grassroots activism, **technical assistance** and **links** to related sites. The list will be updated quarterly.

### SITES FOR CHILDREN

#### Dept. of Justice - Kids & Youth Page

<http://www.usdoj.gov/kidspage>

This web page is designed just for children and youth. It provides information on different aspects of justice - Internet crimes, drug prevention and laws that protect children's rights. Finding information is easy. With one click, children learn what you can do to fight crime. With another, they will see the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. Still another click leads to the history of Civil Rights Movement. The site has information pages and links for children, K-5<sup>th</sup>, youth, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, parents/guardians and teachers, as well.

#### For Kids: Things You Can Do to Stay Safe

<http://www.ndvh.org/ForKids.html>

A site developed by the National Domestic Violence Hotline for children and youth to assist them in safety planning. The page includes tips on calling 911 and asking for help, as well providing validation that the violence is not the fault of the child/youth victim. The Hotline provides their 800 number for support and information.

#### Welcome to Safe Place

<http://www.kdva.org/webpage/kidmain.html>

A site provided by the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association (KDVA) for children who have questions about domestic violence. Simple questions are posed and answered in a colorful format. The site is designed for upper elementary and middle schoolers and provides some information on dating violence for teens.

### INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN

#### Child Witness to Violence Program

Pediatrics @ Boston Medical Center

<http://www.bostonchildhealth.org/ChildWitnessToViolence/index.html>

The Child Witness to Violence Project (CWVP) is a counseling, advocacy, and outreach project that focuses on the growing number of young children who are hidden victims of violence: children who are bystanders to community and domestic violence. The project began in 1992 and currently counsels over 200 children and their families each year, in addition to implementing both national and state-focused training for health care professionals, police, educators, and many other social service professionals who confront issues of children witnessing violence. The site offers general information about the effects of domestic violence on children, statistics and the *Report on Violence & Children*.

### **Domestic Violence Against Women and Girls**

<http://www.unicef.org/vaw/domestic.pdf>

This Digest builds on the reassessment carried out by the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre for an earlier digest on *Children and Violence*, and looks specifically at domestic violence. The term “domestic” includes violence by an intimate partner and by other family members, wherever this violence takes place and in whatever form.

### **Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Center - Children Who Witness Domestic Violence**

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dvirc/Childwit.htm>

The *Domestic Violence and Incest Resource Center* (DVIRC) was established in 1986 and is funded by the Department of Human Services, Victoria, Canada as a statewide resource center for information about domestic violence and child sexual assault. DVIRC provides resources and education to workers and to those who have experienced domestic violence or sexual abuse.

### **Family Violence Prevention Fund**

<http://www.endabuse.org>

The Family Violence Prevention Fund is a national non-profit organization that focuses on domestic violence education, prevention and public policy reform. This site includes fact sheets on the effects of domestic violence on children, a full text version of the publication “Domestic Violence: Creating Community Partnerships For Safe Families - Suggested Components of an Effective Child Welfare Response to Domestic Violence,” and links to other relevant organizations.

### **The Future of Children**

<http://www.futureofchildren.org>

The Future of Children is published twice annually by The David and Lucile Packard Foundation. The primary purpose of The Future of Children is to disseminate timely information on major issues related to children’s well-being. Download the Winter 1999 issue entitled: *Domestic Violence and Children – Vol. 9, No. 3*.

### **The Link Research Project: Understanding the link between child maltreatment and woman battering**

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/link>

This website is devoted to up-to-date information on current research and intervention with families experiencing both child maltreatment and woman battering. In addition the project aims to link both research and practice to develop collaborative multi-disciplinary models for working with families experiencing both forms of abuse. Faculty at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work is conducting a series of studies of families in which women have been abused and had children who may have been exposed to the violence. The studies seek to understand how forms of violence develop in families and how both informal and formal social systems respond.

### **London Family Court Clinic - Centre for Children & Families**

<http://www.LFCC.on.ca/>

The Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System of the London Family Court Clinic is a non-profit agency in London, Ontario, Canada, which advocates for the special needs of children involved in the justice system as young offenders, victims of crime or abuse, or as the subjects of custody disputes. Our advocacy includes assessment, counseling, prevention services, research, dissemination of information, and training for the community. The Centre has seven core areas: (1) Child Witness Project; (2) Clinical Supports Program; (3) Counseling Services; (4) Custody and Access Project (including mediation); (5) Research Services; (6) Young Offender Services; (7) Violence Prevention Services.

### **MINCAVA**

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu>

The Minnesota Center Against Violence And Abuse (MINCAVA) operates this electronic clearinghouse, which provides scholarly papers on battered women and their children, a searchable database on the link between child maltreatment and woman battering, bibliographies and links to additional resources.

### **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)**

<http://virlib.ncjrs.org/AlphaTitles.asp#1>

NCJRS is a federally sponsored information clearinghouse for people around the country and the world involved with research, policy, and practice related to criminal and juvenile justice and drug control. The web page specified above provides an alphabetical listing of publications available for download. A few publications offered in the area of child exposure to domestic violence are:

*Children's Exposure to Violence: The Safe Start Initiative.* 2001, FS 200113.

*Child Abuse Reported to the Police.* 2001, NCJ 187238

*Childhood Victimization: Early Adversity, Later Psychopathology.* 2000, NCJ 180077

*Children as Victims.* 2000, NCJ 180753

*Children Exposed to Violence: Criminal Justice Resources.* 1999, NCJ 176984.

*In the Wake of Childhood Maltreatment.* 1997, NCJ 165257.

*Child Maltreatment 1995: Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System.* 2000.

### **National Electronic Network On Violence Against Women (VAWnet)**

<http://vawnet.org>

The VAWnet Library (VAWlibrary) is an online resource provided through the National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women (VAWnet). Working in close collaboration with VAWnet participants, VAWlibrary will collect, preserve, and provide electronic access to information and materials developed to assist activists and organizations working on a local, state, national and international level to end violence against all women and their children. VAWlibrary will identify and facilitate access to information and materials, which address the needs of women faced with the threat and reality of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of violence against women.

VAWnet also offers online interactive communications, networking, and information for state domestic violence coalitions as well as allied national organizations and individuals working to end violence against women and children.

### **Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody**

[http://www.nationalcouncilfvd.org/res\\_center/](http://www.nationalcouncilfvd.org/res_center/)

The mission of the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody is to provide access to the best possible source of information and tangible assistance to those working in the field of domestic violence and child protection and custody. The resource center will chart a future in which child protection and custody cases involving family violence are handled in a manner which recognizes the complexity of the legal, cultural, and psychological dynamics and provides protection and relief for all victims in the family. The site provides access to technical assistance and publications dealing with legal issues inherent in work with children exposed to intimate partner violence.

### **Toolkit to End Violence Against Women**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

Offers best practices and other recommendations to assist localities in a web-based, user-friendly format to help readers pinpoint areas of interest.

### **Unite for Kids**

<http://bmcstage.tvvisions.com/>

Unite for Kids' mission is to provide an issue-based web site focusing on helping children and teens who are exposed to violence. The Unite for Kids web site is a collaborative effort of various community organizations in the Boston area who share a commitment to helping children exposed to violence. The site strives to provide accurate and current information about the impact of witnessing violence on the child's life and on the community and information about recognizing a child in need.

### **University of Alaska, Anchorage - Battered Women and their Children**

<http://www.cwolf.uaa.alaska.edu/~afrhm1/index.html>

This web site is devoted to a professional and scholarly examination of the connections between domestic violence (woman abuse) and child maltreatment. Affiliated with Columbia University's Center for the Study of Social Work Practice, this project is partially supported through a grant from the Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. The site includes numerous resources related to child abuse and neglect and domestic violence, such as training curricula, evaluation of protocols and results from an intake-screening questionnaire. The site also links to reports, papers and newsletters, which focus on the relationship between child protective services and domestic violence.

## **GENERAL WELFARE OF CHILDREN**

### **American Academy of Pediatrics**

<http://www.aap.org/> (Enter Keywords "domestic violence")

The mission of the American Academy of Pediatrics is to attain optimal physical, mental and social health and well being for all infants, children, adolescents and young adults. Under the keywords "domestic violence" the site provides a variety of articles on issues surrounding intimate partner violence and pediatric patients.

### **Association of Family & Conciliation Courts**

<http://www.afccnet.org>

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, an international and interdisciplinary association dedicated to the constructive resolution of family disputes. AFCC was founded in 1963 for the following purposes: (1) To provide an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of ideas and the development of procedures in conflict; (2) To encourage the development of courts and court procedures emphasizing constructive methods of dispute resolution; (3) To develop and improve parent education, mediation, custody evaluation and other processes to aid families in resolving their disputes. (4) To protect the interests of children in relation to all aspects of family law, child protection proceedings and other legal actions affecting children.

### **Comfort Zone Camp**

<http://www.comfortzonecamp.org/>

Originally known as "Camp Comfort," Comfort Zone Camps are non-profit bereavement camps for children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. The camp, which is all volunteer-led, will offer grief activities, arts and crafts and many other fun recreational activities.

### **Child Welfare League of America**

<http://www.cwla.org>

CWLA is an association of more than 1,100 public and not-for-profit agencies devoted to improving life for more than 3.5 million at-risk children and youths and their families. Member agencies are involved with prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, and they provide various services in addition to child protection -- kinship care, family foster care, adoption, positive youth development programs, residential group care, child care, family-centered practice, and programs for pregnant and parenting teenagers. Other concerns of member agencies include managed care, mental health, chemical dependency, housing and homelessness, and HIV/AIDS.

### **Childhelp, Virginia**

<http://www.childhelpva.org/>

Childhelp USA is one of America's leading organizations in the field of child abuse prevention and treatment. The mission is to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs of abused and neglected children by focusing the efforts and resources on treatment, prevention, and research. Childhelp/Virginia programs include: Abuse awareness campaigns; Body safety education for children; Training programs for abuse prevention teachers; Abuse intervention training for adults who work with children; Early enrichment programs for at-risk children and families; Residential treatment for victims of severe child abuse; Foster care for graduates of the residential treatment program; 24-hour abuse crisis counseling and referral services; Volunteer service opportunities and corporate partnerships.

### **Children, Youth & Family Consortium, University of Minnesota**

<http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/>

The Children, Youth, and Family Consortium was established during the Fall of 1991 to bring together the varied competencies of the University of Minnesota and the vital resources of Minnesota's communities to enhance the ability of individuals and organizations to address critical health, education and social policy concerns in ways that improve the well-being of Minnesota children, youth and families. The Consortium is guided by a commitment to interdisciplinary work, integrating institutional service and outreach into research and teaching, and providing for University and community engagement around child, youth and family issues.

### **Children's Safety Network – National Injury & Violence Prevention Resource Center**

<http://www.edc.org/HHD/csn>

The Children's Safety Network (CSN) National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center is located at Education Development Center, Inc., in Newton, Massachusetts. They provide resources and technical assistance to maternal and child health agencies and other organizations seeking to reduce unintentional injuries and violence to children and adolescents. They are one of four Children's Safety Network Resource Centers funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. This site contains publications and resources produced by CSN and other EDC injury prevention projects. Several of them can be obtained directly from this site.

### **National Association of Child Advocates (NACA)**

<http://www.childadvocacy.org/pv.pdf>

Founded in 1984, NACA is a nationwide network of child advocacy organizations working at the increasingly critical level of America's statehouses, county commissions, and city councils. With 64 member organizations in 49 states and 10 cities and communities, NACA serves as the forum where child advocacy leaders from across the country convene to share ideas and exchange information, formulate joint efforts and coordinate strategies, sharpen their skills, and increase the impact of the child advocacy movement. NACA establishes links between state and local child advocates and national experts and provides a clearinghouse of information on issues affecting children and effective advocacy. Available on this site: *Speaking for America's Children.*

### **National Children's Alliance**

<http://www.nncac.org>

[Formerly the National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers.] A not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide training, technical assistance and networking opportunities to communities seeking to plan, establish, and improve Children's Advocacy Centers. Children's Advocacy Centers offer a new way of serving abused children through a comprehensive approach to services for victims and their families. These programs are designed by professionals and volunteers, responding to the needs in their own communities. Children's Advocacy Centers stress coordination of investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team to create a child-focused approach to child abuse cases. The goal is to ensure that children are not revictimized by the very system designed to protect them.

### **National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information**

<http://www.calib.com/nccanch/>

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information was established by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974. The Clearinghouse provides information products and technical assistance services to help professionals locate information related to child abuse and neglect and related child welfare issues. The Clearinghouse can help you find research, statistics, State laws, and resources on such topics as prevention, child protection, out-of-home care, and permanency planning. The Clearinghouse offers: the nation's largest database of child maltreatment and related child welfare materials; summaries and analyses of State laws concerned with child abuse and neglect and child welfare; and online access to publications, fact sheets, and searchable databases.

### **Supervised Visitation Network**

<http://www.svnetwork.net/>

The Supervised Visitation Network is a multi-national non-profit membership organization that is literally a network of agencies and individuals who are interested in assuring that children can have safe, conflict-free access to parents with whom they do not reside. This site provides a detailed explanation of supervised visitation, professional standards and guidelines for responsible supervision, a directory of service providers and tools such as professional handbooks and handbook for parents.

### **The National Center on Child Fatality Review**

<http://ican-ncfr.org/>

Approximately 50,000 children die in the United States each year. From state data, it can be assumed that more than 30 percent of these deaths involve some quality of preventability. Historically, responsibility for preventing and examining child fatalities fell on pediatrics, public health, law enforcement and child welfare, all working in isolation. The mission of the NCFR is to develop and promote a nationwide system of Child Fatality Review Teams to improve the health, safety and well being of children and reduce preventable child fatalities. A comprehensive series of resources can be found on this site, including a searchable directory of state, federal, national and international organizations that have responsibilities for child fatality review.

### **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

<http://www.unicef.org/>

UNICEF is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate for the protection of children's rights, to help meet their basic needs and to expand their opportunities to reach their full potential. UNICEF is guided by the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* and strives to establish children's rights as enduring ethical principles and international standards of behavior towards children. UNICEF insists that the survival, protection and development of children are universal development imperatives that are integral to human progress. UNICEF mobilizes political will and material resources to help countries, particularly developing countries, ensure a "first call for children" and to build their capacity to form appropriate policies and deliver services for children and their families.