Children's Health Resource Guide

Comprehensive listings of children’s health-related information and resources.
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.
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

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
**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/1H/IhtIH/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.

**@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.

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

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
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

PEDIINFO - 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.pedianet.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.

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

Child Care Aware
Helps parents find the best information on locating quality child care 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
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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CHILDREN'S HEALTH CAUSE

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.

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.idealist.org/ (212) 843-3973

Nonprofit Evaluation and Support
American Institute for Philanthropy
Nationally prominent charity watchdog service that helps donors make informed giving decisions.
http://www.charitywatch.org/
(301) 913-5200

GuideStar
Database of more than 850,000 U.S. nonprofit organizations.
http://www.guidestar.org/ (757) 229-4631

Helping
AOL Foundation online resource designed to help people find volunteer and giving opportunities in their own communities and beyond.
http://www.helping.org/
Questions answered by e-mail.

The Independent Sector
Provides resources to and analyze nonprofit organizations and trends in giving and volunteering.
http://www.independentsector.org/ (202) 467-6100

Internet Nonprofit Center
Offers extensive information for and about nonprofit organizations in the United States
http://www.nonprofits.org/
Questions answered by e-mail.

National Charities Information Bureau
Developed in conjunction with the Better Business Bureau to report on nationally soliciting charitable organizations.
http://www.give.org/ (703) 276-0100

Volunteer Center National Network
Coordinates nationwide activities to provide citizens with volunteer opportunities and resources in conjunction with The Points of Light Foundation.
http://www.volunteerconnections.org/ (202) 729-8000

VolunteerMatch
Service to find volunteer opportunities posted by nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations that has resulted in hundreds of thousands of connections between volunteers and organizations.
http://www.volunteermatch.org/ (415) 241-6868

Youth Service America
Listing of events, job openings, service news, books, and best practices. Users can enter their zip code, city, state, skills, interests, and availability and be matched with organizations needing help.
http://www.servenet.org/ (202) 296-2992

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