Family Scientists Resource Guide of Professional Organizations, Associations, Training, and Publications

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This article conveys citations for resource purposes for the family scientist on the following:

- Professional Organizations
- Selected Associations or Groups of Special Interest
- Other Material Resources
- Training Programs
- Other Publications

This review can be helpful not only for emerging students entering the professional ranks but for the seasoned professional as well. Occasionally someone will ask the established professional for suggested resources on a given topic. Often there are a vast pools of resources presently existing which are overlooked due to the lack of knowing them or not knowing of the resources which can guide a person to them. More precisely, the purposes of the article are: (1) To provide some principle resources to the professional and (2) To introduce the professional to specific reference guides and encyclopedias to assist them in locating other resources.

When asked by someone to provide specific resources, in spite of being knowledgeable about certain subject areas, we are frequently limited to only one or two that quickly come to mind. A similar deficiency of awareness is experienced in the field. It is not uncommon when supervising interns at one agency to learn about an association or resource which the agency director or supervisor found worthwhile. Later while visiting a similar agency, we may learn that this information is "news" to them; so we share it. At times this news is responded to with great interest. When this happens it highlights the need for better knowledge of resources or more effective dissemination of information.

We do have a communication and dissemination problem. "Reinventing the wheel" is an occurrence we have all observed. In fact, many things we undertake have been done by someone else. At times, we even see resource centers or clearinghouses developing which overlap each other.

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Ironically, we seldom take the time to open the covers of reference books where some of this information is "hidden," unless we are specifically seeking funding sources or grants. We often learn about professional organizations or associations which might be useful by sheer accident, coincidence, or by a chance meeting of a friend or colleague.

Our hope is that this article will draw the attention of professionals, young and old, to organizations or resources which may be useful, resources which may be of interest, yet of which people are unaware.

OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES LISTED

Some of the citations initially listed are well known by most established professionals. Such organizations often constitute primary professional affiliations. Other associations may be of more general common knowledge. For the newly established professional, knowledge of these earlier listings may be more helpful.

In most cases, reference volumes were consulted for detailed information (Directory of Religious Organizations, 1977; Koek, Martin, & Novallo, 1989; Kruzas, 1982; McLean, 1986; Renz, 1985; Schmittroth, 1985)

Professional Organizations

As the more experienced professional realizes, several benefits can be derived from belonging to a group with professional cohorts. Most organizations have annual national conferences and publish a journal or newsletter or both. Also, many of them have regional or state affiliates which also have annual meetings. In the listings of organizations below, following the section titled "activities" are cited some of the other functions that are carried out.

Other benefits of affiliation include: exposure to current activities taking place by others elsewhere, being highly stimulated by new ideas or methods which could have practical application in one's work, opportunities to share and stimulate others with one's own unique experiences, making new or renewing old contacts with fellow professionals who work in similar areas at more distant locations, and keeping current with developments by way of publications.

Professional affiliation may be viewed as either primary or secondary (Axelson & Glick, 1979). A primary professional organization is suggested by reference to the primary work activity of the person. Persons with work of an applied nature are more likely to be committed to organizations reflecting that focus. The more theoretically oriented person is more apt to seek an organization where the greater emphasis is upon research and study. Also, the nature and meaning of certification or accreditation may be a factor, though not necessarily the controlling factor, of primary commitment to an organization. It should be recognized that membership in several organizations might be helpful to any individual.

In the listings in this article, the more inter-disciplinary professional organizations of interest to family scientists are listed first followed by those with restricted memberships. Then are listed other groups or resources of a broader or more general nature. These are followed by listings of organizations serving a more limited group of professionals.
Associations or Groups of Special Interest

Besides belonging to a professional organization or two, other groups with a special interest may commend one's support. Such groups typically put more collective energy and efforts towards a special interest.

For most topical social problems or issues, there are several associations or groups which conduct activities, publish items, or produce materials that can be useful to many professionals. Often we are unaware of these groups.

The Encyclopedia of Associations: (Kock et al., 1989), updated annually, contains detailed listings of them, some of which are shared below. This encyclopedia indexes the associations by name and keywords. Volume 2 provides an index by states and alphabetically by cities within states.

A more recently developed series may be helpful more locally, a seven volume encyclopedia series titled Regional, State, and Local Organizations (Allard & Gruber, 1987). Each volume covers a region within the U.S. Again, there is keyword indexing as well as listings alphabetically by states and cities within states.

The Encyclopedia of Associations: International Organization (Kock, 1989) provides information by country and cities within countries. References are given to many organizations which can be contacted for more detailed descriptions of services (in most cases, it is helpful to send a self-addressed stamped envelope).

The Social Service Organizations and Agencies: Directory (Kruz, 1982) is useful for locating some other special interest groups or agencies at the local or regional level as well as nationally; however, more current information may be obtained from Kock et al. (1989). There are subsections on a variety of interest areas. Within each area there is a listing of (1) national organizations, not as extensive as Kock's set (Kock et al., 1989), (2) state and regional associations, (3) state government agencies, (4) federal government agencies, and (5) clearinghouses and information centers.

Subsections listed by Kruz (1982) are very similar to those in the set by Kock et al. (1989). Included are:

- Adoption
- Aging
- Alcoholism
- Battered women
- Blind/visually impaired
- Child abuse and neglect
- Child welfare
- Consumer affairs
- Criminal justice
- Deaf/hearing impaired
- Death and dying
- Disabled/rehabilitation
- Drug abuse
- Employment/unemployment
- Exceptional children
- Family planning
- Family services
- Gifted children
- Housing
- Immigration/naturalization
- Insurance
- Juvenile justice
- Legal aid
- Marriage/divorce
- Minorities
- Nursing homes
- Probation/parole
- Self-help
- Sexuality
- Social security
- Social welfare
- Special defects
- Veterans affairs
- Vocational education
- Volunteer services
- Women
- Youth
- Others

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Reference to clearinghouses and other informational sources also may be found in the *Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services*: 1985-86 (Schmittroth, 1985). Within it are listings of clearinghouses for aging, alcohol information, drug abuse, mental health, and many others.

The *Community Resource Directory* (Kipps, 1984) is subtitled, "A Guide to U.S. Volunteer Organizations and Other Resource Groups, Services, Training Events and Courses, and Local Program Models." This directory describes additional programs and activities related to a variety of interests to family scientists, similar to those above.

Research centers that develop materials and provide helpful support information can be located in the *Research Center Directory* (Dresser, 1989). There are listings with descriptions of about 9,200 university related and nonprofit research organizations, indexed by subject, institution, etc.

The *Foundation Directory* (Renz, 1985) provides a listing of foundations which support various services and research for the family. Cited in it are independent foundations, company sponsored ones, operating foundations, and community foundations which usually receive support from multiple sources.

Listed in the latter section of this article are some of the more principle associations or groups pertaining to special areas of interest to family scientists. An exhaustive listing by various interest areas would require a more extensive listing than is feasible here. Consequently, individual use of the references cited above is highly suggested.

*Other Material Resources*

The listings which follow also provide some of the more prominent publishers of materials (entrepreneurial or nonprofit) that seek to serve family scientists.

*Training Programs*

Many professionals who have developed program materials also assist with providing training or certification opportunities for using the programs. Many of these groups or individuals regularly conduct workshops and training seminars, some of which are listed in this article.

There is no attempt to list all such events throughout the country. Also, careful notice should be given to descriptions of activities of listings throughout this article, since organizations often mention provisions for special training activities.

*Other Publications*

There are a few other publications that may be useful to family scientists which are not related to any of the other listed associations or groups. Some selected ones are also cited.

**LISTINGS**

The authors welcome suggestions from other professionals of organizations or groups which merit inclusion below. The following listings are limited to more prominent and widely utilized resources. Specific organizations can be consulted for more detailed descriptions of services and activities.

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Primary Professional Organizations for Family Scientists — Unrestricted

Cited below are professional organizations, some of which are more inter-disciplinary in nature. Those organizations which have restrictive membership categories based upon holding specific degrees or accreditation standing are listed in the following section.

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE)
1112 16th St., N.W., Suite 420
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 463-6333
Activities: provides leadership in advancing education as a lifelong process; special interest groups include focus on life skill programs, family life education, providers of service, and others; annual conference, usually October; regional groups (8); membership open.

Publications: Lifelong Learning: Adult Education; newsletter; Membership Directory; books and monographs.

American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASEC)
11 Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 220
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 462-1171
Activities: serves professionals and students in field of sex education, counseling, and therapy; assists groups in developing curricula; training and developing parent education programs; accredits sex educators and therapists; regional groups (7); regional and annual conferences; membership open.

Publications: Journal of Sex Education and Therapy; newsletter; national registry; training materials.

American Association for Counseling and Development (AACC)
5999 Stevenson Avenue
Alexandria, VA 22304
Phone: (703) 923-9900
Activities: serves counseling and human development activities in a variety of settings; divisions or affiliate groups with their own related journals, including mental health, aging, group work, multicultural, rehabilitation, religious and value issues, etc.; professional liability insurance program; certification programs; career placement assistance; 56 state branches and 4 regional assemblies; annual meetings, usually March or April; formerly American Personnel and Guidance Association; membership open.

Publications: Journal of Counseling and Development; Guidepost, newspaper; other journals by divisions or affiliates, including Counseling and Values, Journal of Employment Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, Vocational Guidance Quarterly; and others.

American Orthopsychiatric Association (ORTHO)
19 West 44th Street, #1616
New York, NY 10036
Phone: (212) 354-5770
Activities: seeks to unite and provide a common meeting ground for all professionals studying and treating problems of human behavior; numerous special emphasis study groups; annual conference, spring; membership open.

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Publications: *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*; newsletter; directory; monographs; others.

**American Sociological Association (ASA)**
1772 N St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: (202) 833-3410

**Activities:** sociologists, social scientists, and others promoting research, teaching, and application of sociology; operates the ASA Teaching Resources Center which develops materials for teaching; sections (23); regional associations; annual conference; membership open.

**Publications:** *American Sociologists Review*; *Contemporary Sociology*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Sociology Psychology Quarterly*; *Teaching Sociology*; *Directory of Members*; *Guide to Graduate Departments of Sociology*; others.

**National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**
1834 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
Phones: (202) 232-8717

**Activities:** services on behalf of needs and rights of young children; primary focus on education and resources; sponsors “Week of the Young Child;” voluntary accreditation program; child care information service, (800) 424-2460; local groups (320); annual conference, November; membership open.

**Publications:** *Young Children*; *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*; brochures, books, and posters.

**National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)**
1910 West County Road B, Suite 147
St. Paul, MN 55113
Phone: (612) 633-6933

**Activities:** for the advancement of marriage and family life; certification program for Certified Family Life Educators; on-line Family Resources Database; numerous sections on minorities, health, therapy, religion, research and theory, education and enrichment, action, and family discipline; regional (3), state (41), and local groups; annual conference, fall; membership open, multidisciplinary group of family life professionals.

**Publications:** *Journal of Marriage and the Family*; *Family Relations* (formerly *Family Coordinator*); COFO Memo; NCFR newsletter; online Family Resources Database information; others.

**Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)**
University of Chicago Press
4720 Woodlawn Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637
Phone: (312) 702-7470

**Activities:** furthering research in area of child development; interdisciplinary society; biennial conferences, April; membership by recommendation of members.
Primary Professional Organizations – With Restricted Membership

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
1717 K Street, N.W., Suite 407
Washington, DC 20006  Phone: (202) 429-1825

Activities: professional society assuming major role in maintaining the highest standards of excellence; accredits therapists and training programs; regional groups, 50; annual conference, usually October; membership by eligibility categories.

Publications: Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy; membership directory; newspaper.

American Home Economics Association (AHEA)
2010 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036  Phone: (202) 862-8300

Activities: professional organization of home economists seeking to improve the quality of individual and family life through education, research, cooperative programs, and public information and affect public policy formation; Certified Home Economists credentialing program; grant awarding foundation; sponsors Center of the Family; sections, including family economics, family relations and child development, home management, and human services; section on Home Economists in Business; state groups (53); workshops and annual conference, June; membership by eligibility categories.


American Psychological Association (APA)
1200 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036  Phone: (202) 955-7600

Activities: a scientific and professional society of psychologists advancing psychology as a science, a profession, and as a means of promoting human welfare; divisions (41); online database; Psychological Abstracts Information Service (PsycINFO); annual conference; membership by eligibility categories.

Publications: American Psychologist; Contemporary Psychology; Developmental Psychology; Journal of Abnormal Psychology; newspaper and other numerous journals.

International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)
5, avenue de la Porte Brancion
F - 75015 Paris, France  Phone: 011 33 1 48423474

Activities: promotes improvement of daily life for people in all countries; quadrennial congress, July, 1992, membership by eligibility categories.
Publications: *Home Economics* (in English, French, German).

National Association of Social Workers, Inc. (NASW)
7981 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: (301) 565-0333

Activities: establishes professional standards; advocates sound public social policies; numerous member services; continuing education opportunities; library; online database of research and abstracts; units include Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) and Council on Social Work Education; numerous committees; symposiums; membership by eligibility categories.


**Associations or Interest Groups – General**

Associations or groups listed below are less identifiable with special interest areas or issues. One is urged to examine various special interest categories which follow these. Some of the other associations or groups may produce materials which could be of unexpected value.

Association of Couples for Marital Enrichment (ACME)
P.O. Box 10596
459 South Church Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27108
Phone: (919) 724-1526

Activities: promotes services to foster successful marriages; programs and activities for marital enrichment; certifies leader couples; retreats, courses, workshops, and periodic conferences; state (40) and local (100) groups; periodic conferences; membership open.

Publications: *Marriage Enrichment; newsletter.*

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
440 First St. N.W.
New York, NY 10001
Phone: (202) 638-2952

Activities: seeks improvement of care and services for deprived and dependent children and their families; Florence Crittendon division; consultations, surveys, and research; develops standards for service; placement service; affiliates (400); membership open.

Publications: *Child Welfare; newsletter; directory; books and monographs.*

Family Resource Coalition (FRC)
230 N. Michigan, Suite 1625
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 726-4750

Activities: nationwide coalition/network, assisting community based family support organizations concerned with child development; seeks to improve quality of family resource programs; workshops and conferences; membership open, organizations and individuals.

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Publications:  *Coalition Connection; FRC Report, newsletter; Family Resource Program Builder; Program to Strengthen Families: A Resource Guide;* others.

National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE)
1101 King Street, Suite 3000
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 684-0410

Activities: services for persons engaged in fundraising programs for nonprofit organizations; certification program; workshops, seminars, and annual conference, March; local groups (70); membership by individuals, open.

Publications: newsletter; journal; directory.

Sex Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
32 Washington Place
New York City, NY 10003
Phone: (212) 673-3850

Activities: clearinghouse for information on human sexuality; membership open.

Publications: *SIECUS Report,* newsletter, study guides, resource materials, also on handicapped and mentally retarded; selected bibliographies.

*Other Material Resources — General*

American Guidance Service (AGS)
Publishers’ Building
Circle Pines, MN 55014
Phone: (800) 328-2560

Activities: publishes/distributes numerous and varied program materials for family life and parent education; conducts leader training workshops at numerous locations;

Publications: *Effective Parenting,* newsletter.

Cooperative Extension Service
Consult county offices for locations and phone numbers
Activities: conducts workshops, courses, and programs in diverse areas of family life; materials often available on particular topics.

E. C. Brown Foundation
101 S.W. Main St., Suite 500
Portland, OR 97204
Phone: (503) 275-9512

Activities: private foundation with interest in family life education and related matters, including health, sex education, values, youth; produces educational films for the classroom and community groups; consultation throughout U. S.

Family Life Publication, Inc.
219 Henderson Street
Box 427
Saluda, NC 28773
Phone: (919) 749-4971
Activities: publishes numerous family life measurement instruments, sex knowledge inventory, and literature.

Network Publications  
ETA Associates  
1700 Mission Street, Suite 203  
P.O. Box 1830  
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1830  
Phone: (408) 438-4080  
Activities: publishes and distributes extensive materials for family life education, especially for school use, including the journal, *Family Life Educator*.

Research Press  
Box 3177 Dept. K  
Champaign, IL 61821-9988  
Phone: (217) 352-3273  
Activities: publishes and/or produces books, videocassettes, journals, program materials for individual, parent, and family life education.

Sage Publications, Inc.  
(The Publishers of Professional Social Science)  
2111 West Hillcrest Drive  
Newbury Park, CA 91320  
Phone: (805) 499-0721  
Activities: publishes books, numerous journals including *Youth and Society*, newsletters, research series, and other materials.

*Training Programs – General*

In addition to the following listings, one might also consult groups listed in sections above or specialized areas below. Such organizations may announce continuing education opportunities or they may provide leadership training for opportunities or they may provide leadership training for materials produced. Also, the *Community Resource Directory* (Kipps, 1984) cites organizations and groups providing training events and courses.

The Center for Family Strengths  
110 Leverton Hall  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE 68583  
Phone: (402) 472-5800  
Activities: Building Family Strengths Training Workshops, certifying professionals to lead other leaders.

Effectiveness Training, Inc.  
531 Stevens Avenue  
Solana Beach, CA 92075  
Phone: (619) 481-8121  
Activities: certification programs for leading programs developed by Thomas Gordon including Parent Effectiveness Training as well as those for women and youth; newsletter.
Activities: workshops for programs developed by Bernard and Louise Guerney and others, including Conjugal, Filial, and Parent-Adolescent Relationship Enhancement Programs, possible at various locations.

Interpersonal Communication Programs, Inc. (ICP)
7201 South Broadway, Suite 6
Littleton, CO 80122
Phone: (303) 794-1764
(800) 328-5099
Activities: instructor workshops for using family life education programs, including *Talking Together* and *Understanding Us*.

*Other Publications – General*

*Human Development News*
200 Independence Ave., S.W.
Rm. 350-G HHH Bldg.
Washington, DC 20201

Published by the Office of Human Development Services, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services

*The Washington COFO Memo*
A publication of the Coalition of Family Organization, available through either AAMFT, AHEA, FSA, or NCFR listed herein.

In a survey of sixty (60) associate editors of two family journals, they were presented with a list of 1,000 journals (Bodley, 1986). Twenty (20) journals were identified by at least twenty-five (25) of the respondents. The following are those not already cited above in conjunction with some association or group:

- Family Process
- Journal of Family Issues
- Journal of Family History
- Journal of Family Therapy
- Sex Roles
- American Journal of Family Therapy
- Journal of Divorce
- Journal of Family Law
- Family Planning Perspectives
- Adolescence
- Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy
- Journal of Sex Research
- Journal of Family Welfare
- Family Law Quarterly
- Journal of Adolescence
**Special Interest Groups — By Interest Area**

Included in this section is an alphabetical listing of special interest areas, citing as appropriate: (1) professional organizations, (2) related publications (other than those already cited), (3) special interest associations or groups, and (4) training programs which uniquely apply to the special area.

References to most of the organizations, associations, or related journals were obtained from practicing professionals in the field during a recent survey on career positions (Keim & Cassidy, 1989). More complete information was then gained from appropriate reference guides. The other citations listed were either known to the authors or were included due to their apparent uniqueness or significance in terms of outreach or extensive services.

These are listed alphabetically below by the following interest areas:

- Aging
- Children
- Cooperative Extension
- Financial Assistance
- Handicapped Services
- Military Families
- Religious Work
- Social Services — General
- Substance Abuse
- Youth Work

These listings are by no means an exhaustive listing of relevant resources. Those listed are merely some of the more prominent resources pertaining to the topical area.

**Aging**

**Professional organizations related to aging.**

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)
600 Maryland Ave., S.W., West Wing 204
Washington, DC 20024 Phone: (202) 484-7505

Activities: promotes and encourages education of persons for careers in gerontology and increasing public awareness of such training; library of course descriptions of programs; annual conference, February/March; membership by institutions with education and research programs.

Publications: newsletter; directory of programs; proceedings.

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
1411 K St., N.W., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005 Phone: (202) 393-1411

Activities: interested professionals promoting the improvement of well-being of older persons through study, public information, education, and research; annual conference, November; membership open.

Publications: *The Gerontologist; Journal of Gerontology*; newsletter; others.

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National Council on the Aging (NCOA)
600 Maryland Ave., S.W., West Wing 100
Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 479-1200

Activities: promoting concerns for older people, developing methods and resources
to meet their needs; national information and consultation center;
research and demonstration programs; library; maintains other national
centers and institutes on aging; workshops and annual conference;
membership open.

Publications: Perspective on Aging; Current Literature on Aging; newsletter; books,
pamphlets, and others.

Associations or special interest groups related to aging.

American Association of Homes for the Aging (AAHA)
1129 20st., N.W., Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 296-5960

Activities: provides uniform means of solving problems for spectrum of long-term
care; group purchase and insurance programs; liaison with government on
regulations; conducts educational programs; state groups (36);
membership, non-profit and governmental homes and others interested.

Report; Directory of Non-profit Homes for the Aged; others.

National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)
600 Maryland Ave., S.W.
West Wing, Suite 208
Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 484-7520

Activities: assists the process of partnership and communication within the national
network on aging; advocate for needs of older persons at the national
level; technical assistance to Area Agencies; national data base on aging;
annual training conference; members are Area Agencies on Aging and
corporate membership.

Publications: The Network News, newsletter; Directory of State and Area Agencies on
Aging; others.

National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC)
c/o National Council on Aging
600 Maryland Ave., S.W., West Wing 100
Washington, DC 20024
Phone: (202) 479-1200

Activities: assists senior centers and in developing new ones; advocacy and promoting
professionalism; clearinghouse; seminars, workshops, training, and annual
meeting in conjunction with National Council on the Aging; membership
of individuals or organizations affiliated with senior centers.

Publications: Senior Center Report; Senior Center Standards; others.

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Children

Professional organizations related to children.

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
11141 Georgia Ave., Suite 200
Wheaton, MD 20902    Phone: (301) 942-2443

Activities: promotes well-being of children and good educational practices in home, school and community; seeks cooperation of those concerned with children; liaison with government and cooperating agencies as well as manufactures of material and equipment for children; library; workshops, regional conferences; annual study conference, spring; local (153) and state (31) groups; membership open.

Publications: Childhood Education; Journal of Research in Childhood Education; bibliography of Books for Children; newsletter; others.

Association for the Care of Children’s Health (ACCH)
3615 Wisconsin Avenue
Washington, DC 20016    Phone: (202) 244-1801

Activities: seek better understanding of emotional needs of children in medical settings to foster their well-being; foster high standards of training, and research; international and regional conferences; regional groups, 48; membership open.

Publications: Children’s Health Care; newsletter; directory; guidelines, bibliographies, and others.

Southern Association for Children Under Six (SACUS)
Box 5403, Brady Station
Little Rock, AR 72215    Phone: (501) 227-6404

Activities: provides unified voice on vital issues affecting young children; workshops and annual conference; state groups (13); membership open.

Publications: Dimensions; others.

Associations or special interest groups related to children

Centering Corporation
P.O. Box 3367
Omaha, NE 68103-0367    Phone: (402) 553-1200

Activities: literature and program material on Children and Death and Caring for the Caregiver; other materials related to death and grieving families; memberships.

Children’s Defense Fund (CDF)
122 C. St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001    Phone: (202) 628-8787 (800) 424-9602

Activities: provides advocacy for children through research, education, and
monitoring federal agencies; promotes parental and community involvement in public policy causes; membership open.

Publications: *CDF Reports*, newsletter; *Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Clearinghouse Reports*; books and materials on child advocacy.

**National Association for Family Day Care (NAFDC)**
815 15th St., N.W., Suite 928
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 347-3356

Activities: serves as national voice for family day care providers, promoting quality standards for all day care; biennial conference, odd-numbered years; membership open.

Publications: *National Perspective*, newsletter; *What is Family Day Care*, brochure.

**National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)**
1463 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 387-1281

Activities: promotes development of black children and youth to their fullest potential through direct service and advocacy; conferences, seminars, and annual meeting; affiliates (33); membership open.

Publications: *Black Child Advocate*, newsletter; *Child Health Talk*; others.

**National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse (NCPCA)**
332 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 950
Chicago, IL 60604-4357
Phone: (312) 663-3520

Activities: stimulates greater public awareness of child abuse; national advocate; facilitates communication about program activities, public policy, and research; fosters greater cooperation in the field; conducts media campaigns and prevention programs; chapters (60); leadership conferences; membership open.

Publications: *Monthly Memorandum*; books, monographs, pamphlets, and others.

*Training programs related to children.*

**Active Parenting**
810 Franklin Court, Suite B
Marietta, GA 30067-9085
Phone: (404) 429-0565
(800) 825-0060

Activities: parent education programs and materials, including *Active Parenting* and *Family Talk*; certification workshops for the Active Parenting video-based education program at numerous locations.

**Center for Parent Education**
55 Chapel Street
Newton, MA 02160
Phone: (617) 964-2442

Activities: programs for "Educating the Infant & Toddler" at national locations; *Center for Parent Education Newsletter*.

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Cooperative Extension

Professional organizations related to cooperative extension.

National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA)
c/o Steve Wills
P.O. Box 876
Burlington, KY 41005

Activities: affiliation for professional extension 4-H and youth personnel; annual professional improvement conference, fall.

Publications: Journal of Extension; others.

National Association of Extension Home Economists (NAEHE)
c/o Dr. Barbara G. Eichner
2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 240
Anchorage, AK 99508

Activities: helps individuals and families find solutions to problems of family life; trains volunteer leaders; conducts out-of-school educational programs; state groups (53); annual conference, October.

Publications: The Reporter.

Financial Assistance

Professional organizations related to financial assistance.

National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC)
8701 Georgia Ave., #507
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Activities: provides workshops, conferences, and educational materials for intelligent handling of credit for public, high schools, and colleges; certification program for consumer credit counselors; annual conference; institutional memberships.

Publications: newsletter; bulletin, quarterly; Directory of Member Services; pamphlets, classroom units, and others.

Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business (SOCAP)
4900 Leesburg Pike, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22302

Activities: professional society seeking to foster integrity and harmonious relationships of business in dealing with consumers; seminars and annual conference, October; regional groups, 21; membership open.

Publication: Mobius Journal; newsletter; others.
Associations or special interest groups related to financial assistance.

American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)
240 Stanley Hall
University of Missouri
Columbia, MO 65211
Phone: (314) 882-3817

Activities: promotes exchange of ideas among consumer groups and others; consumer education and research; annual conference, usually April; membership open.

Publications: Journal of Consumer Affairs; newsletter; directory; conference proceedings.

American Public Welfare Association (APWA)
1125 15th St., N.W., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 293-7550

Activities: promotion of public welfare; regional conferences; public welfare agencies, professional staff, and others interested, membership open.

Publications: This Week in Washington, weekly; newsletter; Public Welfare; Public Welfare Directory, annual listing of public welfare resources by states and cities within states.

Association for Consumer Research
c/o Keith Hunt
Graduate School of Management
632 TNRB
Brigham Young University
Provo, UT 84602
Phone: (801) 378-2080

Activities: promotes consumer research; annual conference; membership open.

Publications: Advance In Consumer Research; membership directory.

Handicapped Services

Professional organizations related to handicapped services.

National Rehabilitation Association (NRA)
633 S. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: (703) 836-0850

Activities: to serve professionals in assisting persons with disabilities; legislative activities; develops accessibility guidelines; local groups, 70; annual convention; membership open.

Publications: Journal of Rehabilitation; newsletter; monographs.

Associations or special interest groups related to handicapped services.

American Association on Mental Retardation (AAMR)
1719 Kalorama Road, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 387-1968

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Activities: promote general welfare of mentally retarded persons and study of causes, treatment, and prevention; educational seminars; staff training information computer data base; 17 divisions; regional groups, 10; annual meeting, May; formerly Amer. Assoc. on Mental Deficiency; membership open.

Publications: *American Journal of Mental Deficiency; Mental Retardation*; manuals on terminology and classifications; newsletter; monograph series; testing materials.

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)
15 E. 16th St.
New York, NY 10011
Phone: (212) 620-2000

Activities: promotes research, information, and consultation services, acting as a clearinghouse for local and regional agencies serving the blind; sponsors institutes and workshops for professionals working with the blind and visually impaired; manufactures talking books and special aids; lending library; annual seminar, October, New York City.

Publications: *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*; newsletter; *AFB Directory of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the United States*;

National Rehabilitation Information Center (NRIC)
4407 Eighth St., N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
Phone: (202) 635-5826

Activities: assist delivery of information to the rehabilitation community; maintains extensive library; training workshops; online computer system.

Publications: *Thesaurus for Rehabdata*; periodical list; others.

*Other material resources related to handicapped services.*

National Clearing House of Rehabilitation Training Materials (NCHRTM)
Oklahoma State University
115 Old USDA Building
Stillwater, OK 74078
Phone: (405) 624-7650

Activities: collects and disseminates information on the rehabilitation of handicapped individuals, especially training materials for use by educators of rehabilitation counselors.

Publications: *NCHRTM Memo; Rehabilitation Training Materials: A Catalog*; others.

*Other publications related to handicapped services*

*Journal of Learning Disabilities*
The Professional Press
11 E. Adams St.
Chicago, IL 60603
Hospitals

Associations or special interest groups related to hospitals.

American Hospital Association (AHA)
840 N. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: (312) 280-6000

Activities: promoting the welfare of the public for better health services; research and education projects; furthering in-service education of hospital personnel; extensive library; annual meeting, usually August; membership open, institutions and individuals.

Publications: newsletter; Hospitals; Hospital Statistics; Guide to the Health Care Field; manuals, books, and others.

Military Families

Resources cited here might be useful by others, just as other resources listed elsewhere might be useful for military families. Many needs for families at military bases are similar to those in other community situations.

Associations or special interest groups related to military families.

Military Family Resource Center (MFRC)
OASD (Force Management & Personnel)
Ballston Centre Tower Three, Suite 903
4015 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22203-5190
Phone: (202) 696-4555

Activities: seeks to coordinate and serve as a resource center for those serving military families for the Department of Defense; maintains Resource and Research Clearinghouse on numerous topics.

Publications: Military Family, newsletter; resource listings; others.

National Military Family Association (NMFA)
2666 Military Road
Arlington, VA 22207
Phone: (703) 841-0462

Activities: serves as advocate for military families on benefits and rights, educating families of them; speakers bureau; workshops; annual meeting; membership, active duty and retired.

Publication: newsletter.

Religious Work

Additionally, listed below under the category of "Social Services -- Other" are some religiously related organizations which usually offer social services on a broad community basis.
Associations or special interest groups related to religious work.

Christian Family Movement (CFM)
P.O. Box 272
Sixth & Kellogg, Rm. 202
Ames, IA 50010
Phone: (515) 232-7432
Activities: promotes Christian way of life in the family through interaction with the community; regional (23) and local (400) groups; biennial conference, summers; membership open.
Publications: Act, 10/year; Annual Programs on Christian Family Development Through Social Action; programs; others.

Secretariat on Laity and Family Life (SLFL)
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: (202) 659-6730
Activities: promotes network and coordination of family ministries in the Catholic Church; maintains USCC Commission on Marriage and Family Life which develops national policy; formerly Family Life Division, United States Catholic Conference.

Intercristo
P.O. Box 33487
19303 Freemont Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98133
Phone: (206) 546-7330
Activities: job exploration and placement service, nationally and world-wide; presentations on career-decision, making, and hiring; phone number for job placement information: (800) 426-1342; also known as International Christian Organization, a division of CRISTA Ministries, an outreach ministry for human needs.

National Institute for the Family
3019 Fourth Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20017
Phone: (202) 269-3461
Activities: seeks to strengthen families by providing educational programs for adults; services on intergenerational communications; publication on grandparenthood; nonmembership.
Publications: Family Ministry Resource Packet; others.

Social Services – General

Associations or special interest groups related to social services.

LDS Social Services (LDSSS)
50 East North Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
Phone: (801) 240-3283

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Activities: supports and directs 64 LDS office locations throughout the world; offers licensed foster care, adoptions, birth parent services, and a range of clinical services; provides research and training.

Council of Jewish Federations (CJF)
730 Broadway
New York, NY 10003
Phone: (212) 475-5000

Activities: coalition of local federations which provide welfare and community services; provides central services.

Publications: *Federation Directory; Directory of Jewish Health and Welfare Agencies; others.*

Family Service America (FSA)
11700 W. Lake Pk. Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53224
Phone: (414) 359-2111

Activities: federation of 270 local Family Service agencies; biennial conferences.

Publications: *Social Casework; numerous books, pamphlets, and program guides on many topics/problems of family life.*

Catholic Charities U.S.A.
1319 F St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20004
Phone: (202) 639-8400

Activities: serves as central national organization for Catholic charities in the U.S.; advocacy in broad social problems; annual meeting, fall; formerly National Conference of Catholic Charities; membership by agencies and individuals.

Publications: *Charities USA; Social Thought; Directory of Diocesan Agencies of Catholic Charities in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada; publications list.*

National Homecaring Council (NHC)
519 C St, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
Phone: (202) 547-6586

Activities: assists local agencies and other interested in provisions for homemaking-home health aide service; distributes education materials; lending library; hot line; institutes, seminars, and annual meeting, spring; membership, agencies and individuals.

Publications: *HomeCare News; Alert; Directory of Accredited/Approved Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services; books, pamphlets, and others.*

Substance Abuse

*Associations or special interest groups related to substance abuse.*

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
World Service Office
P.O. Box 862, Midtown Station
New York, NY 10018-0862
Phone: (212) 302-7240
Activities: Al-Anon and Alateen books, literature, and other materials.

Alcohol and Drug Problems Association of North America (ADPA)
444 No. Capital St., N.W., Suite 181
Washington, DC 20001 Phone: (202) 737-4340

Activities: facilitates governmental and professional activities through exchange of information, promotion of legislature, and standards; continuing education programs; placement services; annual conference; membership open.

Publications: Newsletter; Summer School Listing; Special Reports.

Hazelden Foundation
Box 11 Center City, MN 55012 Phone: (612) 257-4010 or (800) 392-9000

Activities: services and treatment facilities to reduce the prevalence and consequences of chemical dependency; develops materials to assist other treatment programs.

Publications: Hazelden Reports, weekly; Newsletter; Educational Materials Catalog.

Youth Work

Associations or special interest groups related to youth work.

American Association of Children's Residential Centers (AACRC)
440 First St., N.W., Suite 310 Washington, DC 20001 Phone: (202) 638-1604

Activities: multi-disciplinary mental health professionals involved in treating emotionally disturbed children and agencies meeting quality standards of residential care; advocates the concepts and methods of residential treatment; encourages public and government understanding; continuing education credit programs; speakers bureau; membership by centers.

Publications: Newsletter; Residential Treatment Newsletter; Journal of Residential Treatment for Children and Youth; membership directory; others.

American Probation and Parole Association (APPA)
c/o The Coun. of State Govt.
Iron Works Pike P.O. Box 11910 Lexington, KY 40578 Phone: (606) 252-2291

Activities: promotes progressive probation/parole practices through development of knowledge, skills, resources, legislation, and public awareness; workshops and seminars; annual institute; membership open.

Publications: Perspectives, newsletter.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America (BB/BSA)
230 N. 13th St. Philadelphia, PA 19107 Phone: (215) 567-7000

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Activities: federation of professionally staffed local agencies; support services; placement service; annual conference.

Publications: Correspondent; Standard Operations Manual; Agency Directory; others.

Training programs related to youth work.

National Teaching-Family Association
c/o Paul Guilford
Houston Achievement Place
245 W. 17th
Houston, TX 77008
Phone: (713) 868-1943

Activities: maintains model and standards for teaching resident married couples for providing family services to youth living in group home situations; evaluates and trains.

Publications: Teaching-Family Newsletter; Directory of the Teaching-Family Association; other materials.

SUMMARY

Addresses, phone numbers, and even some organizational names may change over time. Professionals should not depend upon listings in this article, but utilize references cited. Most updated information can be found in the annual issues of the Encyclopedia of Associations. Memberships in or referrals to appropriate organizations or resources cited should help to promote wider dissemination of information and prevent unnecessary duplication of programs or services.

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