

Resources for School Social Workers

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National Association of Social Workers

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Washington, DC 20002

800-638-8799 / 800-742-4089 (Information Center)

<http://www.naswdc.org>

Under Publications: *Standards for School Social Work Services; Code of Ethics*

School Social Work Association of America

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Northlake, IL 60164

847-289-4527

<http://www.sswaa.org>

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On website, see School Social Workers and Confidentiality” under Publications and Resolutions.

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, 2nd edition* (CECP, 1998),
- (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.

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.

Child and Family Web Guide

Tufts University

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

Web-based resources for families. Web sites are catalogued and rated on many topics concerning child development, mental health, and parenting.

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 also **SAMHSA**, below.

IDEA Partnership Projects (ASPIRE/ILEAD).

http://www.cec.sped.org/law_res/doc

NASW was a participant in the federally sponsored ASPIRE (Associations of Service Providers Implementing IDEA Reforms in Education) partnership. The grant period is over, but the IDEA Practices website that was developed, which includes IDEA law and regulations and other useful resources, is being maintained by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) at the URL above.

Family Privacy 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>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

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

Website lists programs proven to prevent or reduce substance abuse and other high-risk behaviors.

Wrightslaw

<http://www.wrightslaw.com>

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

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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 Social Workers (CASSW)

Nancy Sartini, President

New Haven Public School

54 Meadow St.

New Haven, CT 06519

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Connecticut Clearinghouse

334 Farmington Ave. (Rt. 10)

Plainville, CT 06062

800-232-4424; 860-793-9791

<http://www.ctclearinghouse.org>

Located in Plainville and operated by Wheeler Clinic with funding from the state, the Clearinghouse has an extensive collection of books, pamphlets, videotapes, and curriculum materials about alcohol and substance use, suicide prevention, bullying, prevention programs, disaster and trauma, cultural competency, 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.ckidslink.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>

The KidCare Directory link will provide you with contact information for DCF services—Community Collaboratives and Emergency Mobile Services—for your school district's region. Also, check home pages for KidCare News and Updates. The "Guide to Connecticut Community KidCare" is an ideal introduction.

Governor's Prevention Partnership

30 Arbor Street

Hartford, CT 06106

<http://www.preventionworksct.org>

860-523-8042

Formerly known as Drugs Don't Work, this organization has taken a leading role in developing prevention programs and strategies, and offers excellent in-service programs at little or no cost. Their bulletin of training programs and events is now circulated online only. This is the parent organization of the Safe Schools and Communities Coalition, which has also produced outstanding programs and publications.

INFO-LINE

800-203-1234 (or, 211)

Information and referral services, operated by United Way. Info-Line also serves as a suicide prevention hotline and provides speakers on this topic.

NASW, Connecticut Chapter

2139 Silas Deane Hwy.

Rocky Hill, CT 06067

860-257-8066

<http://www.naswct.org>

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

The SDE website has information on all divisions and bureaus, plus contact information for all schools and educational organizations (under *Connecticut Education Directory*). Postings of particular interest include:

Under “Commissioner”: Circular letters

Under Teachers and Administrators/Data Bulletins

- Educational Reference Groups
- Fall hiring reports

Under “State Board of Education”

- Position Statements
- Board meeting reports

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.

Bureau of Health and Nutrition Services and Child/Family/School Partnerships
25 Industrial Park Rd.
Middletown, CT 06457

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Under "Special Education" (<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/deps/special/index.htm>):

- IEP/special education forms; IEP Manual
- Guidelines for LD, SED, ID, Speech/Language
- *Resource Directory of Educational Programs and Practices* (CSDE, 2001)
- *Developing Quality Programs for Pupil Services: A Self-Evaluative Guide* (CSDE, 1999).
- *Report on Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), 2nd edition* (ADHD Task Force, 1998)
- *Guidelines for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect* (CSDE, 2000)

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

Call the 24-hour Hotline to report suspected child abuse or neglect. See website for explanation of revised reporting laws.

Domestic Violence Hotline

888-774-2900

Will automatically direct call to nearest of 18 statewide offices. Services include advocacy, emergency shelters, and counseling.

Office of the Child Advocate

18-20 Trinity St., 5th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
860-566-2106/800-994-0939

Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

Abuse/Neglect Investigations Unit

60B Weston St.

Hartford, CT 06120

860-297-4300 / 800-842-7303

Protection and advocacy services for persons 18 years of age and older.

Office of Victim Services

Connecticut Judicial Branch

800-822-8428

Sexual Assault Crisis Service Hotline

888-999-5545

Calls are automatically directed to the nearest of 10 statewide offices. Services include advocacy, police accompaniment, support groups, short-term, and referrals.

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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