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INTRODUCTION

Child maltreatment (including sexual, physical and emotional abuse) and neglect are serious public health problems which can be prevented. These adverse childhood experiences, resulting in harm, the potential for harm, or threat of harm among children under the age of 18 can be perpetrated by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role (such as a religious leader, a coach, a teacher). According to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly 1,770 U. S. children died of abuse and neglect in 2018 and at least 1 in 7 children experienced abuse and neglect in the past year. In addition to the human suffering, child maltreatment is also costly in financial terms. The estimated total lifetime economic burden associated with child abuse and neglect in 2015 was approximately $428 billion.1 Because child abuse and neglect are believed to be the result of the interaction of individual, family and environmental factors, their prevention needs a comprehensive focus that cuts across key sectors of society, including public health, education, government, social services and justice.2

CSN has produced this resource guide to provide a list of resources for child maltreatment prevention to help state health departments expand and enhance their own child maltreatment prevention efforts. The resource guide is divided into five sections: Organizations; Data Sources, Data and Definitions; Policies, Laws and Legislation; Programs, Campaigns and Resources; and Publications. The resources included in this guide are not meant to be comprehensive, nor are the listings intended as endorsements.

1 https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html
ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
https://www.apsac.org/

Annie E. Casey Foundation
https://www.aecf.org/

Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)
http://www.childabuseprevention.org

Child Welfare Information Gateway | Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
http://www.childwelfare.gov

Children’s Bureau | Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/focus-areas/child-abuse-neglect

Children’s Trust Fund Alliance
https://ctf alliance.org/

FRIENDS: Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Service
http://www.friendsnrc.org

National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) | Bank Street Graduate School of Education
http://www.nccp.org/

National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention | Maternal Child Health Bureau
https://www.ncfrp.org/

National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome
https://dontshake.org/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/childmaltreatment/
DATA SOURCES, DATA AND DEFINITIONS

Data Sources

Child Death Review and Fetal and Infant Mortality Review | National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention
https://www.ncfrp.org/
Child Health | National Center for Health Statistics
https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/child-health.htm

Child Trends Data Bank
https://www.childtrends.org/indicators?a-z

Kids Count Data Center | The Annie E. Casey Foundation
http://datacenter.kidscoucnt.org

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) | U.S. Department of Education
https://nces.ed.gov/

National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) | Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/reporting-systems/ncands

National Data Archive (NDACAN) | Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/

National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) | Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
https://www.childhealthdata.org/learn-about-the-nsch/NSCH

National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) | CDC
https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html

Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS)

Young Child Risk Calculator | National Center for Children in Poverty
http://www.nccp.org/tools/risk

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBS) | CDC
https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm

Data and Definitions

Child Abuse and Neglect Fact Sheet | CDC (2020)

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2018


Children’s Exposure to Violence: Indicators on Children and Youth | Child Trends (2016)

Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma: Recommended Definitions for Public Health Surveillance and Research | CDC (2012)
http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/PedHeadTrauma-a.pdf

Prevalence of Childhood Exposure to Violence, Crime, and Abuse: Results from the National Survey of Children’s Exposure to Violence | JAMA Pediatrics (2015)
https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2344705

Sexual Abuse and Assault in a Large National Sample of Children and Adolescents | Sage Journals (2019)
https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1077559519873975


POLICIES AND LAWS

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)
https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/about.pdf

Early Childhood State Profiles | National Center for Children in Poverty
http://nccp.org/profiles/early_childhood.html
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) | CDC
http://www.cdc.gov/ace/
https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/resource_center_infographic.html

https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/


www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/state/

PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/usermanuals/foundation/index.cfm

Child Abuse and Neglect User Manuals | Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/umnew/

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Overview | National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2011)


Connecting the Dots: An Overview of the Links Among Multiple Forms of Violence | CDC (2014)
Essentials for Childhood: Creating Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships and Environments | CDC
https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/essentials.html

National Child Abuse Prevention Month | Children’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/survey/?surveyID=5

National Plan to Prevent the Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children | National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (2012)

Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences: Leveraging the Best Available Evidence | CDC (2019)
https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/preventingACES.pdf

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities | CDC (2016)

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect to Create a World Where Every Child Can Thrive: An archived CSN Webinar | CSN (2016)
https://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/webinar/preventing-child-abuse-neglect-create-world-where-every-child-can-thrive

The Raising of America

http://www.raisingofamerica.org/


Understanding Evidence for Child Maltreatment Prevention: A Demonstration of CDC’s Interactive Tool to Support Evidence-Based Decision Making: An archived CSN Webinar | CSN (2013)

https://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/webinar/understanding-evidence-child-maltreatment-cdc

VetoViolence | CDC

https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/main/home

Working “Upstream” to Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): An archived CSN Webinar | CSN (2018)

https://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/webinar/working-upstream-prevent-adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

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https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/phl/docs/A_Better_Start.pdf

Yoon D, Yoon S, Park J, Yoon M


https://www.safetylit.org/citations/index.php?fuseaction=citations.viewdetails&citationIds[]=citjournalarticle_615269_24&sha=1

Association between Socioeconomic Status and Risk of Hospitalization due to Child Maltreatment in the USA | Journal of Investigative Medicine (2019)
Imran S, Cross C, Das SU

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Associations between Childhood Exposure to Community Violence, Child Maltreatment and School Outcomes | Child Abuse and Neglect (2020)

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Breaking the Cycle of Child Maltreatment and Intimate Partner Violence: The Effects of Student Gender and Caring Relationships with Teachers | Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma (2020)

Vaughan-Jensen J, et al.


https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs10964-020-01227-9

Child Maltreatment and the Development of Substance Use and Disorder | Neurobiology of Stress (2019)

Cicchetti D, Handley ED

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352289518300213

Child Safety Matters: Randomized Control Trial of a School-Based, Child Victimization Prevention Curriculum | Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2020)

Bright MA, Huq MS, Shivam P

https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520909185


Angelakis I, Gillespie EL, Panagioti M

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/psychological-medicine/article/childhood-maltreatment-and-adult-suicidality-a-comprehensive-systematic-review-with-metaanalysis/043CB9ABD61C68B00C4F72EFE02B9A17
How Life Outside of School Affects Student Performance in School | Evidence Speaks Reports (2018)
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“I'm here to listen and want you to know I am a mandated reporter”: Understanding how text message-based crisis counselors facilitate child maltreatment disclosures | Child Abuse and Neglect (2020)
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New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research | Institute of Medicine and National Research Council (2014)

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https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/5/e1337