

Parenting Websites

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Introduction

There are currently thousands of websites dedicated to the provision of parenting information. The quality of this information ranges considerably, from resources reflecting the last research evidence to those based on personal opinion.

To make navigating the internet a little easier, we have listed below a range of websites that provide high quality, accessible information on a wide range of parenting topics.

The Raising Children website - www.raisingchildren.net.au

The Raising Children website has been developed by a consortium of three early childhood agencies: Smart Population Foundation, the Centre for Community Child Health and the Victorian Parenting Centre. The site provides a comprehensive range of quality-assured information for parents of children birth to eight years.

Parenting SA - www.parenting.sa.gov.au/pegs/

Parenting SA is administered by Children, Youth and Women's Health Service, SA. The site contains Parent Easy Guides (PEGs) which bring simple, easy-to-read information on many of the issues faced by parents from birth through adolescence.

Healthy Start — www.healthystart.net.au

The Healthy Start website offers educational resources designed for parents with learning difficulties who have children under 5 years of age. This website also offers links to research and home-based training programs.

Early Childhood Australia - www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au

The Early Childhood Australia website focuses primarily on supporting best practice. It contains quality assured early childhood resources and information from a range of people working within the early childhood field.

Centre for Community Child Health - www.rch.org.au/ccch

The Centre for Community Child Health supports and empowers communities to continually improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life of children and their families. The site contains *Practice Resources* which have been developed to provide practitioners with a summary of the latest research in relation to a range of key issues.

Father-Inclusive Practice — www.newcastle.edu.au/centre/fac/efathers/includingfathers

This website offers information about the inclusion of fathers in parenting. It includes information, resources and fact sheets which promote father inclusive practices.



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Mental Health Association—www.mentalhealth.asn.au

The Mental Health Association website offers state-specific information and fact sheets on mental health issues. This includes information on childhood disorders and resources for children who have a parent with a mental illness.

Child Welfare Information Gateway—www.childwelfare.gov

This is a U.S. government website providing access to print and electronic publications, websites and online databases covering a wide range of topics from prevention to permanency.

Tufts University Child & Family Webguide—www.cfw.tufts.edu

This is a directory of websites that have been evaluated by child development experts from Tufts University and can be searched by topic (e.g. family/parenting, typical child development) or age group (e.g. infants, teenagers).

NSW Health - www.health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health publishes a wide range of materials about health related issues, including resources about parenting issues. Resources are available in a range of community languages.

This resource has been developed by DoCS Centre for Parenting & Research as part of the Research to Practice Program's commitment to facilitating access to the latest evidence-based information.

For additional information or to provide feedback about other issues you would like explored, please contact the Research to Practice Team—researchtopractice@community.nsw.gov.au

