

NATIONAL RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ABUSE/NEGLECT

***This resource list is intended for families and the general public. **NIH Staff:** for information on reporting requirements, please consult policy [M94-5 “Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse/Neglect”](#).

[The Child Welfare Information Gateway](#) – sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, this site provides comprehensive information about preventing, recognizing, and helping children and families affected by abuse and neglect. [Toll-free hotlines](#) for each state are also listed on this site. This federal government site also contains the most [comprehensive listing](#) of national and state organizations related to or addressing the many aspects of child abuse and neglect. The links below are a small sampling from their extensive listings.

[Childhelp: National Child Abuse Hotline](#): 1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453) is available 24/7 to provide assistance and connect to resources in the patient’s area.

[National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth](#) – HHS site with information & resources for communities, organizations, and individuals interested in developing new and effective strategies for supporting young people and their families.

[National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#) – Resource Center, funded by HHS, focusing on various types of trauma and their impact on children. Free courses are offered through their [Learning Center](#) – search “abuse” for courses pertaining to this topic.

[American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Child Abuse & Neglect](#) – Find policies, publications, and resources for health care providers

[Child Welfare League of America](#) – Coalition of public and private agencies focused on the protection of children and prevention of abuse/neglect since 1920.

LOCAL RESOURCES FOR CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

[Maryland Department of Human Services](#) – State agency that oversees child protective services, contains legal definitions, reporting instructions and a statewide listing of child protective service [hotlines by county](#). The [Maryland Child Abuse Written Report Form 180](#), is required when reporting child abuse/neglect.

[Maryland Child Welfare Academy](#) – University of Maryland School of Social Work training and education resource site.

[DC Child and Family Services Agency](#) – DC Agency supporting families and children affected by abuse/neglect.

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[Virginia Department of Social Services](#) – State agency that oversees child protective services, contains a statewide listing of child protective service [hotlines by county](#), as well as legal definitions, and many [resources for mandated reporters](#).

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