

Pre-PAC Instructional Resource Directory

Early Childhood Education

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Books

Careers in Focus – Family and Consumer Sciences

Author: Lee Jackson

Publisher: Goodheart-Willcox

Description: This text, appropriate for use in secondary programs, addresses the variety of careers in family and consumer sciences. Several of the chapters focus on careers related to early childhood education and child care.

Child Care Administration

Author: Linda S. Nelson; Alan E. Nelson

Publisher: Goodheart-Willcox

Description: This text, appropriate for secondary and postsecondary programs, focuses on the organization, administration, and management of successful child care programs and centers.

Child Care Today: Becoming an Early Childhood Professional

Author:

Publisher: Glencoe-McGraw Hill

Description: This comprehensive text, appropriate for secondary programs, addresses the knowledge and skills necessary for early childhood professionals in a variety of child care settings.

Child Development

Author: Celia Anita Decker

Publisher: Goodheart-Willcox

Description: This text, appropriate for secondary programs, addresses the principles and fundamentals of child development and growth from birth through age 12.

The Developing Child

Author:

Publisher: Glencoe-McGraw-Hill

Description: This text, appropriate for secondary programs, addresses the principles and fundamentals of child development and growth from birth through age 12.

Early Childhood Education: Learning Together

Author: Virginia Casper; Rachel Theilheimer

Publisher: McGraw Hill

Description: This comprehensive text, appropriate for postsecondary programs, provides an overview of the ECE profession and addresses the principles and fundamentals necessary for ECE professionals working in a variety of child care settings.

Foundations of Early Childhood Education: Teaching Children in a Diverse Society

Author: Janet Gonzalez-Mena

Publisher: McGraw Hill

Description: This text, appropriate for postsecondary programs, introduces the ECE profession and addresses the principles and fundamentals necessary for ECE professionals working in a variety of child care settings.

Mastering CDA Competencies

Author: Judy Herr

Publisher: Goodheart-Willcox

Description: This text outlines the competencies and requirements for earning the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. The guide is suggested for use with the *Working with Young Children* text.

Working with Young Children

Author: Judy Herr

Publisher: Goodheart-Willcox

Description: This comprehensive text, appropriate for secondary and postsecondary programs, focuses on all aspects of working with and guiding the development, health, safety, and care of children in a variety of early childhood and child care programs.

Professional Association Websites

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)

URL: <http://acei.org/>

Description: The professional association offers membership to teachers and other education professionals and promotes the optimal education and development of children. The website provides publications and links to resources of interest to educators.

Council for Professional Recognition (CDA)

URL: <http://www.cdacouncil.org/>

Description: The Council promotes the recognition of ECE professionals who work with children birth through age 5 and administers the CDA credential. Their website provides information for ECE professionals and access to a library of resources and articles on various ECE topics.

National Association For Family Child Care

URL: www.nafcc.org/

Description: The professional association offers membership to family child care providers, provider associations, parents, and advocates. Their website provides information, resources, and technical assistance for those involved in family child care settings.

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

URL: <http://www.naeyc.org/>

Description: The professional association offers membership to early childhood educators and professionals who work with children from birth to age 8 and administers an accreditation program for ECE programs. The website provides publications and links to resources of interest to ECE professionals.

National Association of Child Care Professionals

URL: www.naccp.org

Description: The professional association offers membership to child care owners, directors, and administrators and administers an accreditation program for child care centers. They provide online training and access to an "Information Center" on their website.

National Child Care Association

URL: <http://www.nccanet.org/>

Description: The professional association offers membership to professionals who provide early childhood care and education services. They administer two credentialing programs: National Administrator Credential (NAC) and the Child Care Professional (CCP).

Government Websites

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook

URL: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Description: This government website provides information regarding careers and the associated duties/responsibilities, work setting, education and training requirements, salary, and projected growth.

Centers for Disease Control

URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/>

Description: The website provides links to access publications, tools, information and resources associated with a variety of health and safety topics of interest to ECE professionals.

ChildCare.gov

URL: <http://www.childcare.gov/>

Description: The website is the official source for all U.S. government child care information.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

URL: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

Description: This government site provides access to comprehensive, current information and resources that focus on protecting children and strengthening families. Specific topics relate to child abuse and neglect.

National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC)

URL: <http://nccic.acf.hhs.gov/>

Description: NCCIC is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance center that links parents, providers, policy-makers, researchers, and the public to early care and education information.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

URL: <http://www.nichd.nih.gov/>

Description: This government site provides access to comprehensive, current information, publications, and educational resources that focus on the health and optimal development of children and families.

Office of Child Care

URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/>

Description: The Office of Child Care supports low-income working families through child care financial assistance and promotes children's learning by improving the quality of early care and education and afterschool programs. Their website offers resources for parents and child care providers on a variety of ECE topics.

Office of Head Start

URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

Description: This website provides comprehensive information about Head Start programs, services, statistics, and events and a link to the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center (ECLKC). The Center provides timely information and learning opportunities relevant to Head Start and for anyone involved in early childhood education.

Other Resources – Curricula, Teaching Materials, Handouts, Etc.

Child Care Aware

URL: <http://childcareaware.org/>

Publisher: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

Description: The website is a hub of information for parents and child care providers and provides access to links, resources, and other tools to learn more about the elements of quality child care and for those interested in pursuing an early childhood education career.

Child Development Curriculum

URL: <http://ccfcs.tizrapublisher.com/>

Publisher: The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences

Description: The online curriculum, available with a subscription, includes electronic versions of student resources and teacher lesson plans, presentations, and additional resources and tools. The curriculum is correlated to the Pre-PAC competencies.

Child Guidance Curriculum

URL: <http://ccfcs.tizrapublisher.com/>

Publisher: The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences

Description: The online curriculum, available with a subscription, includes electronic versions of student resources and teacher lesson plans, presentations, and additional resources and tools. The curriculum is correlated to the Pre-PAC competencies.

CYFERNet - Early Childhood

URL: <http://www.cyfernet.org/index.php?c=1>

Publisher: Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network (CYFERnet)

Description: The network provides online access and links to practical research-based information from the nation's leading universities. It includes an entire section related to Early Childhood resources and other information on guiding and nurturing young children.

eXtension Child Care

URL: http://www.extension.org/child_care

Publisher: Cooperative Extension Service

Description: The site is an interactive, online learning environment that provides child care related information and educational resources developed by content specialists and researchers at land grant universities.

National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

URL: <http://www.naccrra.org/>

Publisher: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA)

Description: This national network of agencies and organizations across the U.S. helps families, child care providers, and communities find, provide, and plan for affordable, quality child care. The website provides links to publications, research and news, and additional resources regarding the industry and ECE topics.

National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education

URL: <http://www.nrckids.org/>

Publisher: National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education

Description: The center promotes health and safety in out-of-home child care settings throughout the nation. Their website provides a wealth of online and downloadable information for child care providers, parents, and consultants/leaders. This includes links to state health and safety requirements for child care and to resources on ECE topics from A-Z.

Safe Kids USA

URL: www.safekids.org

Publisher: Safe Kids USA

Description: Safe Kids USA is a nationwide network of organizations that promotes health and safety and strives to prevent unintentional childhood injury. The website provides sections for parents, educators, media, and safety professionals that offer links to resources, activities, information/fact sheets, and other materials related to the health and safety of children.

State Developed Curricula and Resources

URL: <http://www.doe.in.gov/octe/facs/NASAFACS/NASAFACS.html#states>

Publisher: NASAFACS

Description: This site provides access and links to state Family and Consumer Sciences Education program websites. Many states provide curricula, instructional resources, and materials for teachers providing instruction in the content areas associated with Pre-PAC Products.

Zero to Three

URL: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>

Publisher: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families

Description: The Center is a national, nonprofit organization that informs, trains, and supports professionals, policymakers, and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. The website provides links and access to a variety of resources and educational materials (including downloadable fact sheets, podcasts, etc.)