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Web sites

Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships has projects aimed at understanding the practices and partnerships that help children succeed by conducting and analyzing research, policies, and programs. The site offers related publications, professional development opportunities, and related research. www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/center.htm

Colorin Colorado is a Web-based source of information, activities, and advice for Spanish-speaking parents and educators of dual language learners. www.colorincolorado.org

Families and Community Initiatives is an NAEYC program area created as a home for efforts related to supporting strong families and communities. The site describes the current Engaging Diverse Families project, past projects, and NAEYC's vision for future program efforts. www.naeyc.org/ecp/trainings

Family Communications Neighborhood News offers readers links to information on community involvement, friendship, fund-raising opportunities, and advice from Mister Rogers. www.fci.org/newsletter

Harvard Family Research Project evaluates and supports effective ways for families to become involved in children's schools, homes, and communities. The Web site offers research, publications with practical applications, family literacy projects, and a unique network of parents, researchers, and community members—Family Involvement Network of Educators (FINE). www.hfrp.org/family-involvement

National Council for Community and Education Partnerships provides resources on and explanations of parent/family engagement in children's education. www.edpartnerships.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Resource_Center/Parent_Family_Engagement/Resourcess.htm

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center is designed to help infants, toddlers, and preschool-age children with disabilities and their families. The center makes services and systems available throughout the country. www.nectac.org

National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) advocates for children and works to make a closer relationship between home and school. Their site includes advocacy support, online communities, multimedia resources, and information on running a PTA. <http://pta.org>

PBS Teachers—Resources for the Classroom is a newly designed site to support teachers from pre-K on up. www.pbsteachers.org

Right Choice for Kids, a special Web site from NAEYC, helps parents, families, and communities learn about quality early childhood education and what NAEYC Accreditation means. www.rightchoiceforkids.org

Rocking and Rolling: Supporting Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families is a *Young Children* column focusing on the development and experiences of infants and toddlers. It examines social-emotional development, language development, and parent-caregiver relationships. www.naeyc.org/yc/columns/rocking

The SEDL National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools connects people with research and resources that encourage family, school, and community connections. The organization offers an online database and annual reports, as well as strategy briefs, research-based handouts, and a parental-involvement tool kit. www.sedl.org/connections

Teachers and Families, a site created by teachers, offers games, reading suggestions, and discussion topics on educational and parenting issues. It provides resources for parents of preschoolers through to high school, helping them work with schools and with their children. www.teachersandfamilies.com

ZERO TO THREE offers several online resources for professionals and families. Look through Key Topics for information and resources about children birth through age three and responsive caregiving in the early years. www.zerotothree.org

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