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We have added the following links to give visitors to our site the ability to quickly and easily access related information. Hyperlinks are provided as a browsing convenience and do not represent an endorsement of the linked site by Parents as Teachers.

Community Websites

www.ercrefer.org/FamilyHappenings.asp – ERC Family Happenings website listing lots of local events

www.hcci-ks.org Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc.
www.unitedwaytopeka.org/ Provides social services locally through 32 member agencies. Organization details, calendar of events, campaign section and tools, how to make contributions ...

www.kansaslegalservices.org (Kansas Legal Services)

<http://www.kumed.com/bodyside.cfm?id=2144> Kansas Poison Control Center **1-800-222-1222** What would you do if your child got into your medication? Or if your husband felt queasy, and you suspected it was because of a chemical he came in contact with? If a poison-related accident does occur, contact us anytime day or night.

<http://www.srskansas.org/hotlines.html> Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please telephone the Kansas Abuse and Neglect hotline at 1-800-922-5330

www.stfrancistopeka.org/ – St. Francis Health Center website; NewLife Center class schedule, including Boot Camp for New Dads, prenatal classes, breastfeeding clinic information, infant/child CPR classes

www.stormontvail.org – Stormont Vail HealthCare website; community calendar includes Birthplace programs (prenatal classes, infant & child programs, parenting programs, sibling prep classes), healthy cooking classes, support groups (La Leche League & Mothers of Twins); Breastfeeding Clinic

www.topeka.org – City of Topeka website, includes information on Topeka Parks & Recreation (368-3838)

www.topekachamber.org/calendar – Topeka Chamber of Commerce calendar of events

www.tscpl.org – Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library website; events calendar, catalog search & account access, bookmobile schedule



Local

Emergency Food:

I Care, Inc.
2914 SE Michigan Ave.
Topeka, KS
66605-2648
(785) 267-5910
9:00-11:00 a.m. M-F

Doorstep, Inc.
1119 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66604
(785) 357-5341 (food bank 9:00 a.m.-1:45 p.m. M-F)
(clothing bank 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday)
Emergency assistance: utility, medical, transportation, rent or deposit assistance, prescription assistance).

Community Action Inc.
1000 SE Hancock Street
Topeka, KS 66607

Administrative & Housing (785) 235-9561
Community Services (785) 235-9296

YMCA Battered Women's Task Force
(785) 354-7927
Daytime (785) 234-3300
Nights & Weekends (888) 822-2983
Outside of Topeka

www.visitlawrence.com/visitor/calendarofevents.php – Lawrence CVB website

www.visittopeka.travel/events/index.php – Topeka Convention & Visitors Bureau

www.washburn.edu – Washburn University of Topeka, listing university events and athletics, information about Mulvane Art Museum and Crane Observatory

Environmental Resources

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/fas Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
(404) 639-3534 / (800) 311-3435

www.checnet.org Children's Health and Environmental Coalition
First Steps email letters for pregnant and new parents
(310) 820-2030

www.epa.gov/lead National Lead Information Center
(800) 424-LEAD (5323)

<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/> Environmental Protection Agency:
Mercury Facts

www.fascenter.samhsa.gov (866) 311-3435

www.healthychildrenproject.org Healthy Children Project
(412) 341-1515

www.modimes.org March of Dimes (914) 997-4477

www.nofas.org (800) 66NOFAS

<http://npic.orst.edu/brochure.pdf> National Pesticide Information
Center
(800) 858-7378

www.otispregnancy.org Pregnancy Risk Information (866) 626-OTIS

www.ParentsAsTeachers.org Parents as Teachers (866) PAT-4YOU

www.smokefree.gov Smokefree.gov (800) QUIT-NOW (784-8669)

Parent Information Sites

<http://www.aap.org> American Academy of Pediatrics

www.adl.org/education/miller ADL's Miller Early Childhood Initiative, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute, offers resources to create learning environments free from prejudice and discrimination. The Initiative assists caregivers, educators and families in creating and sustaining bias-free early childhood programs and homes that encourage children to appreciate diversity at an age when the seeds of prejudice can begin to take root. The Initiative provides Educator Workshops to early childhood educators, caregivers and administrators and Family Workshops to family members and guardians of children ages 3-5 years old.

www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.htm Autism Information Center
(800) 328-8476

<http://www.comeunity.com/> Sensory Integration Support

<http://www.connectforkids.org> Connect for Kids is an award-winning project of the Benton Foundation, and this web site targets adults -

parents, grandparents, educators, policy makers and others - who want to become more active on behalf of kids in their communities. The Connect for Kids team is made up of children's experts, journalists and communications specialists who use the latest research on the status of children and studies in communication to provide timely information to interested adults.

<http://www.cpsc.gov>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is an independent Federal Regulatory agency that helps keep American families safe by reducing the risk of injury or death from consumer products. Features a "4 Kids" section.

www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/category/toy.html U.S. Consumer Product Safety Division—Toy Hazard Results

<http://www.earlychildhood.com> Earlychildhood.com is a professional resource for teachers and parents. This web site is a great resource for activities for infants, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and school age children. Features "Ask The Experts," "Reading Center," and "Sharing Boards" sections.

www.education.pitt.edu/ocd/family You and Your Child Parenting Guides

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/> Enchanted Learning Software creates children's educational web sites and games designed to stimulate creativity, learning, enjoyment, and imagination.

www.familyeducation.com The Family Education Network - A resource for parents and professionals covering such topics as professional development, lifelong learning, and tools, activities, and resources for teachers, parents and students.

www.fatherhood.org National Fatherhood Initiative

www.fathersnetwork.org Fathers Network

www.getreadytoread.org Get Ready to Read! is a national campaign to build the early literacy skills of preschool children. Get Ready to Read! is an initiative of the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD).

<http://www.kidsears.com> KidsEars

<http://www.kidsincars.org> Nonprofit organization promoting child safety related to leaving children unattended in or around a vehicle.

www.la lecheleague.org Helps mothers worldwide to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information, and education and promotes a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of baby and mother.

www.makeadifferencestlouis.org The Diversity Awareness Partnership (DAP) is dedicated to promoting the value of diversity in the St. Louis region through collaborative community and school-based education and awareness efforts. Themed Make a Difference By Accepting Everyone Else's, the DAP has become a replicable model for communities across the nation in advancing public acceptance of diversity.

www.mchb.hrsa.gov/pregnancyandbeyond/depression/ Postpartum Education for Parents (ESP) (800)-311-2229 (In Spanish: 800-504-7081)

www.modimes.org March of Dimes

www.mommyandme.com Make the most of the one-on-one time you spend with your child. Whether you're looking for parent-child activities and outings, developmental or playgroup information, or products, this is the place!

<http://www.naeyc.org> The National Association for the Education of Young Children, promoting excellence in early childhood education

<http://navigator.tufts.edu/> This web page from Tufts University provides the fastest, most reliable way to find sound nutrition information for women, men, family, seniors, health professionals, educators and more.

<http://www.ncpie.org/> The National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE) dedicated to developing effective family/school partnerships in schools throughout America.

www.ndss.org National Down Syndrome Society (800) 221-4602

www.nichcy.org
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus> National Library of Medicine's "MEDLINE PLUS" health information web site

<http://www.parentinginformation.org/> The Parenting Information Web Pages are sponsored by the Mental Health Association in Texas, a non-profit organization.

<http://www.parentingresources.ncjrs.org> Information for parents on topics such as child care, education, health and safety

<http://www.parentsoup.com> A parenting resource by iVillage.com that offers tips on topics of interest, expert advice, parent quizzes, message boards and chats

www.pathwaysawareness.org Designed for both parents and professionals, contains valuable information about children's physical development including a growth and development chart where you can track a child's physical, play and speech milestones from 3 to 15 months.

www.sids.org American Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute

[Smart-Mouth.org](http://www.smart-mouth.org) The Center for Science in the Public Interest introduces a new web site designed to teach kids that healthy eating can be fun!

<http://www.taalliance.org> The Parent Training and Information Center in each state provides training and information to parents of infants, toddlers, school-aged children, and young adults with disabilities and professionals who work with them.

www.takeyourkidstovote.org A great resource for parents interested in voting and election issues facing young people.

www.TODOBebe.com The Agriculture Department and the Office of the Surgeon General are partnering with TODOBebe, which means "everything baby," to provide health information to Spanish-speaking families, including promotion of prenatal care, having a baby and being a parent. The web site is also available in Portuguese.

<http://www.windowblindskillchildren.org/> Parents for Window Blind Safety

www.wrightslaw.com Wrightslaw is a site to access information about special education and advocacy for children with disabilities.

www.zerotothree.org/play The Power of Play