

RESOURCE ORGANIZATIONS CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULTS AND LIBRARIES

Advocates for Youth

1025 Vermont Avenue NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 347-5700

www.advocatesforyouth.org

Formerly the Center for Population Options, this organization is dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health, obtaining needed health and social services, and attaining productive employment.

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

132 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036
(212) 944-9800 FAX (212) 354-5290

www.aclu.org

The ACLU is the largest and most well-known organization challenging infractions of the Bill of Rights. The ACLU will provide legal support for litigation that has a Bill of Rights issue as its main component.

American Library Association

50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 280-4223 Toll-free (800) 545-2433 FAX (312) 440-9374

www.ala.org

The national organization of libraries and librarians that includes links to offices and divisions such as Office for Intellectual Freedom, Freedom to Read Foundation, Young Adult Library Services Association, and Association for Library Service to Children.

American Youth Work Center

1200 17th Street NW 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 785-0764 (800) 559-2455

ww.youthtoday.org

The center is a nongovernmental resource organization for youth service agencies and youth workers. Publishes Youth Today, a free bimonthly newspaper.

Center for Children and Technology

Education Development Center
55 Chapel Street
Newton, MA 02158
(617) 969-7100

www.edc.org/home.html

Since 1981, CCT has undertaken a wide program of basic and applied research as well as prototype design and development. The mission of the Center is to investigate the roles technology can play in the lives of young people.

Child Welfare League of America

440 1st Street NW Suite 310
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 638-2952
www.cwla.org

CWLA is a privately supported organization of 400 affiliated member agencies devoted to improving services for youth and their families. The League supports lobbying efforts on the state and national levels, provides consultation, conducts research, and sponsors educational conferences.

Children’s Defense Fund

25 E. Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 628-8787
www.childrensdefense.org

CDF is a national nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through changes in public policy. CDF sponsors research, provides educational services, monitors federal agencies, offers legislative testimony, and assists in drafting federal and state legislation.

Girls, Inc.

120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005-3902
(800) 374-4475
www.girlsinc.org

Girls, Inc., is a national nonprofit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart and bold. Their National Resource Center in Indianapolis is an information and research facility on programs for girls.

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

99 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 684-9444 FAX (703) 548-3822
www.horatioalger.com

Publishes an annual survey of young adults titled The State Of Our Nation’s Youth. Founded in 1947, the Association was created to “demonstrate that the American dream is a truly attainable goal for all citizens”. The organization honors the accomplishments and achievements of outstanding individuals in our society who have succeeded in the face of adversity, and encourages young people to pursue their dreams with determination and perseverance. It annually identifies national role models and sponsors the National Scholars Program, awarding college scholarships to high school seniors.

National Center for Education Statistics

U.S. Department of Education
Office of Educational Research and Improvement
Washington, DC 20208-5570
(Contact through the Superintendent of Documents at (202) 512-1800, FAX (202) 512-2250, www.ed.gov/NCES/)
Administers 20 surveys about education of which the National Assessment of Educational Progress is one at www.ed.gov/NCES/naep/.

National Center for Youth Law

405-14th Street 15th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2701
(510) 835-8098
www.youthlaw.org
The Center is a nonprofit organization devoted to improving the lives of poor children in the U.S. by providing legal assistance to professionals working on behalf of children and youth. The Center is part of a national system of legal services for the poor.

National Coalition Against Censorship

275 7th Avenue 20th Floor
New York, NY 10001
(212) 807-6222
www.ncac.org
A coalition of nonprofit public interest and professional associations, including the Association of American Publishers, the American Library Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union. Begun in 1974, the Coalition's aim is to preserve freedom of expression and to combat all forms of censorship. Publishes a quarterly journal, [Censorship News](#).

National Council of Teachers of English

1111 Kenyon Road
Urbana, IL 61801-1096
(217) 328-3870
www.ncte.org
Includes organizations like The Standing Committee on Censorship and Support for the Learning and Teaching of English (SLATE). The Council is the professional association of secondary school, junior college, and university English instructors. Its primary purpose is to increase the effectiveness of the teaching of English at all levels and will enter litigation in support of English teachers being challenged in censorship cases.

National Dropout Prevention Center

Clemson University
209 Martin Street
Clemson, SC 29631-1555
(864) 656-2599
www.dropoutprevention.org

The Center is dedicated to reducing the school dropout rate by promoting public-private partnerships to meet the needs of at-risk youth. FOCUS, the Center's national database, includes profiles of dropout prevention programs.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

P.O. Box 1492

Washington, DC 20013

(202) 695-0285

www.nichcy.org

A clearinghouse on the education of children and youth with disabilities.

National Network for Youth

1319 F Street NW Suite 401

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 783-7949

www.nn4youth.org

The National Network is a membership organization representing over 1,000 community-based organizations nationwide. Provides special assistance on the issue of runaways.

National Youth Leadership Council

1667 Snelling Avenue North

St. Paul, MN 55108

(651) 631-3672

www.nylc.org

The NYLC works to develop service-oriented youth leaders by supporting individuals, organizations, and communities that encourage youth service and leadership. The Council trains adults and youth, publishes materials and curricula, and conducts program research and development.

New York Library Association

252 Hudson Avenue

Albany, NY 12210-1802

(518) 432-NYLA (800) 252-NYLA

www.nyla.org

nyla.mail@pobox.com

A statewide library professional and advocacy organization that includes the Youth Services Section (YSS) and the School Library Media Section (SLMS).

People for the American Way

2000 M Street, NY Suite 400

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 467-4999

www.pfaw.org

A public interest organization that promotes pluralism, freedom of expression and religious diversity as traditional American values. Supports groups and individuals

combating challenges to their First Amendment rights. Publishes the annual Attacks on the Freedom to Learn.

The Search Institute

Suite 210
700 South Third Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 376-8955 (800) 888-7828
www.search-institute.org

A nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to advancing the well being of adolescents and children by generating knowledge and promoting its application.

Society for Adolescent Medicine

1916 NW Copper Oaks Circle
Blue Springs, MO 64015
(816) 224-8010
www.adolescenthealth.org

SAM is a multi-disciplinary professional organization for health care professionals committed to improving the physical and psychosocial health and well being of all adolescents. The society provides information and speakers, and acts as a clearinghouse.

Society for Research on Adolescence

505 E. Huron Suite 301
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1567
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www.s-r-a.org
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The Society is a multi-disciplinary professional society whose purpose is to promote research on and dissemination of research about adolescence.

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