

CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES

The following are toll-free hotlines recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration that may also prove useful to you.

Child Abuse

Childhelp USA National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-4-A-CHILD

(1-800-422-4453)

www.childhelpvillage.com

The Childhelp USA® National Child Abuse Hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and receives calls from throughout the United States, Canada, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico. Approximately 134,000 callers are assisted annually with Childhelp USA's abuse hotline.

The Childhelp hotline is staffed with professional counselors who utilize a database of thousands of emergency, social service and support resources. Since the 1982 inception of the Childhelp hotline, more than 2 million calls have been received from children in the midst of abuse, troubled parents, individuals concerned that abuse is occurring, and others requesting child abuse information.

The child abuse hotline offers crisis intervention, information, literature and referrals. State-of-the-art technology provides translators in approximately 140 languages. (source: Childhelp USA)

Child Abuse Awareness

www.child-abuse-blog.blogspot.com

This site was created to bring to the forefront the sad reality of child abuse throughout the world in the 21st century. The site contains blogs, information and links to other sites dealing with abuse of all kinds.

Child Care

Child Care Aware

1-800-424-2246

www.childcareaware.org

Choosing child care is an important decision. Good child care arrangements can improve the daily lives of children and parents. In addition, children in high quality care have higher levels of success when they enter school. (source: Child Care Aware)

Lawyers for Children

www.lawyersforchildren.org

Lawyers For Children is a New York City based not-for-profit corporation that provides free legal and social work services to children in foster care and to children who are involved in high conflict custody or visitation cases. We have compiled a list of local and national links to child advocates, government agencies and other organizations of interest to our clients and their guardians.

Parenting Teens

www.parentingteens.com

Information and articles for teen parenting, troubled teens, teen education, teen boot camps. Also provide parents to offer their views about military schools, boarding schools and parenting issues.

Teen Boot Camps

www.teenbootcamps.com

Information about various teen boot camps and military pre-training camps for teens and troubled teens.

Mountain Homes Youth Ranch

www.mhyr.com

MHYR is a therapeutic wilderness treatment program for troubled teenagers ages 12-17 that operates on a 15,000 acre working ranch in Northwest Colorado. The MHYR program has been featured on the Dr. Phil show and received students from the show who needed therapy.

Domestic Violence

National Domestic Violence Hotline

Telephone 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

TDD 1-800-787-3224

www.ndvh.org

Your support and encouragement can be of tremendous value to a friend involved in an abusive relationship. You can ease the isolation and loss of control by listening, providing information and helping your friend to explore options.

(source: National Domestic Violence Hotline)

Missing Children

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

1-800-THE-LOST

(1-800-843-5678)

www.missingkids.com

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's® (NCMEC) mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children; and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

Runaways

National Runaway Switchboard

1-800-621-4000

1-800-RUNAWAY

www.nrscrisisline.org

Every day 1.3 million runaway and homeless youth live on the streets of America. One out of every seven children will run away before the age of 18. Each year approximately 5,000 runaway and homeless youth die from assault, illness, and suicide. (source: National Runaway Switchboard)

Abuse Survivors

Abuse World (United Kingdom). Committed to raising awareness and reducing the stigma of mental health; focusing on abuse and providing information, advice and support.

www.abuse-survivors.org.uk/