RESOURCE GUIDE
For Parents, Caregivers, Practitioners, Physicians, Interventionists, & Individuals Working with Young Latino Children in Immigrant Families

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EARLY INTERVENTION & CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

American Association for Home-Based Early Interventionists

The American Association for Home-Based Early Interventionists serves families and those working in the field of early intervention with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with special needs.
http://www.aahbei.org/

Autism Speaks-Resource Guide

Early Intervention - Ages Birth-3: Early Intervention Services
http://www.autismspeaks.org/resource-guide/by-state/96/Early%20Intervention%20Services/KS (Kansas)
http://www.autismspeaks.org/resource-guide/by-state/96/Early%20Intervention%20Services/MO (Missouri)

Early Head Start/Head Start

With the addition of Early Head Start, Head Start offers comprehensive programming for children birth to five years old and their families that helps prepare children for success in school and in life. Head Start programs serve one or more counties. To find the location that serves your county select your county from the dropdown list on the webpage:
https://www.ksheadstart.org/locations

Early Head Start/Head Start (Spanish)

This website offers information about the Head Start program in Spanish, including FAQs for parents and a Head Start search engine that can be used to find local programs.
http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/Espanol

Early Intervention-Families Together, Inc.

Families Together, Inc. is the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI Center) serving families of children and youth with disabilities and/or special health care needs from birth through 21 years old.
Links to various websites/information (Birth-5 years/early intervention)
http://familiestogetherinc.org/?page_id=2090

Infant-toddler services in Kansas

Kansas families with infants or toddlers (from birth to three years of age) who have development delays/disabilities are entitled to early intervention services. Eligibility for services is determined using parent report, clinical opinion, and evaluation and assessment measures.
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Infant-Toddler Services
www.ksits.org
Missouri First Steps Early Intervention

First Steps is Missouri’s Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with development disability.
https://www.eikids.com/mo/matrix/

My child without limits

Information on early intervention.
http://www.mychildwithoutlimits.org/plan/early-intervention/ (English)
http://www.mychildwithoutlimits.org/plan/early-intervention/?lang=es (Spanish)

Tiny-k Alliance

The Tiny-K Alliance promotes high quality services and sound public policy for infants with development disabilities, through advocacy, resource development, and strategic partnerships.
(620)615-5852
info@tiny-k.org
http://tiny-k.org/
A Booklet for Kansas Families-Social Emotional Development-Birth to Age 5
Provides information on the development of social and emotional skills in young children and is intended for use by Kansas families. Weaves a common thread of understanding related to what social and emotional development looks like in early childhood.  

Amazing Brain Series
The Amazing Brain Series is a beautifully illustrated, easy-to-read set of booklets designed to give providers and caregivers important information about how children’s brains develop, the impact of trauma on brain development and new science about the teenage brain.  
http://www.multipllyingconnections.org/become-trauma-informed/amazing-brain-series

Brain Builders Video
The Alberta Family Wellness Initiative is pleased to announce the launch of our first animated video, which presents the core story of brain development in an accessible and visually engaging format for public audiences.  

Does My Preschooler Have Delayed Development?
By: Reading Rockets (2009)  
http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/34329/ (English)  
http://www.colorincolorado.org/articulo/34330/ (Spanish)

Kansas Association for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health (KAIMH)
At KAIMH we enjoy sharing practical thoughts & evidence based training on a broad range of topics pertaining to healthy early relationships. Whether you are a parent, practitioner, physician, or educator, KAIMH is here to strengthen your awareness in the importance of healthy social emotional development.  
Angie Moore  
KAIMH Executive Director  
angie@kaimh.org  
http://www.kaimh.org/about

Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
ZERO TO THREE is a national, nonprofit organization that provides parents, professionals and policymakers the knowledge and know-how to nurture early development. The webpage contains information on brain development, challenging behaviors, early childhood mental health, early development, health and nutrition, play, social emotional development, sleep, and temperament and behavior.  
http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/
DISABILITIES SUPPORT & THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Center for Child Health and Development (CCHD)

KU Medical Center

Call: 913-588-5900 Habla Español

The staff at CCHD work as a team of experts to diagnose your child. Recommendations help families know where to begin. CCHD staff have expertise in child development, autism spectrum disorders, Fragile X syndrome, and other developmental disabilities.

http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-medicine/cchd.html

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities

The birth of a child is an exciting, life-changing event. But what happens when this new child has a disability? What do you do? This part of NICHCY’s site can help you find answers and people who can help—specifically, through the early intervention system that’s available in every state. To learn more about these vital services, explore the topics on the website listed below.

http://nichcy.org/babies (English)
http://nichcy.org/espanol/servicios/parabebes (Spanish)

United Cerebral Palsy

For over 60 years, our organization has provided services to promote “life without limits” for people with cerebral palsy and an array of disabilities.

http://ucp.org/

Special Needs: Index (A place of our own)

Helping a Child to Thrive

Explore the goals, challenges, and strategies of helping children with special needs have the best chance at success.

http://www.aplaceofourown.org/topic.php?id=1
Kansas Children’s Service League – Healthy Families

Healthy Families is a voluntary program that assists new parents who are overburdened by stress factors. Staff meet with the family regularly, usually once each week. This process begins during pregnancy and continues until the child is three to five years old. http://www.kcsl.org/HealthyFamilies.aspx

Parents as Teachers Consortium

Through advocacy and outreach, Parents as Teachers serves as a voice for early childhood education and champions the critical role of parental involvement and early intervention in the education continuum. Parents as Teachers raises awareness and works to shape policy around the importance of enhancing school readiness by reaching children during the critical, formative years of life. www.parentsasteachers.org
GUIDES & TIPS FOR PARENTS

Infant-toddler Services-Know your Rights
http://www.ksits.org/download/Parents_Rights_Booklet.pdf
http://www.ksits.org/download/Parents_Rights_Booklet_Spanish.pdf

Parent’s Guide to Early Intervention
While this guide is written for New York parents, its basic information about early intervention and parent involvement could be helpful to all.
http://www.health.state.ny.us/publications/0532/

Prescreen Chart
A guide for development ages birth to 6.
http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/docs/PrescreenChart_English.pdf

Rights and Safeguards of Families
Assuring the Family’s Role on the Early Intervention Team: Explaining Rights and Safeguards provides a thorough discussions of what rights and safeguards we’re talking about and includes clear, easy-to-read materials that can be shared.
www.nectac.org/~pdfs/pubs/assuring.pdf

Tips To and From Parents
Tips for families on involving their child's doctor in the early intervention process.
http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/docs/ParentTips_English.pdf (English)
HEARING/AUDITORY IMPAIRMENTS SUPPORT

Hartley Family Center
The Hartley Family Center for Childhood Hearing is dedicated to studying the nature, causes, diagnosis and treatment of hearing disorders in children, and the provision of state-of-the-science hearing health care services to children with hearing loss and their families.
Kansas City, KS 66160
913-588-5750
http://www.kumc.edu/hfc/

Midwest Ear Institute
Saint Luke's Midwest Ear Institute is dedicated to enhancing quality of life by restoring patients’ hearing. Offer the full range of hearing services to both children and adults, from comprehensive diagnostics to hearing and balance treatment to our acclaimed cochlear implant program.
4200 Pennsylvania Ave., Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 932-1660
http://www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org/locations/saint-lukes-midwest-ear-institute

Sound Beginnings
Early Hearing Detection & Intervention
A Kansas Resource Guide
VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS SUPPORT

Children's Center for the Visually Impaired

The mission is to prepare children with visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, to reach their highest potential in the sighted world. Open for any infant to school-age child whose visual impairment is significant enough to adversely affect his or her educational performance.

3101 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111
phone: (816) 841-2284
fax: (816) 753-7836
email: info@ccvi.org
www.ccvi.org

InfantSee

InfantSEE®, a public health program, managed by Optometry Cares® - the AOA Foundation, is designed to ensure that eye and vision care becomes an essential part of infant wellness care to improve a child's quality of life. Under this program, participating optometrists provide a comprehensive infant eye assessment between 6 and 12 months of age as a no-cost public service.

http://www.infantsee.org/

See to Learn

SEE TO LEARN® is an innovative, three-step preventive health program designed to ensure that kindergarten children entering school can see to learn and to educate parents and teachers about the warning signs of vision problems in all school-age children. A free vision assessment for your three-year-old by a participating Eye Care Council optometrist.

www.seetolearn.com
LEGAL SERVICES

BIA Pro Bono Project
The BIA Pro Bono Appeals Project matches vulnerable immigrants with pro bono counsel to defend their cases before the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA).
National Office
8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 850
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Main Phone: (301) 565-4800
https://cliniclegal.org/programs/advocacy/bia-pro-bono

Free Legal Services Providers List
Updated April 2014
Kansas City Immigration Court
http://www.justice.gov/eoir/probono/freelglchtMO.pdf

Immigrant Children Lawyer Network-USCIR
The Immigrant Children Lawyers Network (ICLN) is a group of accredited representatives, attorneys, and those providing technical assistance to accredited representatives and lawyers of immigrant children.

La Luz Center for Immigration Legal Assistance
The Legal Clinic is a non-profit immigration program staffed by an experienced immigration attorney who works with low-income refugee and immigrant clients to offer vital legal assistance on non-business immigration matters ranging from representation in Immigration Court to securing green cards to naturalization applications.
2220 Central Ave
Kansas City, KS 66102
Phone: (913) 621-1504
Fax: (913) 621-7066
laluz@catholiccharitiesks.org
http://www.catholiccharitiesks.org/laluz

Legal Aid of Western Missouri
Since 1964, Legal Aid of Western Missouri has provided dignity, self-sufficiency and justice through quality civil legal aid for those who have nowhere else to turn. The fundamental goal of legal aid services is simple—to provide free legal representation to low-income citizens and to cultivate self-sufficiency among their clients.
http://www.lawmo.org/
Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)

MALDEF is the nation’s leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Often described as the “law firm of the Latino community”, MALDEF promotes social change through advocacy, communications, community education, and litigation in the areas of education, employment, immigrant rights, and political access.
http://www.maldef.org/about/mission/index.html

National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)

Heartland Alliance’s National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) is dedicated to ensuring human rights protections and access to justice for all immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.
With offices in Chicago, Indiana, and Washington, D.C., NIJC provides direct legal services to and advocates for these populations through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.
http://www.immigrantjustice.org/

National Immigration Law Center (NILC)

This organization’s mission is to protect and promote the rights and opportunities of low-income immigrants and their family members. NILC staff specializes in immigration law and employment and public benefits rights of immigrants.
http://www.nilc.org/
10 Steps to Naturalization Understanding the Process of Becoming a U.S. Citizen

Civics Flash Cards Homepage
These civics flash cards help increase knowledge and understanding of U.S. history and government. Immigrants applying for naturalization use these cards as a study tool to prepare for the naturalization tests and teachers or volunteers can use them in the classroom.
Civics Flash Cards

Immigration and Language Guidelines for Child Welfare Staff
Immigration and language guidelines for child welfare staff. (2nd ed).
NYC administration for children’s services.

The Center on Immigration and Child Welfare
The mission of CICW, formerly the Migration and Child Welfare National Network, is to improve programs and policies related to immigrant children and families involved in the public child welfare system. CICW conducts and disseminates research, develops policy and practice recommendations, develops and disseminates resources, and works with federal, state, and local child welfare agencies to facilitate policy and practice improvements.
http://cimmcw.org/

Myths and Facts about Undocumented Immigrants
Prepared by the National Immigration Forum, June 2003

Naturalization Resources in Spanish - Recursos para la naturalizacion
Find information on eligibility and testing, the application process, and study materials.
http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/learners/recursos-para-la-naturalizacion

The Immigration Process
The flow charts provide basic information about how the immigration process plays out for different types of applications and cases.
http://www.immigrantjustice.org/immigration-process

Undocumented Immigrants: Myths and Reality/Facts & Figures
The Urban Institute.
Bridging Refugee and Youth Children' Services Training Modules

BRYCS Webinars and Online Training Modules are a free and provide valuable training that will assist you in serving refugee and immigrant children, youth, and their families. http://www.brycs.org/webinars-and-online-training.cfm

Immigration Law and Social Work Practice-(NASW-California Chapter)

The purpose of this course is to assist social workers and mental health practitioners nationwide to gain a better understanding of U.S. immigration law and how its enforcement impacts individuals, families, communities, and the nation as a whole. http://www.socialworkweb.com/nasw/choose/details.cfm?course_number=1316

Introduction to IDEA Part C: Three Interactive Modules

Informative training on IDEA Part C. http://ectacenter.org/wamodules/foundations.asp