



# RESOURCE GUIDE

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

## NATIONAL & KANSAS/MISSOURI REGIONAL RESOURCES

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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://famielsttogetherinc.org/?page\\_id=2090](http://famielsttogetherinc.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](http://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/>

<http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-firststepsgeneralbrochuresept2011.pdf>

[http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-](http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-firststepsgeneralinformbrochurespanish2011.pdf)

[firststepsgeneralinformbrochurespanish2011.pdf](http://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-fs-firststepsgeneralinformbrochurespanish2011.pdf)

## **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](mailto:info@tiny-k.org)

<http://tiny-k.org/>

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

### **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.

[http://www.kpirc.org/uploads/Social\\_emot\\_eng.pdf](http://www.kpirc.org/uploads/Social_emot_eng.pdf)

### **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.multiplyingconnections.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.

<http://www.albertafamilywellness.org/resources/video/how-brains-are-built-core-story-brain-development>

### **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.

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<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/parabebe> (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>



## FAMILY PROGRAMS & CENTERS

### **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](http://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.pdf)

[http://www.ksits.org/download/Parents\\_Rights\\_Booklet\\_Spanish.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](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](http://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](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

[http://www.soundbeginnings.org/download/A\\_Kansas\\_Resource\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.soundbeginnings.org/download/A_Kansas_Resource_Guide.pdf)

# 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](mailto:info@ccvi.org)

[www.ccvi.org](http://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](http://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.

<http://www.refugees.org/our-work/child-migrants/immigrant-childrens-lawyers.html>

### **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](mailto: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/>

# NATURALIZATION & IMMIGRATION INFORMATION

## **10 Steps to Naturalization Understanding the Process of Becoming a U.S. Citizen**

<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/files/M-1051.pdf>

## **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. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed).

NYC administration for children's services.

[www.nyc.gov/html/acs/downloads/pdf/immigration\\_language\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/acs/downloads/pdf/immigration_language_guide.pdf)

## **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

<http://www.immigrationforum.org/images/uploads/mythsandfacts.pdf>

## **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.

<http://www.urban.org/publications/900898.html> & <http://www.urban.org/publications/1000587.html>

## TRAININGS & PRESENTATIONS (VARIOUS TOPICS)

### **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](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>