
Parent Education Resources

Free Resources From Ed Pubs

The following resources are a few of the many publications that may be ordered free of charge from the Internet. These are available in both English and Spanish. (See www.ed.gov/about/pubs/intro/index.html)

Guide For Parents: How Do I Know A Good Early Reading Program When I See One? and ***Una guía para los padres: Como puedo reconocer un buen programa de lectura para la primera enseñanza?*** Provides guidelines for parents to help recognize the characteristics of a good early reading program.

Guide for Reading: How Parents Can Help Their Children Be Ready To Read and Ready To Learn and ***Guía para leer.*** Provides tips to parents of young children regarding how to prepare them for reading and learning. This brochure lets parents know how important it is to be involved with their children by reading to them and preparing them for reading and learning on their own.

Helping Your Child Become A Reader and ***Ayudando a su hijo a ser un buen lector.***

Offers pointers on how to build the language skills of young children, from infancy to age six. This booklet provides numerous activities parents can do to boost their children's love of reading.

Helping Your Child Become A Responsible Citizen and ***Como ayudar a su hijo a ser un ciudadano responsable.*** Provides information about the values and skills that make up good character and good citizenship, and what parents can do to help their child develop strong character. The booklet also suggests activities that parents and school-age children can do to put those values to work in their daily lives.

Helping Your Child With Homework: For Parents Of Children In Elementary Through Middle School and ***Como ayudar a su hijo con la tarea escolar.*** Helps parents of elementary and junior high school students understand the purpose and nature of homework and makes suggestions for helping their children complete homework assignments successfully.

Helping Your Preschool Child and ***Como ayudar a su hijo durante la edad preescolar.*** Highlights techniques parents can use to encourage their children to study, learn, and stay in school by focusing on activities that make learning fun. The booklet has information applicable to infants through children age five.

Questions Parents Ask About Schools and ***Preguntas que hacen los padres sobre las escuelas.*** Answers questions frequently asked by parents of elementary and middle-school-aged children who want to help their children learn and succeed. The research-based tips in

this publication provide both practical guidance and valuable information about a range of topics.

Reading Tips For Parents and ***Consejos practicos para los padres sobre la lectura*** [Revised-2003]. Provides tips for parents to help children be ready to read and ready to learn. This brochure gives advice to parents about how to know a good early reading program, how to put simple strategies for creating strong readers into action, and how to practice the five essential components of good reading.

Ten Facts Every Parent Should Know About The No Child Left Behind Act and ***Diez datos que cada padre debe saber sobre la ley que ningún niño se quede atrás***. Provides ten facts that every parent should know about how this historic law helps their children. This multi-fold brochure is printed in English on one side and Spanish on the other. It also provides resources for obtaining more information and publications.

Tips For Parents On Keeping Children Drug Free and ***Consejos para los padres sobre como mantener a los hijos libres de la droga***. While not available in hard copy, this publication is available and downloadable from the Ed Pubs Web site at www.ed.gov/about/pubs/intro/index.html.

Popular Web Sites for Parents & Practitioners

Family Literacy Special Collection of the National Institute for Literacy offers an annotated list of Web sites that teachers can use to help parents develop positive parenting skills. http://literacy.kent.edu/Midwest/FamilyLit/pract_parented.html

FirstGov.gov for Parents. Here you'll find lots of parenting tip sheets for parents with children of all ages. <http://www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Parents.shtml>

About.com has several sections worthy of visiting. Parenting & Family offers links to pages of information on children's books, family Internet, baby products, day care and preschool, fatherhood and frugal living. <http://home.about.com/parenting/>

Connect for Kids provides the latest information on supporting children's language and literacy development. It contains age-appropriate activities for children, the latest information for parents and teachers, and news articles parents and teachers can use to support learning. <http://www.connectforkids.org/>

Education Trust offers new Web resources for Latino parents, community leaders and advocates. The Education Trust has launched its Spanish-language Web site featuring reports and resources for Spanish-speaking parents, community leaders and advocates. <http://www2.edtrust.org/EdTrust/spanish.htm>

Family Education is an interactive site with information on health, child development, behavior, and family issues. The site is divided into age groups: Pre-K–2, 3–5, and 6–12; and addresses school, entertainment and life issues. <http://fen.com/>

FunBrain.com encourages parental participation. Click on the *Parents* tab for educational children's games. Topics include numbers, words, universe, and culture.

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Motheread is a private, non-profit literacy development organization, working to integrate literature-based curriculum and training into literacy, early childhood education, and family support programs. <http://www.motheread.com/>

National PTA offers a host of information for parents in English and Spanish. Click on the Parent Involvement tab for parenting tip sheets, newsletters, and videos. <http://www.pta.org/>

National Parenting Center is dedicated to providing parents with comprehensive and responsible guidance from the world's most renowned child-rearing authorities.

<http://www.tnpc.com/test/index.asp>

Parent Soup.com is a place where parents can discuss and learn about parenting. The site contains a wealth of information including tips on children's different ages and stages, discipline, and planning family activities. <http://www.parentsoup.com/>

Parenthood.com provides information for parents such as parenting tips, nutrition, family finance, and consumer topics that may be used for parent education topics of discussion.

<http://www.parenthood.com/links.html>

Parenting.com invites parents to read articles, read expert questions and answers, and explore other parenting tips and resources. The site is divided into information on pregnancy, baby, preschooler, and mom. <http://www.parenting.com/parenting/>

Parenting.org provides common sense answers to parenting questions. The site is organized to provide easy access to content based on the child's age. This is good information for research and discussion during parent education time.

<http://www.parenting.org/>

Parents as Teachers offers a variety of educational handouts in Spanish and English. Click on the *For Parents* tab for topics such as *Helping Children Cope with War and Trauma* and *Preparing Children for Separations*. <http://www.patnc.org/>

ParentsPlace.com was created by two stay-at-home parents to provide broad content depth with an emphasis on newborns and pregnancy. Topics include pregnancy, breastfeeding, and children's illnesses. <http://www.parentsplace.com/>

PBS Kids is an interactive Web site for children, parents and teachers. It contains fun activities, games and parent resources. Parents and children can even customize stories to include the child's name and favorite character. <http://pbskids.org/>

Positive Parenting.com is dedicated to providing resources and information to make parenting rewarding, effective, and fun! Current and archived issues of the newsletter are

available, as are multimedia resources and links to other pertinent sites.

<http://www.positiveparenting.com/>

Reading Rockets.org offers information about teaching children to read. The site includes what to look for in a preschool program, a list of recommended children's books, and a link to the companion Spanish Web site, ¡Colorín, Colorado! <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Sofweb is an Australian educational site with materials for parents translated into 15 languages. The booklets in *The Early Years* section provide information suitable for parent education discussion. The literacy level is high, so staff will need to have a high reading level in the parents' language. <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/esl/transmat.htm>

[Spanish] **Univision.com** offers a wide variety of topics for parents to read and discuss during parent education. Click on Vida, then on Educación for topics such as summer learning opportunities, scholarships, and reading tips.

<http://www.univision.com/portal.jhtml>

Zero to Three offers a wide variety of research based articles that can provide teachers with background information for parent education discussions in the Parenting A-Z section. Articles are too advanced for beginning ELL parents to read. <http://www.zerotothree.org/>