

Helpful Resources

The following are free, publicly available resources that may be of interest to human services professionals working to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency.

National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families

Description: The National Resource Center for Healthy Marriage and Families (Resource Center) supports the integration of [healthy marriage and relationship education](#) into targeted [safety-net service delivery systems](#) as part of a comprehensive strategy to strengthen families and promote family self-sufficiency. The Resource Center offers a variety of services including expert-led [webinars](#) and a [monthly newsletter](#) highlighting new research and best practice, an online library of more than 3,000 resources, [multi-media resources](#), including videos and podcasts; and [technical assistance](#) for interested stakeholders.

Audience: Safety-net service providers

Website: <https://www.healthymarriageandfamilies.org/>

Contact: info@healthymarriageandfamilies.org



National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse (NRFC)

Description: NRFC equips practitioners and stakeholders with information they can use to build the capacity of fathers to be financially and emotionally involved with their children and families. The Office of Family Assistance-funded NRFC provides support to strengthen fathers and families, as well as the providers who serve them, through the robust NRFC website, annual media campaign, social media engagement, written products, outreach and presentations at conferences and events, a national call center for fathers, families, and practitioners, and virtual trainings (webinars).

Audience: Fathers, practitioners, programs/federal grantees, states, and the public at-large who are serving or interested in supporting strong fathers and families

Website: <https://www.fatherhood.gov>

Contact: info@fatherhood.gov

Office of Family Assistance (OFA) PeerTA

Description: OFA PeerTA was designed to help state and local TANF programs communicate about “what works” in supporting welfare populations. PeerTA’s website is its main communication and outreach vehicle. The site includes a resource library, interactive Q&A forum for information sharing across state and local agencies, and an Online Learning Center with links to free, self-guided online training modules with topics that include Tribal TANF program basics and Tribal TANF data management.

Audience: State and local agencies implementing the TANF program

Website: <https://peerta.acf.hhs.gov>





Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse (SSRC)

Description: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation-funded SSRC seeks to make connections between research, policy, and practice for those who study and provide services to low-income and vulnerable populations. The SSRC provides researchers, practitioners, and policymakers a web-based repository of information – a “one stop” portal – to promote sharing of knowledge about the self-sufficiency field, related programs, and policy implementation.

Audience: Researchers, policymakers, and practitioners who serve low-income and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) families

Website: <https://www.opressrc.org>

Contact: ssrc@opressrc.org

Capacity Building Center for States

Description: The Capacity Building Center for States (the Center) partners with State and territorial public child welfare agencies to achieve better outcomes for children, youth, and families. The Center offers an array of services to meet this goal, including products and tools, web-based training, peer networking, group coaching, and individualized expert consultation. As part of the Children's Bureau, the Center's work focuses on 15 priority areas for capacity building to meet the needs of public child welfare agencies.

Audience: Child welfare agencies

Website: <https://capacity.childwelfare.gov/states>

Contact: capacityinfo@icfi.com



Child Welfare Information Gateway

Description: Children's Bureau-funded Child Welfare Information Gateway (Information Gateway) is the connection to the best information services and peer-to-peer interaction targeted to the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families. Information Gateway provides access to a full continuum of information and resources – including essential information on programs, research, law and policies, training resources, and statistics – needed by child welfare and related professionals to positively address the needs and impact the lives of children, youth, and families. Information Gateway's topical scope covers prevention to permanency and beyond, targeting the wide range of issues and topics surrounding child welfare, child abuse and neglect, and adoption.

Audience: Professionals working in and with the child welfare field, managers and administrators, grantees, and the general public

Website: <https://www.childwelfare.gov>

Contact: info@childwelfare.gov