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• **MELANNE VERVEER** •

Melanny - |
Here are descriptions
of major national
clearinghouses that
deal w/ children's issues,
programs, etc. - Liz

Comments

Dear Liz:

Attached is the list of national clearinghouses and resource centers, including a brief description of each. Please keep in mind that we have additional information on each, as well as on most of the national organizations (publication lists; promotional brochures, newsletters). Please note that we drafted these short descriptions for you this morning; the individual clearinghouses have not reviewed them. We, therefore, would prefer that you not share this list outside your office.

As you will note, many of the clearinghouses on the list focus specifically on children and youth. Others focus on other topic areas but have information on that issue, concern, or strategy as it relates to or affects children and youth. The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, for example, shares information on youth at risk of alcohol or drug use.

As we discussed, clearinghouses and resource centers tend to operate a little differently:

- Clearinghouses typically are managed by for-profit consulting firms who are awarded contracts by a Federal Agency. There are very specific contract requirements, which typically include developing and maintaining databases of literature, funding, and program descriptions; developing promotional materials; maintaining an information and referral service; exhibiting at

national conferences, producing technical assistance publications; and assisting the funding agency in collaborating on behalf of young people. Some clearinghouses, such as the National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY) also host forums designed to bring together experts to explore emerging issues and develop strategies for helping the field respond to those issues.

The managing firm remains invisible to the public, and the work of the clearinghouse is reviewed and approved by the funding agency. The Federal Agency generally guides the work of the clearinghouse, with input from the firm managing the day-to-day operation. In some cases, of course, the staff managing the clearinghouse work very closely with the Federal Agency to provide input about substantive topics to be explored through special meetings or addressed by publications.

Most national clearinghouses were established and are fully funded by Federal Agencies.

- Resource Centers

Resource centers tend to be managed by nonprofit organizations that focus on a particular issue area. The American Humane Association, for example, manages the National Resource Center on Child Abuse and Neglect for the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Most Federal Agencies award grants or cooperative agreements to such organizations to manage the resource centers.

Typically, resource centers provide more direct technical assistance (through onsite consultation or trainings) than clearinghouses (which typically offer informational assistance, although some, such as NCFY, produce true technical assistance materials.) They also operate more independently of the Federal Agency than clearinghouses.

Some resource centers were established and are fully funded by Federal Agencies. Others are established by universities and nonprofit organizations and may receive partial financial support from a Federal Agency; some receive no Federal funding.

You also asked about national resource organizations. Most of them are nonprofit organizations focused on a particular issue or constituency. They fall into several types of groups: 1) public interest groups, such as the National Governor's Association; 2) research or policy groups, such as the National Council on Crime and Delinquency; and 3) membership organizations, such as the National Association of Child Advocates. Most of these organizations provide services to their membership through ongoing or special projects, offer conferences and trainings, and produce and distribute materials. The majority do some type of public policy or advocacy work and produce public education materials; some also

special projects.

I would be happy to speak with you about this further. Call me if you need clarification or additional information.

We also are sending you a packet of NCFY materials under separate cover. Please feel free to call me whenever we can be of assistance to you.

Cynthia

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers

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Access Educational Resources Information

Center (ERIC) Clearinghouse
1600 Research Boulevard
Mailstop 5F
Rockville, MD 20850
(800) LET-ERIC
(301) 251-5264
FAX: (301) 251-5767

This Clearinghouse allows access to information about the Educational Resources Information Center, a nationwide network of 16 clearinghouses funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-5500
(800) 688-4252
FAX: (301) 251-5212

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice, established this Federal Clearinghouse to share information with criminal justice professionals and to distribute BJA publications. It is a component of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service.

This list comprises national clearinghouses/resource centers; readers should not presume that this list is exhaustive. Moreover, points of view and opinions expressed by these organizations do not necessarily represent the official position, policies, or views of the Family and Youth Services Bureau, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or the National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

Bureau of Justice Statistics
Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-5500
(800) 732-3277
FAX: (301) 251-5212

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), U.S. Department of Justice, established this Federal Clearinghouse to share information with criminal justice professionals and to distribute BJS publications. It is a component of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service.

Children's Television Resource
& Education Center
340 Townsend Street
Suite 423
San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 243-9943
FAX: (415) 243-9037

The Center was founded as a nonprofit educational corporation dedicated to creating services and products that promote children's social development and academic success. The Center provides media consultation services, publishes a newsletter, and produces media programming. The Center also produced a social skills curriculum (K-4), and other materials for young people.

Community Information Exchange
1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Suite 710
Washington, D.C. 20005-3526
(202) 628-2981
FAX: (202) 783-1485

The Exchange is a national, nonprofit information service dedicated to providing organizations in urban and rural areas with the information they need to successfully revitalize their communities. The Exchange offers a monthly newsletter, quarterly alerts, and access to five databases and seven bulletin boards.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

Girls Incorporated
National Resource Center
441 West Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
(317) 634-7546
FAX: (317) 634-3024

This Resource Center is Girls Inc.'s research, evaluation, and training center, which informs the development of all the organization's programming. It also provides a clearinghouse on girls' issues. Girls Inc. is a national organization focusing on improving the lives of young girls.

Health Care for the Homeless
Information Resource Center
44 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210
(617) 482-9485
FAX: (617) 482-0617

This Center is an information support service for the U.S. Public Health Services' Health Care for the Homeless Projects and others exploring homeless health care issues. The Center provides information and referral, maintains a database, produces a newsletter and other materials, and conducts a national conference.

HUD Community Connections
P.O. Box 7189
Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7189
(800) 998-9999
FAX: (301) 251-5027

This is the information center of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Office of Community Planning and Development. The center provides information on HUD initiatives, new HUD Federal regulations, funding announcements, and information on conferences and trainings related to housing and community development. It also distributes a newsletter.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

HUD Drug Information & Strategy
Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 6424
Rockville, MD 20850
(800) 578-DISC
FAX: (301) 251-5767 or 5747

This Clearinghouse promotes the health and safety of public housing residents and helps control drug-related activities. Funded by HUD, the Clearinghouse maintains databases of community program descriptions, publications, research, and news articles; provides referrals and information on HUD legal opinions and regulations; and produces a newsletter.

HUD Fair Housing Information
Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 9145
McLean, VA 22102
(800) 343-FHIC
TTY/TDD: (800) 290-1617
FAX: (703) 821-2098

HUD established this Clearinghouse to promote equal opportunity in housing, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The Clearinghouse assists individuals in developing outreach materials, provides technical assistance to local fair housing groups, produces a newsletter and other materials, and archives materials created under several HUD fair housing initiatives.

HUD Resource: Resident Initiatives
Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 6424
Rockville, MD 20850
(800) 955-2232
FAX: (301) 251-5767 or 5747

HUD established this Clearinghouse to support the activities of the Agency's Office of Community Relations and Involvement within the Office of Public and Indian Housing. The Clearinghouse maintains databases of information on public laws, regulations, case studies, research reports, program summaries, and notices of funding that relate to resident initiatives in public housing or low-income communities.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

HUD USER

P.O. Box 6091
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-5154
(800) 245-2691
FAX: (301) 251-5767 or 574

This HUD Clearinghouse disseminates the latest research in housing and urban development.

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse

P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-5500
(800) 638-8736
FAX: (301) 251-5212

This Clearinghouse serves as a centralized resource for information on juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, this Clearinghouse maintains a literature database, offers a reading room, manages an electronic bulletin board, and produces publications and other materials.

Mediascope

12711 Ventura Boulevard
Suite 250
Studio City, CA 91604
(818) 508-2080
FAX: (818) 508-2088

This nonprofit advocacy organization works to improve the depiction of health and social issues by the entertainment industry. The organization hosts informational forums; provides no-charge consulting services to writers, directors, and producers; produces summaries of research papers and transcripts of the forums; and operates a resource center disseminating research studies and providing referrals to youth programs and experts on youth policy and practice.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

Mental Health Policy Resource Center
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Suite 308
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 775-8826
FAX: (202) 659-7613

This Center maintains a library collection of published and unpublished materials related to mental health policy and manages an electronic network through which it shares information and conducts forums.

Military Family Clearinghouse
4015 Wilson Boulevard
Suite 903
Arlington, VA 22203-5190
(703) 696-5806
(800) 336-4592
FAX: (703) 696-6344

This Clearinghouse was established to support the professional community that helps families cope with the unique challenges of military life. The Clearinghouse maintains bibliographic databases, produces publications and other materials, and offers a reading room by appointment.

National Adolescent Health Resource Center
University of Minnesota
Division of General Pediatrics
and Adolescent Health
P.O. Box 721, UMHC
420 Delaware Street, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
(612) 624-8644
FAX: (612) 626-2134

Funded by the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, this Center focuses on collecting and distributing materials on the health and well-being of adolescents. The Center also offers general consultation on needs assessment issues.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Adoption Information

Clearinghouse
5640 Nicholson Lane
Suite 300
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 231-6512
FAX: (301) 984-8527

This Clearinghouse, sponsored by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, maintains a library of adoption materials, produces fact sheets and a catalogue of audiovisual materials on adoption, and provides a reading room.

National AIDS Clearinghouse

P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20849-6003
(800) 458-5231
(800) TRIALS-A (AIDS Clinical Trials
Information)
FAX: (301) 738-6616

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention established this Clearinghouse to serve as its reference, referral, and materials distribution service for people working in the field of HIV prevention, service delivery, and care. The Clearinghouse collects and disseminates information on a range of HIV-related organizations and educational materials.

National Center for Education

in Maternal and Child Health
2000 15th Street, North
Suite 701
Arlington, VA 22201
(703) 524-7802
FAX: (703) 524-9335

This Center provides information on maternal and child health issues, and technical assistance aimed at reducing child injuries caused by abuse, suicide, homicide, sexual assault, and family violence. The Center is funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Child Care
Information Center
301 Maple Avenue West
Suite 602
Vienna, VA 22180
(800) 616-2242
FAX: (800) 716-2242

This Center, funded by the Child Care Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, was established to complement, enhance, and promote child care linkages and to serve as a mechanism for supporting quality, comprehensive services for children and families. The Center disseminates information, produces bulletins, and supports the Child Care Bureau in the collection and analysis of child care data. It also serves as an adjunct ERIC clearinghouse for child care.

National Child Welfare Resource Center
for Organizational Improvement
University of Southern Maine
One Post Office Square
P.O. Box 15010
Portland, ME 04112
(207) 780-5810
(800) Help-Kid
FAX: (207) 780-5817

The purpose of this Center is to build the capacity of publicly administered or supported child welfare agencies to design, implement, and evaluate management and human resource development practices to improve outcomes for children and families in a racially and culturally diverse society. The Center offers information, referrals, publications, and technical assistance.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol
and Drug Information

P.O. Box 2345

Rockville, MD 20847-2345

(301) 468-2600

(800) 729-6686

TDD: (301) 230-2687 or (800) 487-4889

FAX: (301) 468-6433

This Clearinghouse is the central point within the Federal Government for information and materials about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Clearinghouse manages bibliographic databases, and produces monographs, resource guides, pamphlets, and information on Federal grants. The Clearinghouse also offers a reading room.

National Clearinghouse for Primary
Care Information

2070 Chain Bridge Road

Suite 450

Vienna, VA 22182

(703) 821-8955

FAX: (703) 821-2098

Funded by the Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this Clearinghouse is designed to assist administrators and practitioners in accessing information and obtaining materials that will support the delivery of high-quality health care at the community level. The Clearinghouse produces and distributes manuals, handbooks, and resource guides of interest to professionals working in primary care centers funded by the Agency.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Clearinghouse for Youth Sports

Information

2050 Vista Parkway

West Palm Beach, FL 33411

(407) 684-1141

FAX: (407) 684-2546

This Clearinghouse, a part of the National Alliance for Youth Sports, offers the public access to information and materials pertaining to youth sports. The Clearinghouse's resource library includes research, instructional videos, and the results of surveys conducted by the National Youth Sports Research & Development Center.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse
and Neglect Information

P.O. Box 1182

Washington, D.C. 20013-1182

(703) 385-7565

(800) 394-3366

FAX: (703) 385-3206

This Clearinghouse, funded by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides information on the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The Clearinghouse also produces publications and other materials, and operates a reading room providing access to more than 20,000 documents.

National Clearinghouse on
Families & Youth

P.O. Box 13505

Silver Spring, MD 20911-3505

(301) 608-8098

FAX: (301) 608-8721

The Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, established the National Clearinghouse on Families & Youth (NCFY) to serve as a central source of information on youth and family issues. NCFY offers an information and referral service, hosts special-issue forums, and produces technical assistance and public education materials.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Criminal Justice
Reference Service
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850
(301) 251-5500
(800) 851-3420
FAX: (301) 251-5212

The National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, established this clearinghouse to furnish research findings to professionals working to improve the criminal justice system. The clearinghouse offers a range of reference, referral, and distribution services, and operates a bulletin board and Internet gopher.

National Foster Care
Resource Center
Eastern Michigan University
102 King Hall
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(313) 487-0374
FAX: (313) 487-0284

This Center was established to develop new resources, identify and disseminate model programs, provide technical assistance and training and program evaluation services, and facilitate collaboration among agencies concerned with children in out-of-home placements.

National Information Center for
Children and Youth With Disabilities
P.O. Box 1492
Washington, D.C. 20013-1492
(202) 884-8200
(800) 695-0285
FAX: (202) 884-8441

This Center provides information about children and youth (ages birth to 22) with disabilities. The Center responds to requests for information from families of children with disabilities and the professionals who work with them, develops publications, and maintains a database of additional resources and organizations for referral.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Institute of Corrections
Information Center
1860 Industrial Circle
Suite A
Longmont, CO 80501
(303) 682-0213
FAX: (303) 682-0558

This information exchange resource for adult corrections professionals was established by the National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice. The Center provides technical assistance and information on research, policy formulation, professional standards, and facility planning and design.

National Maternal and Child
Health Clearinghouse
2070 Chain Bridge Road
Suite 450
Vienna, VA 22182
(703) 821-8955, ext. 254
FAX: (703) 821-2098

This Clearinghouse distributes current information materials from a large inventory that is catalogued and distributed to the public. The Clearinghouse also offers information and referral services and produces bibliographies, resource directories, conference proceedings, and other educational materials.

National Resource Center for Family
Support Programs
Family Resource Coalition
200 South Michigan Avenue
Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 341-0900
FAX: (312) 341-9361

This Resource Center was established to assure the availability of information on the design, development, and implementation of family support programs. The Center, funded by the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, collects and produces materials, and provides technical assistance, training, and consultation in family support program design and operations.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Resource Center for
Respite and Crisis Care Services
Chapel Hill Training Outreach Project
800 Eastown Drive
Suite 105
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-2204
(919) 490-5577
FAX: (919) 490-4905

This Center provides training and technical assistance to respite care providers under the Temporary Child Care Act of 1986. The Center is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

National Resource Center for Special
Needs Adoption
16250 Northland Drive
Suite 120
Southfield, MI 48075
(810) 443-7080
FAX: (810) 443-7099

The purpose of this Center is to improve the effectiveness and quality of adoption and postadoption services for children with special needs. The Center provides training and technical assistance, and produces publications, videos, and curricula.

National Resource Center for Youth Services
The University Of Oklahoma
202 West Eighth Street
Tulsa, OK 74119-1419
(918) 585-2986
FAX: (918) 592-1841

This Resource Center receives funding from a range of sources, including the Federal Government, to provide training and technical assistance, conference planning, publications, and information and referral services to child welfare, youth service, juvenile justice, and other professionals focusing on young people.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Resource Center on
Child Abuse and Neglect
63 Inverness Drive, East
Englewood, CO 80112-5117
(303) 792-9900
(800) 227-5242
FAX: (303) 792-5333

This Resource Center, funded by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is managed by the American Humane Association. The Center provides information, and training and technical assistance to professionals working in the field of child abuse and neglect.

National Resource Center on Child
Sexual Abuse
2204 Whitesburg Drive
Suite 200
Huntsville, AL 35801
(205) 534-6868
(800) 534-7006
FAX: (205) 534-6883

This Resource Center, funded by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides technical support to all professionals who work with sexually abused children and their families. Services include information and referral, training and technical assistance, and materials development and dissemination.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Resource Center on
Domestic Violence
6400 Flank Drive
Suite 1300
Harrisburg, PA 17112
(717) 545-6400
(800) 537-2238
FAX: (717) 545-9456

This Center, funded by the Office of Community Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides comprehensive information; resources, policy development, and technical assistance designed to enhance community response to, and prevention of, domestic violence. The Center also serves as the central unit for the Domestic Violence Resource Network:

- Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women
- Resource Center on Child Protection and Custody

National Resource Center for
Family-Centered Practice
School of Social Work
The University of Iowa
112 North Hall
Iowa City, IA 52242
(319) 335-2200
FAX: (319) 335-2204

This Center helps States link family-centered child welfare services with family support. A collaboration among the University of Iowa School of Social Work, the Family Resource Coalition, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the Center offers technical assistance, training, and research and evaluation for family-centered practice.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Resource Center on
Homelessness and Mental Illness
262 Delaware Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(800) 444-7415
FAX: (518) 439-7612

This Resource Center, funded by the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides information on the needs of homeless persons with severe mental illnesses. The Center maintains literature databases, provides information and referral services, develops workshops and materials, and offers on-site technical assistance to CMHS demonstration projects.

The National Service-Learning
Clearinghouse
University of Minnesota
1954 Buford Avenue
Room R-290
St. Paul, MN 55108
(800) 808-SERVE
FAX: (612) 625-6277

This Clearinghouse, funded by the Corporation on National and Community Service, has as its goal to assist Serve-America grantees and to help educators and community agencies develop and expand service-learning opportunities for all youth. The Clearinghouse, managed by the National Youth Leadership Council in conjunction with the University of Minnesota, provides information on the Serve-America Program and organizations engaged in promoting service-learning.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

National Women's Resource Center for the
Prevention and Treatment of Alcohol,
Tobacco, and Other Drug Abuse and
Mental Illness
515 King Street
Suite 410
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 836-8761
(800) 354-8824
FAX: (703) 684-6048

This Center was established by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to stimulate policy discussions, disseminate research findings, and provide information, training, and technical assistance to professionals. The Center also produces publications and maintains databases of literature, experts, and funding.

Office for Victims of Crime
Resource Center
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850-6000
(800) 627-6872
FAX: (301) 251-5212

This Resource Center, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice, provides victim-related information to policymakers, researchers, and victim services providers. The Center manages databases; produces bulletins, fact sheets, and reports; and offers a reading room. It is a component of the National Criminal Justice Reference Service.

Office of Minority Health Resource Center
P.O. Box 37337
Washington, D.C. 20013-7337
(301) 587-1938
(800) 444-6472
TDD: (301) 589-0951
FAX: (301) 589-0884

This Resource Center provides information and referral on minority health issues. Funded by the Office of Minority Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Center offers database searches and produces materials, including a newsletter.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

Office of National Drug Control Policy
Drugs and Crime Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
(301) 251-5140
(800) 666-3332
FAX: (301) 251-5212

This Clearinghouse, funded by the Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy, provides current data about illegal drugs.

Office of Population
Affairs Clearinghouse
P.O. Box 30686
Bethesda, MD 20824-0686
(301) 654-6190
FAX: (301) 907-9655

This Clearinghouse, funded by the Office of Population Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides information on family planning, adolescent pregnancy prevention, adoption, contraception, and sterilization. The Clearinghouse's target audience includes Title X and Title XX grantees.

Resource Center on Substance Abuse
Prevention and Disability
1819 L Street, N.W.
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 628-8080
FAX: (202) 628-3812

The purpose of this Resource Center is to meet the need for information on prevention of problems in the disability community that are related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The Center, funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, produces materials, responds to telephone inquiries, and makes presentations at national conferences for health and human services professionals.

National Clearinghouses/Resource Centers (continued)

Women's Bureau Clearinghouse
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Room S3306
Washington, D.C. 20210
(202) 219-4486
(800) 827-5335
FAX: (202) 219-5529

This Clearinghouse, funded by the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, is a resource center responsive to dependent-care and women's issues. The Clearinghouse provides information kits on work and family issues, maintains a computerized database, and offers a reading room.