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Family & Child Studies Research Guide

This is a general guide for locating books, journal articles, and Web information on this topic. Please contact the librarian at the end of the document if you need further assistance or drop by the reference desk to ask for help at any time.

Finding Books

Use the "Find: Books" link on the library's homepage to connect to the Prescott Memorial Library online catalog which can be searched by author, title, subject, etc. The most effective subject searching uses the *Library of Congress (LC) Subject Headings*. Notice that each record in the online catalog will indicate the subject headings assigned to that item, and these are usually hot links to other materials on similar topics.

Materials are organized and arranged by *LC* call numbers. Many items in this subject area fall into the call number ranges below:

Floor	Call No. Range	Subject Area	Subject Search Terms
6 th	HQ503-1064	Sociology: Family, child study	Adolescence--Encyclopedias Child development Child psychology Child rearing
7 th	LB1101-1547	Early childhood education	Children--Books and reading Early childhood education--Activity programs Language arts (Preschool) Reading (Preschool)
9 th	RJ	Pediatrics	Adolescent psychiatry Child development--Handbooks, manuals, etc.. Child development--Testing Child psychiatry Children--Growth Children--Health and hygiene--Encyclopedias Infants--Care--Handbooks, manuals, etc. Infants--Development--Testing Pediatrics

Additional Catalogs:

- La. Academic Libraries - allows you to search all state academic libraries
- WorldCat - allows you to search library collections from around the world

Subject-Specific Book Titles:

Assessment methods for infants and toddlers [computer file] : transdisciplinary team approaches
/ Bergen, Doris. (NetLibrary)
Behavioral, social, and emotional assessment of children and adolescents [electronic resource]
/ Merrell, Kenneth W. (NetLibrary)
Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science, Vols. 1-4 (NetLibrary)
Encyclopedia of early childhood education (LB1139.25 .E53 1992)
Encyclopedia of marriage, divorce and the family / Margaret DiCanio (REF HQ9 .D38 1989)
Encyclopedia of child abuse, the / Robin E. Clark (REF HV6626.5 .C57 2001)
Handbook for measurement and evaluation in early childhood education / William L. Goodwin
(LB1115 .G635)

Finding Articles

Unless you know the title of an article or journal for your research, you will use the online indexes to locate scholarly journal articles. Some of the articles are available in full-text format, so that you can view them and print them while at your computer. Some of the articles will be found in our print journals located on the 3rd floor, and you will use the "Search the Tech Catalog" link to get the call number so you can find the journal and make a copy of the article.

Keep in mind that we do not have access to all of the articles listed. However, if you find a citation that sounds perfect for your research paper and it is not available through the library, consider using the InterLibrary Loan option located under "Library Services" from the library homepage.

Online Article Indexes

To find online citations and some full text articles on your topic: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, then 2) click *Indexes & Databases* button to see an entire list of the library's indexes and databases. Recommended Indexes are listed below:

Academic Search Premier

Provides full text for nearly 4,600 scholarly publications, including full text for more than 3,500 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study and offers information dating as far back as 1975.

Academic Universe / Lexis Nexis

Comprehensive index to newspaper and magazine articles, radio and TV news program transcripts, legal material and other reference sources, much of it full-text. Primarily focused on news, business and legal topics. Coverage goes back 20 years or more.

LexisNexis Statistical - Full text of Statistical Abstract tables as well as an index to a large number of federal and state statistical resources through American Statistical Index (ASI) and Statistical Reference Index (SRI). (1970's-present)
Includes full-text.

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

Index to research articles, government and independent reports and conference papers covering all areas of education at all levels.

Health Source

Full text from nearly 270 periodicals covering nutrition, exercise, medical self-care, drugs and alcohol, and much more, as well as indexing and abstracts for over 430 periodicals. This database also provides full text for over 1,090 pamphlets and 23 books. Full text backfiles go as far back as January of 1990,

while indexing and abstract backfiles go as far back as January of 1984. This database is updated daily on EBSCOhost. Full Text: 1990-present; Index & Abstracts: 1984-present

Proquest Digital Dissertations

Index to doctoral dissertations and masters theses in all academic disciplines completed at U.S. institutions. Selectively covers masters theses and dissertations from Canada, Great Britain and Europe. 1861-present; abstracts since 1980; thesis abstracts since 1988

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

Provides coverage of nearly 550 full text journals, including more than 500 peer-reviewed titles. Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection covers topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods. Nearly every full text title included in this database is indexed in PsycINFO.

PsycInfo (Psychological Abstracts)

Index to journal articles, series and books for all areas of psychology including animal, applied, clinical, developmental, educational, general, human experimental, general, physiological, social and sport psychology, and treatment and prevention. Abstracts and index: 1887-present

SocINDEX

Indexes and selectively provides full text of articles in over 4,000 journals, of which 720 core journals date to 1895, 547 books and 6,711 conference papers in sociology, including criminal justice, demography, ethnic and racial studies, gender studies, marriage and family, political sociology, religion, rural and urban sociology, social development, social psychology, social structure, social work, sociological research, substance abuse, and violence.

Specific Journal Titles

To find **journal titles** when you already have a citation or know a specific journal you want to find, follow these 3 steps: 1) click *Find: Articles* on the homepage, 2) click *Journals* button 3) type the journal title in the first box to see if it is available electronically or in the second box to see if it available in print in the library.

A-Z Electronic Journals - lists all of the library's journals available in full-text format and provides links to the journal articles. Some useful online titles are:

- *Child Development* - Online / Print (HQ750 .A1 C45)
- *Child Welfare* - Online
- *Family Process* - Online / Print (RC488.5 .A1 F3)
- *Family Relations* - Online / Print (HQ1 .F36)
- *Human Development* - Online / Print (RC952.A2 V83)
- *Journal of Adolescent Research* - Online / Print (HQ793 .J622)
- *Journal of Child and Family Studies* - Online
- *Journal of Family Issues* - Online / Print (HQ1 .J463)
- *Journal of Family Therapy* - Online
- *Journal of Family Violence* - Online

Prescott Memorial Library Catalog - allows you to search for the journal in the library collection and provides the call number to locate the journal on the 3rd floor of the library. Some useful print titles are:

- *Developmental Psychology* - Print (BF699 .D46)
- *Journal of Marriage and the Family* - Online / Print (HQ1 .J48)
- *Parents* - Print (HQ768 .P33)
- *Young Children* - Print (LB1140.A1 J6)

Reference Resources

This is a collection of databases and other online resources grouped into subject categories. Categories with items worth exploring are:

- Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Law
- Psychology

Finding Government Information

A great deal of research and publication in this area is conducted by state and federal government organizations. Much of this is online and cataloged, so use the **Government Information** link on the library website to locate these websites under "Federal Websites and Databases":

- *Catalog of U.S. Government Publications* - Comprehensive listing of government documents published by the GPO (Gov Publication Office).
- *Fed Stats* - Statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies
- *SearchGov* - Google government search engine, that has reference links to executive, independent, state, and local agencies
- *Thomas* - Provides current U.S. Federal legislative information, bills, laws, Congressional Record reports, treaties, etc.
- *U. S. Census Bureau* - Provides source for social demographic and economic data

Additional Resources

General Information

- [Administration for Children and Families](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/) <<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>> - U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
- [Adoption History Project](http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~adoption/) <<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~adoption/>> - Timelines, topics, studies, essays
- [All Family Resources](http://www.familymanagement.com/) <<http://www.familymanagement.com/>> - Family resources and links
- [American Academy of Pediatrics](http://www.aap.org/) <<http://www.aap.org/>>
- [Child Abuse](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childabuse.html) <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childabuse.html>> - from Medline Plus
- [Child and Family Services Reviews \(CFSRs\) Resources](http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/profess/service_review/) <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/profess/service_review/> - From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, includes background, results, and analyses; the program improvement process; working with other systems; and improving outcomes for children and families
- [Child and Family Web Guide](http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/) <<http://www.cfw.tufts.edu/>> - From Tufts University. Links and annotations to the best sites about infants, children and teens
- [Children Now](http://www.childrennow.org/) <<http://www.childrennow.org/>> - Organization that uses the media to improve the status of children
- [Child Trends](http://www.childtrends.org/) <<http://www.childtrends.org/>>
- [Child Welfare Information](http://www.childwelfare.gov/) <<http://www.childwelfare.gov/>> - From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, their mission is to connect professionals and concerned citizens to practical, timely, and essential information on programs, research, legislation, and statistics to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families
- [Child Welfare League of America](http://www.cwla.org/) <<http://www.cwla.org/>>
- [CYFERNet](http://www.cwla.org/) <<http://www.cwla.org/>> - Children, Youth and Families Education and Research Network, from Cooperative Extension System

- [Early Childhood and Parenting Collaborative](http://www.cwla.org/) <http://www.cwla.org/> - From the University of Illinois
- [Early Childhood Educators' and Family Web Corner](http://users.sgi.net/~cokids/) <http://users.sgi.net/~cokids/>
- [Einet Galaxy - Family Section](http://www.galaxy.com/directory/1162/) <http://www.galaxy.com/directory/1162/> - List of links
- [Facts for Families](http://www.aacap.org/info_families/index.htm) <http://www.aacap.org/info_families/index.htm> - From the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology
- [Family and Consumer Education sites](http://www.uwstout.edu/lib/subjects/famconed.htm) <http://www.uwstout.edu/lib/subjects/famconed.htm> - LLC Subject Guide
- [Family and Youth Services Bureau \(FYSB\)](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/) <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/> - From the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a variety of publications, full text resources, and programs
- [Family Safety & Health](http://www.nsc.org/pubs/fsh.htm) <http://www.nsc.org/pubs/fsh.htm>
- [Future of Children](http://www.futureofchildren.org/) <http://www.futureofchildren.org/>
- [Harvard Family Research Project](http://www.gse.harvard.edu/%7Ehfrp/) <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/%7Ehfrp/>
- [Head Start Bureau](http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/) <http://www2.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/hsb/>
- [Informed Parent](http://www.informedparent.com/) <http://www.informedparent.com/> - From the Pediatric Medical Center, California
- [Kids Health](http://kidshealth.org/kid/) <http://kidshealth.org/kid/> - From the Nemours Foundation
- [Medline Plus: Infant and Newborn Care](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/infantandnewborncare.html) <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/infantandnewborncare.html> - From the U.S. National Library of Medicine
- [National Center for Early Development and Learning](http://www.fpg.unc.edu/%7Eencedl/) <http://www.fpg.unc.edu/%7Eencedl/>
- [National Child Care Information Center](http://nccic.org/) <http://nccic.org/>
- [National Council on Family Relations](http://www.ncfr.com/) <http://www.ncfr.com/>
- [National Network for Child Care](http://www.nncc.org/) <http://www.nncc.org/> - From Cooperative Extension systems
- [National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology \(NRC-CWDT\)](http://www.nrcwdt.org/) <http://www.nrcwdt.org/> - Their purpose is to assist State, local and tribal child welfare agencies and the courts in improving outcomes for children and families through the use of information technology
- [Online Birth Center](http://www.moonlily.com/obc/) <http://www.moonlily.com/obc/> - Articles and resources
- [Parenthood.com](http://www.parenthood.com/) <http://www.parenthood.com/> - Helping Families Grow
- [Stepfamily Association of America](http://www.saafamilies.org/) <http://www.saafamilies.org/> - Resources for stepfamilies
- [United States Department of Health and Human Services](http://www.hhs.gov/) <http://www.hhs.gov/> - Sections on Families and Children and Aging
- [Yahoo!: Children Directory](http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Cultures_and_Groups/Children/) <http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Cultures_and_Groups/Children/>
- [Zero to Three](http://www.zerotothree.org/) <http://www.zerotothree.org/> - Resources for parents and professionals

Statistics

- [Child Abuse: Statistics, Research, Resources](http://www.jimhopper.com/abstats/) <http://www.jimhopper.com/abstats/>
- [Child Trends Databank](http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/) <http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/> - the latest national trends and research on over 80 key indicators of child and youth well-being, with new indicators added each month
- [Childstats.gov](http://www.childstats.gov/) <http://www.childstats.gov/>
- [Data on the Net](http://odwin.ucsd.edu/idata/) <http://odwin.ucsd.edu/idata/> - listing of 361 Internet sites
- [The Kid-Friendly Cities Report Card](http://www.kidfriendlycities.org/2001/) <http://www.kidfriendlycities.org/2001/>
- [Kids Count Data Book](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/index.htm) <http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/index.htm>
- [The National Center for Education Statistics](http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2005050) <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2005050 > - (also accessible through Reference Resources under "Education")
- [National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect: Statistics and Research](http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/general/stats/index.cfm#one) <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/general/stats/index.cfm#one>

- [National Data Analysis System \(NDAS\)](http://ndas.cwla.org/) <http://ndas.cwla.org/> - a database from the Child Welfare League of America that provides access to all states' child welfare and related data for the most recent years available
- [National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect](http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu/) <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu/>
- [Population Reference Bureau](http://www.prb.org/) <http://www.prb.org/>
- [State of the World's Children](http://www.unicef.org/sowc/) <http://www.unicef.org/sowc/> - UNICEF statistics
- [Statistical Abstract of the United States](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/) <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/> - (REF C 3.134/7)
- [Statistical Resources on the Web: Sociology](http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stsoc.html) <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stsoc.html > - (University of Michigan Documents Center)
- [WisKids Count](http://www.wccf.org/projects/wiskids/2005/2005wiskids.htm) <http://www.wccf.org/projects/wiskids/2005/2005wiskids.htm>

Test Information

Online Sources

- [Buros Center for Testing](http://www.unl.edu/buros/) <http://www.unl.edu/buros/>
- [Kiersey Temperament and Character Tests](http://keirse.com/) <http://keirse.com/> - includes other information on temperament and character
- Mental Measurements Yearbook (access through the Reference Resources under "Education")

Print Sources

- *Handbook of family measurement techniques* / John Touliatos (REF HQ728 .H267 2001)
- *Mental measurements yearbook* / Oscar Krisen Buros (REF BF431.B8P)
- *Tests in Print* (REF BF431 .B87P)
- *Test Critiques* (REF BF176 .T419)

Legal Information

- Lexis Nexis: Basic Legal Research (access through the Reference Resources under "Law")
- [Caring for Children](#) From Nolo's Legal Encyclopedia
- *American Journal of Family Law* - Online journal
- *Family Law* - Online journal

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