

# National Child Protection Clearinghouse



## website

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The National Child Protection Clearinghouse (NCPC) is an information, advisory and research unit which focuses on the prevention of child abuse and neglect and associated family violence. Providing information via the Internet is one of the features of the NCPC. The NCPC site features material on:

- publications (*National Child Abuse Prevention* Newsletters, Issues and Discussion papers, key research reports, staff publications and presentations, resource sheets, and AIFS annual reports);
- information resources (bibliographies, child protection statistics, curriculum and training materials, videos on child protection and the AIFS library catalogue);
- getting help (practical advice on topics such as how to obtain a police check or report an incidence of child abuse in your state/territory; counselling services and internet safety);
- upcoming Australian and international conferences and seminars;
- child abuse prevention links (links to other relevant services and organisations); and
- information on how to contact the National Child Protection Clearinghouse, join the mailing list to receive National Child Protection Clearinghouse publications, the *childprotect* email discussion list, and the Australian Institute of Family Studies library.

In keeping with current Australian Government practices, the website of the National Child Protection Clearinghouse was completely revised in June 2004. As well as a “new look” and Government branding, additions to the site included a new series of Resource Sheets compiled by Clearinghouse staff. These will be revised and added to over time. To date there are six resource sheets (available in both HTML and PDF format):

- Child abuse statistics
- The economic costs of abuse
- Mandatory reporting of child abuse
- Fatal child abuse
- Evaluating child abuse prevention programs
- What is child abuse?

Another major revision to the website has been to combine the Links and Organisations pages. These links have a geographic bias to Australia, but also contain key international sites.

A new initiative currently underway will allow users to access materials on the NCPC website by topics. Material on the website (for example, research articles, Issues Papers, Resource Sheets, links to key sites) will be classified into the following topic areas:

- types of child maltreatment and their impact;
- risk and protective factors for child maltreatment;
- who abuses children;
- child abuse prevention and intervention; and
- out-of-home care.

We anticipate that you will be able to view information organised under these topic headings from March 2005.

To view the website go to: [www.aifs.gov.au](http://www.aifs.gov.au)

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