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## Parent & Family Places Online

There are a number of sites educators can recommend to parents. Here are a few along with brief descriptions of these sites:

### [Parents.com](#)

Parents.com features a home page that is refreshed regularly and offers something new and exciting every day, giving parents a reason to make frequent visits. Parents.com is produced by the publishers of **Parents, Child, Ser Padres, The Newborn Group, Family Circle, McCall's, American Homestyle & Gardening, YM, and Fitness**. They are proud to now be extending their leadership position as parenthood and family information providers to the online world with Parents.com.

### [Family Education Network](#)

The Family Education Network is a special place online. You'll find activities for your children and news and information about bringing up children. Categories on the site include: School Time, Family Learning, Activities, Health & Safety, News Watch, kidszone, Special Needs, Learning Disabilities, and College. There are "Ask the Expert" departments focusing upon pediatrics, special needs, and family therapy. Children's areas lead to exciting "field trips" such as the Hologlobe Exhibit at the Smithsonian. Activities feature interesting projects like charting quality time, having birthday fun, etc. There is information on family fitness, safety, and nutrition and sections on what parents should expect of school curricula.

You can search the site's database for articles on parenting topics of interest to you. For example, a search using the word "teens" resulted in list of articles and discussions on teen health, teens at home alone, homework, eating problems, etc.

Join the Network (it's free) to receive regular email news from the site including information on the recall of products.

### [Family.Com](#)

At Disney's Family.Com, you'll find areas such as Activities, Computing, Education, Family Ties, Food, Travel, Local Information, Boards, and Chats. There are projects for children, suggestions for biking safety, sample report cards, summer camping guides, information about children's gardening, etc.

You can select a topic such as Outdoors, Indoors, or Parties plus an age group to go with the topic. Then you'll be whisked to ideas for the age group and topic you've selected. If

you're looking for a local organization with a family emphasis, just go to "Local" and select your state.

This site will be joining with the Disney Daily Blast site.

### [Parent Soup](#)

Parent Soup, an iVillage Community, has discussion groups, chats, library and search resources, members' area, a popular Baby Names section, and more. You'll find chats on topics such as learning disabilities and being grandparents, and there are parent polls, video picks for families, holiday ideas, and homework help site information.

An especially helpful part of the site offers information on the best web sites for parenting, parents, and children. There are descriptions and ratings of some of the sites listed. You'll find the Parent Soup site a good one to provide links to other valuable sites.

[A Magazine for Parents and Children on the Worldwide Web](#) "Parents and Children Online Together" comes from the ERIC Clearinghouse for Reading, English and Communication. Included on the site are articles and previous magazine issues relating to learning of language arts skills.

You'll find that this site contains some very nice stories for families to read together. The focus is upon the elementary grades, and there are articles for parents on children's learning, literacy, stress, reading difficulties, etc. Children will also enjoy The Global Campfire where stories are started and continued by online friends everywhere.

### [Family Internet](#)

The Family Internet contains topics such as Entertainment, Parenting, Komputer Klinik, Pets Corner, Family Internet Times newsletter, Finance, Fun Stuff, Travel, Family Health, Fashion, and Cooking. There's an abundance of information for parents from locating facts that will help in the selection of a family pet to links to other valuable sites for families.

### [U.S. Government Site](#)

For electronic versions of government pamphlets dealing with children and families, select the US Government Publications site. You'll find resources on helping your child with traditional school subjects such as mathematics, reading, geography, and science. Some of these pamphlets are available in Spanish, and some target use of the library and doing homework.

Other materials include activity calendars for children and parents, recipes for home learning, ERIC resources, etc.

[National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) is one of the best web sites focusing upon safety for children. It offers suggestions for keeping children safe both offline and online, guidelines relating to choosing babysitters and child care centers, and an extensive data base of missing children.

[National Parent Information](#) includes announcements about resources on parenting, parenting conferences, educational information, a parents' AskERIC, and parent discussion groups. This is part of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Elementary and Early Childhood Education and the Clearinghouse on Urban Education.

[NetParents](#) is an excellent place to start when looking for information on parenting.

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