



Online Resources about Kids

Today's kids are a different breed. Sure they face similar pressures to the ones we did, but let's face it: Kids' cultural influences are vastly different than ours were. It isn't "family hour" anymore. Beaver has truly left the building. It's not exactly 7th Heaven on network television, and *Sex in the City* rules cable. Everybody seems to love Raymond more than righteousness. Home Improvement sounds so 1990s -- and virtues seem like they've vanished without a trace." (*Mixed Messages*, Rick Chromey)

Stay abreast of cultural trends, language, and icons with these resources.

- Children's Ministry Magazine (www.cmmag.com) -- Leading resource for trends, ideas, and information about children's culture.
- The Center for Parent/Youth Understanding (www.cpyu.org) -- Youth culture analysis and reflection.
- Kidscreen (www.kidscreen.com) -- Studies kid culture with a magnifying glass and reports on hot products, technology, and media impacting kids.
- Ministry and Media (www.ministryandmedia.com) -- The one-stop site for ideas and insights on using media (television, movies, music) within ministry.
- USA Today (www.usatoday.com) -- The "nation's newspaper" is also a goldmine for current statistics, news, and opinions.
- Relevant (www.relevantmagazine.com) -- A cultural magazine to equip Christians to better interpret and engage their world.
- Wired (www.wired.com) -- A cutting-edge technology periodical "wired" to understanding the fringe of cultural innovations.

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These are some of our favorite links for kids. We can't guarantee that everything on every site will meet with everyone's approval, but we have found these sites helpful or worth supporting. Enjoy the siteseeing!

www.family.org/focusonyourchild/

Most parents believe it is a lot harder to raise children today than it was a generation ago. Yet they also know that these few years with their kids will pass quickly and should be treasured. Is there a way to successfully raise children in a hostile culture and still enjoy the journey? We believe there is. Focus on Your Child is a membership program designed to help parents bond together, share practical advice, and encourage one another to make the most of the parenting years. (See the benefits of becoming a member.) This program is an outgrowth of Focus on the

Family, which was founded 25 years ago to address the needs of parents during the post-war baby boom. All the resources developed over those 25 years are now being retooled and put into the hands of parents who are raising the millennial generation.

www.Childdevelopmentinfo.com/development/

The child development section of our site provides parents with information on physical, mental and emotional growth and development in children and teenagers. The information on the pages in this section helps parents know what to expect from their children as they mature.

KidsHealth.org

KidsHealth is the largest and most visited site on the Web providing doctor-approved health information about children from before birth through adolescence. Created by The Nemours Foundation's Center for Children's Health Media, the award-winning KidsHealth provides families with accurate, up-to-date, and jargon-free health information they can use. KidsHealth has been on the Web since 1995 - and has been accessed by about 250,000,000 visitors. On a typical weekday, more than 350,000 people access KidsHealth's reliable information.

Child.com

Child.com is dedicated to helping you meet the challenges and reap the joys of parenthood. We see an exciting journey ahead for all of us.

AbovethelInfluence.org

You may be wondering who's behind this Web site and what our motivation is. Well, this Web site and the Above the Influence ads you see on TV and in magazines are created for the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign (a program of the Office of National Drug Control Policy). This campaign reflects what teens across the country have told us is going on in their lives. Our goal is to help you stay above the influence. The more aware you are of the influences around you, the better prepared you will be to stand up to the pressures that keep you down. We're not telling you how to live your life, but are giving you another perspective and the latest facts. You need to make your own smart decisions