



National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness

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Preface

The Internet is a network made up of other computer networks from which information on a variety of subjects can be accessed by anyone in the world with a computer, modem, Internet provider, and appropriate software. The Internet not only provides up-to-date information on a variety of topics related to homelessness, housing, and mental illness (including funding information and non-profit support), but can dramatically reduce the time and costs needed for research.

The Internet has become a valuable resource for locating funding and other useful information, helping to ensure that the mental health, housing, and support service needs of people who are homeless are met. This bibliography contains select information about relevant key federal and non-federal sites.

We have organized this bibliography into sites sponsored by various federal agencies and those by other organizations with a national focus. Also included is a listing of search engines. Search engines assist in locating information by topics using keywords.

The National Resource Center on Homelessness and Mental Illness is interested in acquiring information on additional websites focusing on homelessness and mental illness, as this bibliography does not include every website that exists on the topic. We encourage you to do your own searches, and let us know what you find. Remember that websites and links are changed and updated often. Let us know if our information needs updating too. Please telephone us at (800) 444-7415, e-mail at nrc@prainc.com, or write to us at: Policy Research Associates, Inc., 345 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054, and visit www.nrcmhi.samhsa.gov for additional resources.

Search Engines

A search engine is a database full of web pages. Search engines are compiled by robots known as spiders that “crawl” from link to link looking for new web pages.

Because the World Wide Web is an immense information superhighway, search engines are extremely useful in locating information. If you are unsure where to look, search engines can help you narrow down the field. An Internet search engine allows the user to enter keywords relating to a topic and retrieve information about Internet sites containing those keywords.

If you use a top search tool you will generally find what you need with a simple keyword search. Sometimes it will be necessary to conduct a more complex search. The following are the most commonly used complex search strategies.

- Placing phrases in quotes ensures that the search engine looks for the phrase and not the separate words.
- Boolean operators are simply the words, “AND,” “OR,” and “NOT” used to link terms in a search.
- Plus and Minus Signs: In front of a term, + and – stipulate whether the term must or must not be found on a webpage.

Some of the most widely used search engines, along with their addresses, are:

Alta Vista	http://www.altavista.com
Excite	http://www.excite.com
Lycos	http://www.lycos.com
Search.com	http://www.search.com
WebCrawler	http://www.webcrawler.com
Yahoo	http://www.yahoo.com
Google	http://www.google.com
Ask Jeeves	http://www.ask.com
Hotbot	http://www.hotbot.com
MSN	http://www.msn.com
Dogpile	http://www.dogpile.com
About	http://www.about.com
Mamma	http://www.mamma.com
Northern Light	http://www.northernlight.com
Overture	http://www.overture.com

Key Federal Sites

Overview: These sites provide links to all federal government offices.

Official U.S. Executive Branch websites

<http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/global/executive/fed.html>

U.S. Legislative Branch websites

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/legbranch/legbranch.html>

Federal Judiciary Homepage

<http://www.uscourts.gov>

Documents

U.S. Government Printing Office

<http://www.gpo.gov>

Free access to electronic government information products, including the *Federal Register*, *Congressional Bills*, and other Federal Government information are available.

Entitlements/Welfare

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov>

ACF administers TANF and other federal welfare programs. This site provides fact sheets, an overview of ACF, an ACF directory of program services, a list of programs and websites, the ACF press room, and more.

Social Security Administration (SSA)

<http://www.ssa.gov>

This site provides information about the Social Security Administration and SSI/SSDI benefits. Publications and forms are available on-line, as well as information on computing, applying for and receiving benefits, budget documents, congressional testimony, disability law and legislation, Medicare, retirement benefits, and wage reporting, as well as links to other government servers and search engines. This website also features information about the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 and the Ticket to Work Program.

Federal Funding

Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP)

<http://efsp.unitedway.org>

EFSP works as a public/private partnership to deliver money to communities to be spent according to need. This site describes how the National Board allocates funds and the statistics used to make those awards. Visitors can find out how funds have been spent in their community and what funds are currently available.

The Enterprise Zones / Enterprise Communities

<http://www.ezec.gov>

This site provides a toolbox of information to help communities develop and implement effective strategic plans for community and economic development. This site specifically offers resources on employment and economic development/job creation.

Grants.gov

<http://www.grants.gov>

This site allows organizations to electronically find and apply for competitive grant opportunities from all Federal grant-making agencies. Navigation of the site is simple. Use the colored tabs and links at the top of the screen to access primary sections of the site and links on the left side of the screen to access content within each section.

U.S. Department of Education

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jsp>

This is the official U.S. Department of Education home page, which links to information about applying for grants and contracts, policy, legislation and current regulations, as well as research, evaluation and assessment information.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

<http://www.dhhs.gov/grants/index.shtml> or <http://www.dhhs.gov/grantsnet>

GrantsNet provides current funding opportunities available through all HHS agencies, and also includes pertinent regulations. In addition, users have the option to subscribe to various lists, grounded by topic, to network and share information with other human service providers.

U.S. Department of Labor

<http://wdsc.doleta.gov>

This is the U.S. Department of Labor Grant and Applications site, providing links leading to downloadable applications, announcements of current funding opportunities, Employment and Training Administration grant materials, request for proposal opportunities, forms and instructions, and technical assistance.

U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO)

<http://www.gao.gov>

This site provides information concerning the receipt and disbursement of public funds in all areas of government including human services. GAO reports and testimonies are outlined, policy and guidance materials are available, special publications and software are offered, and comptroller general decisions and options are discussed. Also featured is GaoFraudNet, which reports allegations of fraud, waste,

abuse, or mismanagement of federal funds. Several mailing lists are available and printed copies of reports may be ordered.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

<http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

This site provides information about funding opportunities currently available through SAMHSA, assistance with grant applications, special notices, and other grant-related information.

Health Care

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm>

This site includes information on the ADA and materials related to assistance of persons with disabilities.

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov>

This site includes information on the BPHC, which supports the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program within the Division of Programs for Special Populations. This website features information on BPHC programs, the office of minority and women's health, grants management activity, and links to a number of related organizations of interest to primary health care providers. There are several databases that may be accessed through the website including the Drug Pricing Bulletin Board; Models that Work Database, featuring free text search capabilities; and a State Profiles Database. BPHC is the largest bureau sponsored by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

<http://www.nih.gov>

This site provides health information including access to a wide variety of online health resources. The NIH calendar of events, press releases, and special reports are listed, as well as information on funding opportunities, grant policy, and contracts. Scientific resources provide information on NIHs intramural interest groups, on-line library catalogs and journals, and research training. Links to a variety of organizations that collectively make up the NIH provide full-text consumer health publications.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

<http://www.hhs.gov>

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the U.S. government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.

U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

<http://www.hrsa.gov>

Overviews and descriptions of all HRSA programs are available at this site, including information from the following offices: Bureau of Primary Health Care; Bureau of Health Resources Development; Office of the Administrator; Office of Rural Health Policy; Bureau of Health Professions; Maternal and Child Health Bureau; and the Center for Managed Care. Information on cross-agency activities, news and public affairs, grants and contracts, staff directories, job opportunities, and upcoming events are also provided.

Homelessness

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

<http://www.ich.gov>

Partnering with the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development, and Health and Human Services, this site provides current and frequently updated information regarding Federal initiatives related to homelessness. Funding notices, web cast links, and downloadable presentations from teleconferences and web casts are also available.

Housing

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

<http://www.hud.gov>

This site is dedicated to providing information about community issues, homes and housing options, marketplace business issues, and research on housing and community-related materials. Visitors may chat in the Town Hall Forum about new topics in public policy issues.

HUD's Housing for the Homeless

<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm>

This site provides information on federal homeless programs along with a directory of related organizations.

HUD User

<http://www.huduser.org>

This is the HUD office of Policy Development and Research's Information Service. The website maintains current information on housing needs, market conditions, and existing programs, as well as research on priority housing and community development issues. The site includes a list of publications, periodicals, data sets, a bibliographic database, listservs, a calendar of events, and more.

Legislative

Codetalk

<http://www.codetalk.fed.us>

Code Talk is a Federal inter-agency Native American Web site designed specifically to deliver electronic information from government agencies and other organizations to Native American communities. Code Talk is hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Native American Programs.

FedWorld Information Network

<http://www.fedworld.gov>

This site allows searches of subject files describing hundreds of U.S. Government websites. Also provided is access to the FedWorld Libraries with more than 10,000 files of government information and documents.

THOMAS: Legislative Information on the Internet

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

This site is a service of the U.S. Congress through its Library, which provides weekly updates on activities in the House and Senate. Information on bills, congressional records, historical documents, the legislative process, and committee information is also provided. United States government online resources are listed.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)

<http://www.health.org>

This site, sponsored by SAMHSA, provides up-to-date information about new NCADI publications and campaigns. It also lists resources and referrals for those overcoming substance abuse problems. Research, surveys, and statistical data, as well as forums, databases, and an online calendar are available.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

This site offers public information on specific mental disorders, diagnosis and treatment, consensus conference proceedings, NIMH long range plans and research reports. Visitors may order publications and view recent news and events. Also provided is information on grants, contracts, and committees, including RFPs, ongoing program announcements, research training and development, and access to NIH Grants policy. Research activities are described.

President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health

<http://www.mentalhealthcommission.gov/index.html>

Created in 2002, this site provides information about the Commission's efforts to improve mental health service delivery in the United States, including an in-depth report about the current state of services, upcoming agenda items, access to presentations and reports, and public comments that have been submitted.

SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center

<http://www.mentalhealth.org>

This site serves as the electronic clearinghouse for the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), providing a one-stop source of information and resources on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services for mental illness. Also provided are links to consumer and family advocacy organizations, federal, state, and local mental health agencies, mental health organizations and associations, national clearinghouses and information centers, and technical assistance centers sponsored by CMHS. Also available is a searchable database of mental health consumer consultants.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

<http://www.samhsa.gov>

Providing up-to-date information on SAMHSA program funding opportunities, this site also offers information on drug abuse and mental health, and provides links to other relevant Internet resources. A general profile of SAMHSA programs and services, a weekly report, and a schedule of upcoming events and conferences are provided.

Statistics

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov>

This is the official statistics page for the U.S. Census Bureau. Visitors may run customized searches, access tools, browse subjects by alphabetical order, and review census statistics. Recent news concerning social, demographic, and economic information is updated regularly.

Veterans

HUDVET

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/about/hudvet>

HUD's veteran page offers veterans and their families, extensive information on community-based programs and services, as well as relevant services from other government and non-profit groups. This site highlights programs that can assist veterans who are homeless. A resource directory, mission and purpose statement, and publication list are also available.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov>

Press releases, lists of veteran service organizations, and job opportunities within the VA and the government are regularly updated. The following information may also be accessed from this site, Federal benefits for veterans and dependants, VA cemeteries, VA forms, medical centers, clinics, issues affecting minorities and veterans, data, and links to other services.

Key Non-Federal Sites

Consumer and Self-Help

Madness: A Website of Internet Resources for the MADNESS e-mail list

<http://www.peoplewho.org/madness>

MADNESS is an online discussion site where users of mental health services join in dialogues aimed at improving community service systems. This site includes resources that are helpful to people who experience mood swings, fear, voices and visions. Essays addressing advocacy, medication, and personal experience are also available. To subscribe to this discussion group simply sign up at this website.

National Empowerment Center

<http://www.power2u.org>

This is a useful site for mental health consumers and advocates. It provides articles on empowerment, self-help and recovery, housing resources, low-cost, holistic approaches for coping with psychiatric symptoms, information on employment and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and links to related sites. The site also offers an extensive range of empowerment information including a national directory of mutual support groups, drop-in centers and statewide organizations, and networking and coalition building information. Profiles of the center's staff are available, as well as a calendar listing workshops and training institutes.

National Mental Health Consumers Self-Help Clearinghouse

<http://www.mhselfhelp.org>

Sponsored by the National Mental Health Consumer's Self-Help Clearinghouse, this site provides descriptions of current activities, upcoming conferences, and education and training programs, as well as a catalog of publications. Also provided are excerpts from *The Key*, the Clearinghouse's newsletter.

National Stigma Clearinghouse

<http://community-2.webtv.net/stigmanet/STIGMAHOMEPAGE>

This site provides information on anti-stigma programs, available resources, research, education, training, and rights and advocacy. It also offers archived articles and publications on involuntary outpatient commitment and media issues. *The News of the Week* features the latest news and information relevant to reducing stigma and eliminating stereotypes about people who have mental illnesses.

Employment and Rehabilitation

Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation

<http://www.bu.edu/cpr>

This site describes research, training and service activities at the Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, including research and demonstration, training and consultation services, publications and technology, and faculty listings. Collaborating organizations and psychosocial rehabilitation related links are also provided.

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/nidrr/index.html>

NIDRR conducts comprehensive and coordinated programs of research and related activities to assist in the achievement of full inclusion, social integration, employment, and independent living of people with disabilities. This site provides current information about the NIDRR, research projects, publications and other disability and rehabilitation resources. A contact list of all projects funded by NIDRR is provided.

National Rehabilitation Information Center

<http://www.naric.com>

This site offers two major online resources. REHABDATA is a bibliographic database containing literature on disability and rehabilitation published from 1956 – present. The second major resource is the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research's Program Directory. NIDRR is a federal organization run through the U.S. Department of Education. The directory lists all projects NIDRR has funded with summaries and contact information.

National Research and Training Center on Psychiatric Disability

<http://www.psych.uic.edu/uicnrct>

This site provides a description of the Center and its current research and training projects. The Center is a five-year program of research, training, technical assistance and dissemination activities designed to promote self-determination among people with psychiatric disabilities. Information is also available on research projects involving employment activities including Welfare-to-Work and Ticket-to-Work.

Families, Children, and Adolescents

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

<http://www.aacap.org>

Visitors to this site will be able to stay informed about current legislation and press releases concerning the psychiatric well-being of children and adolescents. There are also simple facts and suggestions for families interested in learning more about a relative's particular psychiatric disorder. One can order AACAP's publications from this page as well as access abstracts from its journal.

National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth

<http://www.ncfy.com>

The National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth's website, sponsored by the HHS' Administration for Children and Families, provides a wide range of information about youth and family issues. Publications are available online, as well as links to other advocacy organizations and public interest groups involved in issues affecting youth and families.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

<http://www.nichcy.org>

This site provides news about current disability issues, including government legislation. State resource sheets also serve as guides to public and private organizations that deal with disability issues. A publications section provides general information, fact sheets, briefing papers, a parent's guide, bibliographies, and original papers, including several written in Spanish.

National Network for Youth

<http://www.nn4youth.org>

The National Network actively engages in public education efforts; promotes youth/adult partnerships; supports the delivery of high quality, effective programs and services among youth-serving agencies; and provides training and technical assistance in areas including professional development of youth workers, youth leadership, youth/adult partnerships, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention, grant writing, and organizational development.

National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health

<http://www.georgetown.edu/research/gucdc/cassp.html>

Information about the federally-funded Georgetown University Child Development Center is provided including resources regarding service, training, research, community outreach, and public policy concerning children's mental health issues. Links to major federal funding sources are also featured.

Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health

<http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu>

Located at the Florida Mental Health Institute, this federally-funded site focuses on issues of importance to policymakers, service providers, academicians, consumers, and the public concerning adolescents and children's mental health systems. Features include a profile of departments; library resources; scholarly publications; grant listings; upcoming conferences; and administrative services. Links to electronic publications and other information resources are available.

Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health

<http://www rtc.pdx.edu>

This federally-funded site, located at Portland State University, offers information on family participation at the policy level, out-of-home care, evaluation of family organizing efforts, and interventions in professional education. Profiles of the Center's staff are available, as well as descriptions of current projects, resources, upcoming conferences, and links to related sites.

Health Care

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<http://www.apha.org>

This site offers information on membership, affiliates, caucuses, special interest groups, news releases, public health science, practice and policy, publications, and upcoming events.

Health Care for the Homeless Information Resource Center

<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/hchirc/>

This site provides annotated bibliographies, an online searchable database, and a video lending library. Also available is a quarterly bulletin, *Opening Doors*, that includes information on clinical advances, program models, and funding and legislative changes. Information about the annual National HCH conference plus a directory of HCH grantees and subcontractors is also featured. A Clinical Tools section has a range of material including intake and referral forms, triage guidelines, and treatment plans.

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

<http://www.nhchc.org>

The National Council advocates for providing universal health coverage, particularly for people who are homeless. Its website has a policy and advocacy section which provides several papers and legislative updates online. Also available is access to the Clinician's Network, a forum for communication among hands-on providers of care to homeless individuals.

Homelessness

54 Ways You Can Help the Homeless

<http://home.golden.net/~msavage/ooc/54ways/intro.html>

This site provides chapter by chapter viewing of Rabbi Charles A. Kroloff's book, *54 Ways You Can Help the Homeless*.

HomeBase, The Center for Common Concerns

<http://www.homebaseccc.org>

HomeBase's work includes research, model policy and program development, community-level planning, advocacy, and public education. Focusing on solutions to both systemic and personal causes of homelessness, their work includes expanding options for affordable housing; enhancing economic self-sufficiency through access to living wage employment or benefits programs; removing barriers to key support services, including health and mental health care, child care, and drug and alcohol treatment; and working to create better coordination and efficiency within the overall service system.

Homes for the Homeless

<http://www.homesforthehomeless.com>

This site offers facts about homelessness along with information about the American Family Inn model of transitional housing. A publications list allows you to order publications and access several reports addressing recent research findings from the Institute for Children and Poverty.

Hunger Web

http://www.brown.edu/Departments/World_Hunger_Program

This site is a project of the Alan Shawn Feinstein World Hunger Program at Brown University. Its aim is to help prevent and eradicate hunger and poverty, including homelessness, by facilitating the free exchange of ideas and information regarding causes of and solutions to hunger. It contains both primary information made available by the World Hunger Program and its partners and links to other sites with related information.

International Homeless Discussion List, Archives, and Web Links Home Page

<http://csf.colorado.edu/homeless>

This site provides an extensive list of links to sites related to homelessness. Information is available about shelters and programs, health and medical services, service providers, housing, newspapers, and academic courses.

Lois Lannin Presents Homeless Shelters in the U.S.

<http://www.gtii.com/members/lannin/shelters/us.htm>

This site provides a listing of homeless shelters organized by state and city. This is a great resource for providing quick referrals in specific locations. The page is frequently updated in an effort to provide an accurate listing of shelters and other useful contacts regarding poverty and homelessness.

National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)

<http://www.endhomelessness.org>

The Alliance is a national federation of public, private, and non-profit organizations dedicated to advancing practical, community-based solutions to homelessness. This site includes statistics, policy and legislative information, publications, fact sheets, links, and other resources. A subscription to the *Alliance Online News* is also available, which provides weekly updates and news from the field via e-mail.

National Center on Family Homelessness

<http://www.familyhomelessness.org>

Divided into three divisions; research and evaluation, program design and implementation, and policy and public information, this site provides information about programs and services available for long-term solutions for homeless families.

National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH)

<http://www.nationalhomeless.org>

This site includes an excellent briefing on current legislation relevant to homelessness, along with access to NCH publications and a listing of events and conferences. An online library concerning homelessness and poverty contains hundreds of reports covering national, state, and local studies, program and training manuals, policy analyses, curriculum guides, evaluations, conference reports, literature reviews, government reports, advocacy annuals, case studies and more. Additional features include *Homeless Voices*, where people who are homeless share their experiences of what it is like to be homeless; facts about homelessness and related issues such as substance abuse, mental illness, employment, issues affecting families and veterans, domestic violence, and education; current legislative and policy issues affecting people who are homeless; current organizing projects; public education projects; a directory of state and national homeless/housing advocacy organizations; a calendar of upcoming events; a notice of funding opportunities for homeless programs; and links to other useful related Internet resources.

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP)

<http://www.nlchp.org>

Visitors to the site receive a wide variety of information about homelessness. There are fact sheets on housing, health, and quality of life issues. NLCHP also provides a list of its publications and links to other sites.

National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH)

<http://www.homelessnesscouncil.org>

The National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness (NPACH) is dedicated to ending homelessness through grassroots advocacy and inclusive partnerships. NPACH works to accomplish its mission by educating the public and policymakers on the causes and consequences of homelessness, thus creating the political will necessary to end homelessness; creating and advocating for appropriate Federal policies in collaboration with local communities, thus ensuring that those policies reflect the reality of local communities and meet their needs; connecting community-based

organizations, schools, and work places to national anti-homelessness policy through advocacy and public education initiatives.

North American Street Newspaper Association (NASNA)

<http://www.nasna.org>

NASNA is an organization of street newspapers across the country that report on issues related to homelessness. Its website offers links to its members' sites as well as some background information about the organization itself.

Housing

Advocates for Human Potential (AHP)

<http://www.aphnet.com>

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP) is a social sciences research and consulting firm that specializes in changing or improving organizational systems through research and evaluation, technical assistance and training, system and program development, and knowledge development and dissemination. AHP operates several Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded technical assistance centers that promote comprehensive, community-based services for people with mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, especially those with multiple and significant barriers.

Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)

<http://www.cucs.org>

CUCS provides technical assistance and training to organizations to enhance their efforts to help people who are homeless with mental illnesses and other special needs access housing and supportive services. This site provides a wealth of information about housing and service initiatives and links to other effective resources.

Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)

<http://www.csh.org>

CSH helps build a unique type of housing that allows people who are homeless and disabled to better connect with homes, healthcare, jobs and the local community. Publications are available online, as well as information on supportive housing initiatives. The site includes links to local programs, a legislative action center, a resources page, and a contacts list.

The Enterprise Foundation

<http://www.enterprisefoundation.org>

Visitors to this site may read about the Foundation's history, as well as receive descriptions of financial and technical assistance resources available for low-income housing and community development. Members of the Board of Trustees are profiled, and sample articles from newsletters are available for downloading.

Fannie Mae Foundation

<http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org>

At this site, a discussion forum describes how to begin a quest to own a home and how to utilize home-buying guides. The Office of Housing Research offers the latest research on housing and urban issues, including finance, policy, and international topics. Also available is information on the Community

Grant Program for areas throughout the United States and the New Americans Initiative outreach program for immigrants.

Habitat for Humanity

<http://www.habitat.org>

This site provides information on the organization and success stories about providing housing to those who otherwise could not afford it. There is a search engine that helps locate Habitat for Humanity organizations and its affiliates in your local area.

Housing Assistance Council

<http://www.ruralhome.org>

This site features information sheets that provide basic information on rural housing. There is also information about the organization and a list of publications.

ILRU (Independent Living Research Utilization) Olmstead Resources

<http://www.ilru.org/olmstead/index.html>

Site for the national center for information, training, research, and technical assistance in independent living, offering extensive information about Olmstead advocacy, including transition planning and personal assistance services.

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)

<http://www.nahro.org>

NAHRO advocates for increased access to affordable housing in low-income communities. This site provides information about its training opportunities and publications. There is also a comparison of current housing reform legislation. Visit this website to access the Home Investment Partnerships page which provides more information about affordable housing.

National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies (NALHFA)

<http://www.nalhfa.org>

NALHFA is a national non-profit association of professionals dedicated to providing affordable housing for low and moderate-income persons. This site provides information about NALHFA, its committees, conferences and workshops, publications, and membership details.

National Home of Your Own Alliance

<http://alliance.unh.edu/nhoyo.html>

This site focuses on issues concerning home ownership among consumers of mental health services. Information is available about state coalitions, barriers to home ownership, and housing. Government updates and profiles of National Home of Your Own Alliance participants are also available. A publications list with ordering information and other useful links are listed.

National Housing Institute

<http://www.nhi.org>

This site includes housing and community development issues, including articles from *Shelterforce*, a magazine focused on affordable housing. Links to other housing development sites are provided, as well as a description of the Progressive Housing Program for America, the Mansion subsidy, policy debates, and a housing publications catalog.

National Housing Trust Fund Campaign

<http://www.nhtf.org>

NHTFC is working to establish a National Housing Trust Fund that would build and preserve 1.5 million units of rental housing for the lowest income families over the next ten years. This site provides more information about the organization, the status of the campaign, Trust Fund legislation, and how to get more involved.

National Low Income Housing Coalition

<http://www.nlihc.org>

NLIHC is a national advocacy group that lobbies for increased access to affordable housing. This site provides a description of the current housing crisis and weekly policy updates that track legislative proposals aiming to correct the problem. Papers are also available that discuss issues such as homelessness and Section 8 housing. Publications and extensive background information on the topic of housing are also available.

Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)

<http://www.tacinc.org>

TAC is a non-profit organization that provides consultation and technical assistance to national, state, and local health, human service, and special needs housing organizations. This website provides information on a full range of federal and mainstream housing programs and policies that can expand affordable housing for people with disabilities and who may be homeless. In addition, the site features online access to *Opening Doors*, a quarterly newsletter, and links to many other human services resources.

The Urban Institute

<http://www.urban.org>

This is a nonpartisan, non-profit economic and social policy research organization designed to address societal problems and examine effective solutions. This site offers information on homelessness, healthcare, housing, elder issues and provides links to other resources.

Woodstock Institute

<http://www.woodstockinst.org>

This organization focuses on community reinvestment, economic development, and other issues related to increasing lending to minorities and lower-income individuals. The site provides descriptions of the organization's objectives, its publications list, recent announcements, and links to other organizations.

Mental Health

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

<http://www.psych.org>

This site provides public policy and legislative updates along with current news from the field. There are clinical resources for diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders as well as resources for funding and training. Information is also available on APA publications and upcoming events. Three APA journals with complete articles can be accessed from this site.

American Psychological Association (APA)

<http://www.apa.org>

This site is regularly updated with information on upcoming events, media, science, practice, public interest, and education. Information on psychology for the general public is offered, as well as what is new in the field. Other features include: selected stories from the *APA Monitor*; Public Policy office advocacy information; APA books, journals, PsychINFO database service, and links to other APA services.

Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law

<http://www.bazelon.org>

This site focuses on the legal rights of people with mental disabilities. Featured pages are designed for advocates to print and disseminate, such as Action Alerts on Federal legislation, annotated lists of legal resources, and recent judicial decisions. Other information available includes the mental health consumers' rights in managed care systems; use of the Federal Fair Housing Act to challenge housing discrimination; protections under the Americans with Disabilities Act for people perceived as having a mental disability in the workplace; excerpts from Bazelon reports; updates on new legislation; descriptions of community-based services for older people with mental disabilities; an analysis of the impact of changes to the Social Security Income (SSI) program for children in the welfare-reform law; and descriptions of Bazelon handbooks, manuals, reports, and other printed materials.

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)

<http://www.dbsalliance.org>

Formerly the National Depressive and Manic Depressive Association, this site provides resource kits for families, legislative information, local support group contact information and the DBSA Forum, which is an online message board, in addition to conference and training information.

Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association

<http://www.drada.org>

This site includes reports from the association's annual symposium on mood disorders research, along with book and video reviews and information on DRADA's support group program.

Dual Diagnosis Website

<http://users.erols.com/ksciacca>

Developed by Sciacca Comprehensive Service Development for Mental Illness, Drug Addiction and Alcoholism, this site provides a wealth of information on co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. It also maintains a program directory of both domestic and international dual diagnosis programs, links to sites, and offers a chat room which gives visitors an opportunity for real-time discussions with others who are interested in issues related to co-occurring disorders.

Frontier Mental Health Services Resource Center

<http://www.wiche.edu/mentalhealth/frontier/index.htm>

The Frontier Mental Health Network is a consortium of experts from a variety of mental health/substance abuse related fields focused on issues concerning rural mental health. The fields represented include rural health services research, mental health epidemiology and needs assessment, service delivery, program evaluation, mental health administration, mental health finance and cost effectiveness, and mental health work-force issues. Features of this site include: *Letter to the Field*, a newsletter that provides information on current topics, and a listing of papers available.

Internet Mental Health

<http://www.mentalhealth.com>

Internet Mental Health, developed by Phillip W. Lond, MD, is a free encyclopedia of mental health information aimed to promote improved understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness throughout the world. Information on each of the 50 most common mental disorders includes the American and European description; treatment information; research on diagnosis and complications; treatment and cause; and information booklets and magazine articles. Information on each of the 65 most common psychiatric medications includes pharmacology, warnings, precautions, adverse effects, overdose, research, and other relevant categories. Another resource available is a mental health magazine which includes excerpts from selected journals, newsletters, newspapers, booklets, book reviews, and editorials. A publications list and links to other mental health sites are also provided.

Mental Health InfoSource

<http://www.mhsource.com>

This searchable site offers numerous resources. Sponsored by Continuing Medical Education, Inc. (CME), it features an online journal called *Psychiatric Times*, along with a multimedia library of home-study courses consisting of audio and videotapes available for purchase. Also available is a Mental Health Professionals Directory, searchable by state. The Resources section of this site offers a list of approved drugs, drug manufacturers, associations and meetings, key legislative committees, managed care companies, publishers, practice guidelines, and general information and statistics. An interactive section allows users to submit questions to mental health experts.

Mental Help Net

<http://www.mentalhelp.net>

Sponsored by the CMHC Resource Center, visitors to this site can access many publications concerning mental illness, including tools for clinicians, a managed care glossary, self-help resources, and articles in the media. In addition, it offers a powerful search capability similar to an internet search engine.

National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD)

<http://www.thenadd.org>

This site provides resources, educational services and training materials for mental health providers and families in an effort to promote understanding of the services available for those who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

<http://www.nami.org>

This site provides current clinical information on medication and state-of-the-art treatment and research, legislative updates, general information on mental illness, and a list of State NAMI offices. Links are also available to a number of sites of interest to providers, advocates, and family members.

National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

<http://www.ncmhjj.com>

Supported by the MacArthur Foundation and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the site provides information regarding several ongoing and past research projects related to the delivery of mental health care services within the juvenile justice system, online training and resources, evidence based practices and regularly updated news from the field.

National GAINS Co-Occurring Disorders and Justice Center

<http://www.gainsctr.com>

This federally-funded center provides information regarding effective mental health and substance abuse services for people with co-occurring disorders who come in contact with the criminal justice system. Available on the website are technical assistance tools, publications and an online training curriculum designed to address major gaps in service provision for youth with treatment needs involved in the juvenile justice system.

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

<http://www.nmha.org>

The most current issue of *The Mental Health Bell* is available at this site, as well as information regarding advocacy, outreach, prevention, staff and affiliates, general NMHA information, and details on how individuals can contribute.

National Technical Assistance Center for State Mental Health Planning (NTAC) at the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)

<http://www.nasmhpd.org/ntac.cfm>

This site provides information about NTAC, a publications list, a NTAC forum, and a calendar of events for upcoming conferences and related events. Also available is information on technical assistance and training focused specifically on crisis counseling, disasters, families, housing, managed care, performance measures, and project highlights. Links to relevant sites are also provided.

Psychiatry On-Line

<http://www.priory.com/psych.htm>

This site provides peer-reviewed, full-text articles as well as archives, a registry of drug side effects, and an ongoing survey on psychiatrists' preferred prescription medications.

Non-profit Support and Funding

Community of Science Web Server

<http://www.cos.com/services>

This site offers information about scientific expertise, funded research projects in both the physical and social sciences, and funding opportunities for research. Features provide quick reference to several topics such as the U.S. patent circulation database, Medline, Federally-funded research and funding opportunities.

The Council on Foundations

<http://www.cof.org>

This site includes general funding tips, a list of Regional Associations of Grantmakers, and links to 15 foundations nationwide. Also provided are overviews on the Council on Foundations, the World of Foundations, current Council activities, and what is new in the field.

Frequently Asked Non-profit Questions

<http://www.nonprofit-info.org/npofaq>

This site is divided into several sections providing links to over 25 sites. Section topics include: start-up and management issues; fundraising and related questions; marketing; nonprofit organizations and the

Internet; contacts at the national and state levels; general theoretical discussions on the non-profit sector; education and training; bibliographic information; and general background information.

GrantsWeb

<http://www.srainternational.org/newweb/grantsweb/index.cfm>

This is a good starting point for accessing grants-related information and resources for Federal and non-federal opportunities. GrantsWeb organizes links to grant-related sites and resources, including funding opportunities, grants databases, policy developments, and professional activities. Other features available are electronic journals and newsletters, laws, regulations and policies affecting grants, a grants management calendar, and discussion groups.

Guidestar

<http://www.guidestar.org>

This is a searchable database of more than 700,000 U.S. non-profit organizations. It includes non-profit resources, donor resources, products and services, and registration.

Idealist.Org: Action Without Borders

<http://www.idealists.org>

This index provides access to non-profit resources that are available on the Internet. It arranges resources by both topic and geographic location. In addition, it provides links to 7,500 organizations, publications, and directories in 90 countries and in all 50 U.S. states. A library of legal, management and fundraising tools for non-profit organizations is also available. In addition, the Contact Center Network has created a new online resource called Idealist, which enables organizations without websites to have their services, volunteer and employment opportunities, internships, events, and materials easily accessible to those who may require assistance from, or seek to volunteer with the organization.

Internet Nonprofit Center

<http://www.nonprofits.org>

This site provides information on funding and links to many funding sources. Features include information about government and non-profit sources, a library for publications and data, a bulletin board and links to other sites.

Internet Resources for Non-profits

<http://www.ucp-utica.org/uwlinks/directory.html>

This site maintains an index of sites of interest to non-profits. The index includes general sources, funding opportunities, management, technology, philanthropy, and volunteer activities. Other areas of information are provided such as business and corporate information, government information and programs, information on non-profit programs and activities, and a complete appendix. There is a housing and homeless menu providing links to selected sites, chapters of the book, *54 Ways You Can Help the Homeless*, housing and homeless discussion lists, and information on housing, health, and poverty.

Philanthropy News Network

<http://pnnonline.org>

This site provides a collection of links to philanthropic organizations around the country. Links are organized into the following categories: foundations; press; corporate/business; government resources; and education programs. A listserv of groups dealing with non-profit issues is available.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

<http://www.rwjf.org/index.jsp>

This extensive site offers a variety of useful information and services. Some features include: guidelines for grant applications and descriptions of the type of projects the foundation funds; an overview of current calls for proposals; a listing of the current active grants; frequently asked questions about proposals and the review process; recent news releases; annual report excerpts; the RWJF quarterly newsletter; a profile of officers, staff, and the national program offices and directors; available publications; research information; and basic information about the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Veterans

National Coalition for Homeless Veterans

<http://www.nchv.org>

This site provides a fact sheet and answers to frequently asked questions about veterans who are homeless. There is also a brief guide to starting a homeless veterans program. Current policy issues and the concept of StandDown community-based interventions are also discussed.