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Related Resources

Center for American Progress

www.americanprogress.org

The Center for American Progress is an independent nonpartisan educational institute dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through progressive ideas and action. Their work addresses 21st-century challenges such as energy, national security, economic growth and opportunity, immigration, education, and health care.

Child Care Aware

www.naccrra.org

Child Care Aware works with more than 600 state and local Child Care Resource and Referral agencies to ensure that families in every local community have access to quality, affordable child care. They lead projects that increase the quality and availability of child care, offer comprehensive training to child care professionals, undertake groundbreaking research, and advocate for child care policies that positively impact the lives of children and families.

Citizen Schools

<http://www.citizenschools.org/>

Since its founding in Boston in 1995, Citizen Schools has been re-imagining the learning day to bring more time, more talented adults, and more relevant learning experiences to middle-school students in low-income neighborhoods.

Collaborative for Children

<http://www.collabforchildren.org/>

Collaborative for Children is dedicated to building a strong educational foundation for young children to succeed in school and life. Partnering with families, teachers, care providers and community-based groups, Collaborative for Children focuses on early care and education for children ages birth to six.

Communities in School

<http://www.communitiesinschools.org/>

We are a nationwide network of passionate professionals working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Data Quality Campaign

<http://www.dataqualitycampaign.org/>

The Data Quality Campaign (DQC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, national advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. Launched in 2005 by 10 founding partners, DQC now leads a partnership of nearly 100 organizations committed to realizing the vision of an education system in which all stakeholders—from parents to policymakers—are empowered with high-quality data from the early childhood, K—12, postsecondary, and workforce systems to make decisions that ensure every student

graduates high school prepared for success in college and the workplace. To achieve this vision, DQC supports state policymakers and other key leaders to promote the development and effective use of statewide longitudinal data systems.

Education Pioneers

<http://www.educationpioneers.org/>

Founded in 2003 in response to the acute shortage of leadership and management talent in the education sector, Education Pioneers attracts, prepares, and connects top leaders and managers to accelerate excellence in education. Education Pioneers' strengths include a strong leadership team, an innovative culture, a powerful recruitment model, and a track record of success in scaling with quality.

Families Empowered

<http://www.familiesempowered.org>

Families Empowered launched in 2010 to support the growing number of families who are searching for high quality schools. We provide an abundance of resources that will help you make the right school choice for your child based on his or her specific needs. We also help parents navigate the often rough waters that accompany school choice, change and engagement.

Genesys Works

<http://www.genesysworks.org/>

Genesys Works is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that enables inner-city high school students to break through barriers and discover through meaningful work experience that they can succeed as professionals in the corporate world.

GreatSchools

www.greatschools.org

GreatSchools is a major source of information on school performance. They have listings of 200,000 public and private schools serving students from preschool through high school and more than 800,000 parent ratings and reviews. GreatSchools launched a program called College Bound, an online approach to helping parents raise college-ready high school graduates. GreatSchools also highlights the powerful ways in which parents can transform schools. Their "What Worked" series shares inspiring stories and tips about volunteering, fundraising and building school communities, and our popular email newsletter, My School Stats, keeps parents up-to-date on exactly how their child's school is performing.

Houston A+ Challenge

<http://www.houstonaplus.org/>

Houston A+ Challenge is an independent nonprofit that has supported local public school improvement and education leadership development since 1997. Our mission is to be a catalyst for change in the public schools that educate nine of every ten children in our region, teaming with principals and teachers in targeted schools to ensure that every student is prepared for post-secondary success.

National Center for Education Statistics

www.nces.ed.gov

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. NCES is located within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences.

National Center on Time and Learning

www.timeandlearning.org

The National Center on Time & Learning (NCTL) is dedicated to expanding learning time to improve student achievement and enable a well-rounded education. Through research, public policy and technical assistance, we support national, state and local initiatives that add significantly more school time for academic and enrichment opportunities to help children meet the demands of the 21st century.

Neighborhood Centers

<http://www.neighborhood-centers.org/>

Through our network of community centers and educational facilities—and through partnerships with other non-profits—we help our neighbors discover and develop their strengths and skills to become productive, self-sufficient individuals.

Project GRAD

<http://projectgrad.org/>

Project GRAD USA (GRAD) is the nation's largest college access program for students in low-income areas, opening the doors to college with academic, community and financial assistance. GRAD offers its innovative, research-based school supports through three options: partnership model, management model, and consulting.

Texas Education Agency

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us>

The Texas Education Agency is the state board of education. Its mission is to provide leadership, guidance and resources to help schools meet the educational needs of all students.

US Department of Education

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

ED's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. Their website has information on the No Child Left Behind Act and other education policies.