

Data Trends

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This News item directs you to two important links concerning child welfare. The first link takes you to a new report by the Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy, "Unfinished Business: Why Cities Matter to Welfare Reform." The second link directs you to a list of website addresses for 12 federally funded child welfare resource centers. The links are described in greater detail below:

1) A new report by the Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy tracks welfare caseloads in the 89 counties that contain the 100 largest U.S. cities. Overall, the Center finds that from 1994-1999, welfare caseloads have become predominantly urban. The fact that families are concentrated in urban areas has important implications for the success or failure of welfare reform. Six major findings of the study are discussed in the report, available at: <http://www.brook.edu/es/urban/welfarecaseloads/wfrstdy.pdf>

2) This link will direct you to a list of 12 federally funded child welfare resource centers. These centers are funded to provide training, consultation, and informational materials for professionals, organizations, and parents regarding issues of child welfare and well-being. The sites are often "embedded" in larger sites that also offer a wealth of information on related topics; be sure to "surf" around!
<http://rtckids.fmhi.usf.edu/rtcpubs/datatrends/012list.pdf>

Both links are in PDF format. If you have difficulty opening them, see the technical note below.

NOTICE! In mid-October, we email you a 3-4 question survey about how to improve Data Trends.

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