

Child Care & Early Education RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

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What is *Research Connections*?

Research Connections promotes high quality research and the use of that research in policymaking. We reach our audience through our web site: www.researchconnections.org.

Through a free, **easy to use** web site, one can quickly search the full text of thousands of resources relevant to the field of child care and early education. Interactive tools allow users to refine their searches, download full text documents, build customized tables on state policies, compare state demographics, and analyze research data online.

This **comprehensive** and unbiased collection includes scholarly research, policy briefs, government reports, data, and instruments from a wide range of disciplines and sources, including multiple federal agencies. *Research Connections* compiles and distributes bibliographies, develops issue briefs, and synthesizes research on key topics.

Research Connections offers **public access** to child care and early education research data, some of which have never before been publicly available. Researchers can download analysis-ready data directly to their desktop or analyze selected data online free of charge. Data training workshops and an archive for research projects serve the entire field.

The **integrated** database links written documents to the actual instruments and data files on which their findings are based, provides links from the data files to the publications based on them, and links resources on similar topics, by the same author, or funded by the same agency.

Our database is **up to date** and continually growing. By December 2010, we provided access to over 18,000 resources, including more than 170 datasets.

Research Connections **reaches out** to everyone who can make use of research findings to improve the provision of child care and early education, to promote children's well-being, and to support working families.