Federal Learning Resources

The following list is a representative summary of learning resources available from the federal government. These resources have not been reviewed or vetted for alignment with the principles of positive youth development. If you are interested in revising any of these documents to positive youth development and 4-H standards, please contact 4-H National Headquarters and we will assist you in developing a partnership with the appropriate federal partner.

Financial Literacy and Related Topics

United States Mint
Resources for Educators – coin curricula, financial literacy, trivia, blogs, etc.
Resources for Kids – games, cartoons, collectors club, etc.

Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection
Resources for College Bound and Collegiates – financial aid, money management

Bureau of Engraving and Printing
Resources for Youth – bookmarks, lesson plans, interactive CDs, etc.

Federal Deposit of Insurance
Resources for Youth and Educators – financial literacy

National Credit Union Administration
Resources for Youth & Adults – lesson plans and activities on credit unions, financial resources and tools

Plants, Outdoor Recreation and Related Topics

Botanic Gardens
Resources for Educators – plant curricula, teacher training, etc.
Resources for Kids – fact sheets on biodiversity, conducting experiments, genetic engineering & land use
Landscape for Life Resources

Bureau of Land Management
Take it Outside! - Resources for Youth

Fish & Wildlife Service
Resources for Kids – games, activities, etc.
Resources for Educators – curricula, web-based video series, etc.
Resources for Families – conservation at home, wildlife habitats, etc.
Nature of Learning – conservation education program
Geological Survey
Resources for K-6, 7-12, and undergraduate – lessons, games, activities, etc. on geology, water, ecosystems, GIS, etc.

Forest Service
Resources for Educators – pollinators, climate change, bird migration, etc.
Resources for Kids – wildflowers, fire prevention, conservation

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Resources for Adults – water cycle lessons, ocean conservation

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Resources for Youth & Adults – soil conservation, backyard conservation, plants

National Agriculture Library
Resources for Youth & Adults

National Park Service
Resources for Youth – games, activities and junior ranger opportunities

Civics, Careers and Related Topics

Capital Visitors Center
Resources for youth and educators – capital building, etiquette, legislative process, etc.

Employment and Training Administration
Resources for Youth – career assessments, career decision tools, etc.

Job Corps
Resources for youth and parents – education and career training opportunities for low income youth

Institute of Education Sciences
College Navigator – search and compare colleges
Student Aid Resources and Preparing for a Career

Holocaust Memorial Museum
Resources for Educators – history, genocide prevention, etc.

Institute of Peace
Global Peacebuilding Center – mapping conflict, virtual passport program, and study abroad resources
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Resources for Kids – careers, investigation strategies & tools, etc.

Peace Corps

Resources for Youth – cultural, geographic and art lesson plans

National Constitution Center

Resources for Adults – civics education activities and lesson plans

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**Health, Safety and Related Topics**

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Resources and toolkits for the general public on fire safety, drowning prevention, carbon monoxide, child safety, household hazards, action planning, etc.

Centers for Disease Control

Resources for the general public on a wide variety of human health topics

National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute

We Can! – Ways to Enhance Children’s’ Activity and Nutrition

Food Safety Inspection Service

Resources for Youth – safety in preparing, cooking, serving and storing food

President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition

Fitness Resources

Nutrition Resources

National Institutes of Health

Resources for Youth & Adults – health related information, games, activities, and lesson plans

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development

Media Smart Youth – combines media literacy with nutrition and physical activity

National institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Noisy Planet – games, quizzes and activities for youth hearing loss prevention

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Drug Facts Week – online guide for planning, promoting and hosting drug prevention events

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Above the Influence – resources to help teens stand up to negative pressures, or influences
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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Resource for Adults – searchable online registry of more than 330 substance abuse and mental health interventions

Health and Human Services (host, several agencies involved)
Resources for Youth & Adults – bullying and cyber bullying prevention tips and resources

Homeland Security
Stop. Think. Connect. – free resources for youth, adults and families about online safety and security

Science, Technology and Related Topics

Federal Aviation Administration
Resources for Educators – flight curriculum, activities, partnerships, etc.
Resources for Youth – flight activities, careers, experiments, simulations, etc.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Resources for Youth – space activities, games and apps
Resources for Adults – non-formal activities and programs

National Agriculture Statics Service
Resources for Adults – statistical literacy activities and lesson plans

National Science Foundation
Resources for Youth & Adults – activities on astronomy, space, biology, chemistry, computing, earth, environment, engineering, math, education, people, etc.

Department of Agriculture
Resources for youth – games, activities and links to lesson plans

Miscellaneous Topics

Kennedy Center for Performing Arts
Arts Edge – digital resources for teaching and learning in, through and about the arts
VSA – an international organization on arts and disability

Library of Congress
Resources for Youth – science fun facts, the wonder of reading, American history for elementary and middle school aged youth, highlights from online collections
Resources for Adults – using primary resources, lesson plans, guides for teachers and facilitators
Maritime Administration
Resources for Youth and Adults – adopt-a-ship program, educational page, career options

Smithsonian Institution
Students – learn about art, science, nature, history, culture, people and places
Encyclopedia – virtual activities and games

National Gallery of Art
Resources for Youth – computer based activities for art and art history

National Institute of Justice
Resources for Adults – reviews of programs and practices of what works in juvenile justice and crime victim services

Institute of Education Sciences
Resources for Adults – research based reviews on programs, policies, products and practices in education

Health and Human Services (host, several agencies involved)
Resources for Adults – youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news

Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies (host, many agencies involved)
Kids.gov – the U.S. government's official web portal for kids