

**DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL  
AND TRADE ORGANIZATIONS 2009**



A description of professional and trade organizations related to Family and Consumer Sciences and specialized programs.

Designed to serve faculty and Students as an instructional and Professional development resource.

# Directory of Professional and Trade Organizations

## INTRODUCTION

In today's fast moving, technologically changing world, community college Family and Consumer Science professionals must continuously revise instruction so that students can compete in the world of work. To do this, faculty needs:

- State of the art information about the industry for which students are prepared;
- Professional development activities to update skills and the employment outlook;
- Opportunities for students to participate in the profession, including scholarships, internships, and related work experience.

Professional and Trade organizations can help educators remain on the cutting edge of their discipline. This directory lists local, state, and national organizations in various fields related to Family and Consumer Sciences and specialized fields.

To be listed, the organization's purpose, mission, and program of work must be similar to that of one or more Family and Consumer Science program areas. The groups provide classroom materials, speakers, tours, research reports and/or informational publications. They may also provide student scholarships, opportunities for internships or work experience and professional development seminars, meetings and conferences, and access to current equipment, supplies and other essential resources. Membership may be open to faculty and/or students.

Each chapter of this *Family and Consumer Sciences Program Plan* lists professional and trade organizations related to that particular program area. These groups can easily be located in the alphabetical listing of this *Directory*.

This *Directory of Professional and Trade Organizations* lists only a sampling of the groups with information and services that can assist community college Family and Consumer Sciences professionals. Colleges are encouraged to tap this rich resource and expand it through adding other local, state, and national organizations as they are identified and/or formed to meet priority needs.

Listing in the *Directory of Professional and Trade Organizations* was originally based on responses to a request for an organizational profile and contact information mailed in June 1992 to a wide variety of Family and Consumer Sciences and related program area relevant groups, both statewide and national. This revision reflects those original and additional listings recommended by industry, government and educational representatives over the years and which have been of value to California Community Colleges. Information included is based on what was provided on each organization's website in December 2008.

**AARP** ..... (866) 448-3615  
200 S. Los Robles Ave., Suite 400, Pasadena, CA 91101

[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

Formerly known as American Association of Retired Persons, this organization is now known only by its acronym AARP. A non-profit, non-partisan social welfare, philanthropic, educational and scientific organization dedicated to helping adults 50 and older to achieve independence, dignity, and purpose. Actively promotes legislation and public policy in the best interest of older adults. Also offers scholarships, discounts on travel, insurance, and prescriptions. *The AARP Magazine, AARP Bulletin and Segunda Juventud.*

**Aging Services of California** ..... (916) 392-5111  
(formerly **California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, CAHSA**)

1315 "T" Street, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.aging.org](http://www.aging.org)

Advocates for qualitative non profit senior living and care in California. Represents 400+ non profit providers of aging services including affordable housing, continuing care retirement communities, assisted living, skilled nursing, and home and community-based care.

**Alzheimer's Association (AA)** ..... (800) 272-3900  
225 North Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60611-1676

[www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

Largest national voluntary health organization dedicated to advancing Alzheimer's research and helping those affected by the disease as well as reducing the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Ranks as the top private funder of research into the causes, treatments and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Provides education and support for people diagnosed with the condition, their families, and caregivers.

**American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID)** ..... (877) 224-4360  
635 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.aahid.org](http://www.aahid.org)

The American Academy of Healthcare Interior Designers (AAHID) certifies the knowledge, skills and abilities of healthcare interior designers. AAHID promotes research of healthcare interior environments and seeks collaboration opportunities to develop improved products for healthcare interiors. The AAHID recognizes excellence, commitment and knowledge, as well as helping to distinguish healthcare interior designers from other architects, interior designers, and decorators.

**American Advertising Federation (AAF)** ..... (800) 999-2231  
1101 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

[www.aaf.org](http://www.aaf.org)

The American Advertising Federation (AAF), headquartered in Washington, D.C., acts as the "Unifying Voice for Advertising." The AAF is the oldest national advertising trade association, representing 40,000 professionals in the advertising industry. The AAF has a national network of 200 ad clubs located in ad communities across the country. Through its 225 college chapters, the AAF provides 7,500 advertising students with real-world case

studies and recruitment connections to corporate America. The AAF also has 130 blue-chip corporate members that are advertisers, agencies and media companies, comprising the nation's leading brands and corporations.

### **American Associate Degree Early Childhood Educators (ACCESS)**

[www.accesscece.org](http://www.accesscece.org)

Contact information varies with offices. ACCESS is a national, non-profit 501(c) (3) membership association. Our purpose is supporting and advocating for associate degree programs that provide professional development to those who teach and care for young children from birth through age 8 across a variety of settings - public elementary schools, Head Start programs, child care centers and homes, and other community early childhood programs.

### **American Association for Caregiver Education (AACE)**

[www.caregivered.org](http://www.caregivered.org)

The AACE is a nonprofit organization founded in 1997, by professionals knowledgeable in every aspect of the caregiver experience. Our purpose is the teaching and training of caregiver modalities to organizations and individuals involved with the well being of millions of family caregivers. Health Organization, Area Agencies on Aging, health care providers, disease-specific associations and individual trainers all benefit from the vast knowledge pool that AACE has assembled.

### **American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) ... (703) 706-4600**

400 N. Columbus Street Suite 202 Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org)

The **American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences** is recognized as the driving force in bringing people together to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities. The mission of the **American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences** is to provide leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well being, relationships and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. The only national scientific and educational organization whose membership includes professionals in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics. Membership includes state affiliation and *The Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Action*. Activities include annual meeting, public policy advocacy, scholarships and grants, and a network of mentors and advisors. Publications in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Student memberships available.

### **American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences—California Affiliate**

[www.aafcs-ca.org](http://www.aafcs-ca.org)

An affiliate of American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. Educational and scientific organization dedicated to improving the quality of individual and family life through education, research, cooperative programs, and public information. The voice of Family and Consumer Science professionals from diverse fields, the Association provides integration, direction, continuity, and unity of purpose throughout the profession.

**American Association of Housing Educators (AAHE)** ..... (309) 438-5802 5060  
FCS Department, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61790-5060

[www.extension.iastate.edu](http://www.extension.iastate.edu)  
[jmemken@rs6000.cmp.ilstu.edu](mailto:jmemken@rs6000.cmp.ilstu.edu)

The aim of the American Association of Housing Educators (AAHE) is to increase the effectiveness of housing education at all levels, expand the outreach of educators and researchers by coordinating efforts among professionals in housing, develop expertise in housing educators and researchers, disseminate information on current developments in housing and promote recruitment of worthy students to advanced study of housing in order to increase the quality and quantity of professionals in the field.

**American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)** (703) 838-9808  
112 South Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314-3061

[www.aamft.org](http://www.aamft.org)

California Chapter ..... (858) 292-2638  
7901 Raytheon Road, San Diego, CA 92111-1606

Educational and scientific association whose members are marriage and family therapists. The Association promotes research, professional standards, improved education, support services, and information.

**American Auditory Society (AAS)** ..... (435) 574-0062  
352 Sundial Ridge Circle, Dammeron Valley, UT 84783

[www.amauditorysoc.org/](http://www.amauditorysoc.org/)

The primary aims of the Society are to increase knowledge and understanding of the ear, hearing and balance; disorders of the ear, hearing, and balance, and preventions of these disorders; and habilitation and rehabilitation of individuals with hearing and balance dysfunction. To attain these goals, the Society coordinates and disseminates information. Because of the multiple-disciplinary nature of the Society's membership, the Society provides a formal platform for the interchange of information from allied professional fields.

**American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC)** ..... (202) 347-7474  
1015 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, NW, Washington DC 20005-2605

[www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org)

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the voice of America's engineering industry. Council members, numbering more than 5,700 firms throughout the country, are engaged in a wide range of engineering works that propel the nation's economy, and enhance and safeguard America's quality of life.

**American Correctional Food Service Association (ACFSA)** ..... (952) 928-4658  
4248 Park Glen Road, Minneapolis, MN 55416

[www.acfsa.org](http://www.acfsa.org)

The international association of foodservice personnel working in the correctional environment. The Association sponsors publications and conferences that help its members sharpen management, promote professionalism, and keep up-to-date on developments in foodservice and corrections.

**American Council on Consumer Interest (ACCI)** ..... (414) 918-3189  
555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202

[www.consumerinterests.org](http://www.consumerinterests.org)

Professional organization seeking to promote the interests of consumers in the American economy by providing information to the consumer, producer, and government on utilization of economic resources available to them. Promotes better consumer education and research on consumer issues and consumer related public policies. Members benefit from conferences and publications including *Journal of Consumer Affairs* and *ACCI Newsletter*. Student memberships available.

**American Counseling Association (ACA)** ..... (800) 347-6647  
5999 Stevenson Ave. Alexandria, VA 22304

[www.counseling.org/](http://www.counseling.org/)

The ACA is a not-for-profit, professional and educational organization that is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of the counseling profession. Founded in 1952, ACA is the world's largest association exclusively representing professional counselors in various practice settings. The ACA promotes the counseling profession through work in advocacy, research and professional standards.

**American Culinary Federation (ACF)** ..... (800) 624-9458  
180 Center Place Way, St. Augustine, Florida 32095

[www.acfchefs.org](http://www.acfchefs.org)

The organization of professional chefs, pastry chefs, culinary educators, cooks, and related professionals serving the foodservice industry. The objective of the ACF is promotion of the culinary profession and advancement of its members. The objective of the American Culinary Federation Educational Institute

**American Dietetic Association (ADA)** ..... (800) 877-1600  
216 W Jackson Blvd., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-6995

[www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)

The American Dietetic Association is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. ADA is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy. ADA was founded in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1917 by a visionary group of women, led by Lenna F. Cooper and ADA's first president, Lulu C. Graves, who were dedicated to helping the government conserve food and improve the public's health and nutrition in World War I.

**American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA)** ..... (336) 884-5000  
(formerly **Furniture Manufacturers Association AFMA**)

P. O. Box HP-7, High Point, NC 27261

[www.ahfa.us](http://www.ahfa.us)

The American Home Furnishings Alliance (AHFA) is a comprehensive one-stop source of information for manufacturers and importers of home furnishings products and their suppliers.

**American Hotel and Lodging Association (AH&LA)** ..... (202) 289-3100  
1201 New York Ave., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-3931

[www.ahla.com/](http://www.ahla.com/)

Federation of state lodging associations throughout the United States with some 13,000 property members worldwide, representing more than 1.7 million guest rooms. Provides members with assistance in operations, education and communications, and lobbies on Capitol Hill to provide a business climate in which the industry can continue to prosper. Individual associations also at the state level.

**American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AH&LEI)** ..... (800) 752-4567  
800 N Magnolia Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando, FL 32803

[www.ei-ahla.org](http://www.ei-ahla.org)

Provides educational and training materials to members of the hotel community through the Educational Institute and financial support through educational and research programs.

**American Institute of Architects (AIA)** ..... (202) 626-7300  
1735 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20006-5292

[www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org)

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has been the leading professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857. Through education, legislative and regulatory development, professional education, and research, the AIA and its more than 83,000 members express their commitment to excellence in design and livability in our nation's buildings and communities.

**American Marketing Association (AMA)** ..... (800) AMA-1150  
311 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 5800, Chicago, IL 60606

[www.marketingpower.com/](http://www.marketingpower.com/)

Marketing and advertising articles and tips, thousands of companies and firms, careers and jobs, and more from the official American Marketing Association. The AMA Academic Division is a global organization of marketing educators. Our principal mission is to lead, encourage, support and recognize the development, dissemination and utilization of marketing knowledge and thought.

**American Medical Association (AMA)** ..... (800) 621-8335  
515 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60610

[www.ama-assn.org/](http://www.ama-assn.org/)

An organization of Physicians dedicated to the health of America. The American Medical Association helps doctors help patients by uniting physicians nationwide to work on the most important professional and public health issues.

**American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA)** ..... (800) 326-2642  
801 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 304, Alexandria, VA 22314 801 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 304  
Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.amhca.org/](http://www.amhca.org/)

Enhances the profession of mental health counseling through advocacy, education and professional development. "To be the national organization representing licensed mental

health counselors and state chapters, with consistent standards of education, training, licensing, practice, advocacy and ethics."

**American National Standards Institute (ANSI)** ..... (202) 293-8020  
1819 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

[www.ansi.org](http://www.ansi.org)

The primary goal of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is to promote and facilitate voluntary consensus standards and conformity assessment systems and to promote their integrity. The Institute represents the interests of its nearly 1,000 companies, organizations, government agencies, and institutional and international members.

**American Nurses Association (ANA)** (800) 274-4ANA

[www.nursingworld.org](http://www.nursingworld.org)

Represents the interests of the nation's registered nurses. Offers membership, conference and certification information, publications and legislation. The ANA is involved in establishing standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, advancing the economic and general welfare of nurses.

**American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)** ..... (800) 999-APTA

[www.apta.org/](http://www.apta.org/)

The mission of the APTA, the principal membership organization representing and promoting the profession of physical therapy, is to further the profession's role in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of movement dysfunctions and the enhancement of the physical health and functional abilities of members of the public.

**American Psychological Association (APA)** ..... (800) 374-2721

[www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)

Based in Washington, DC, the American Psychological Association (APA) is a scientific and professional organization that represents psychology in the United States. With 148,000 members, APA is the largest association of psychologists worldwide. The mission of the APA is to advance the creation, communication and application of psychological knowledge to benefit society and improve people's lives.

**American School Food Service Association (ASFSA)** ..... (703) 739-3900  
**(also known as School Nutrition Association)**

700 South Washington St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.asfsa.org](http://www.asfsa.org)

The national professional organization representing 55,000 members working in child nutrition programs at the state and local levels. Devoted to operating quality school foodservice and nutrition programs and providing proper nutrition education in public and nonprofit private schools.

**American Society on Aging (ASA)** ..... (415) 974-9600  
833 Market St., Suite 511, San Francisco, CA 94103

[www.asaging.org](http://www.asaging.org)

A nonprofit organization that offers a diverse array of educational planning, publications and information and training resources. Largest network of professionals in the field of aging. Members are researchers, practitioners, educators, business people and policy makers tending to the psychological, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects of aging.

**American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)** ..... (202) 546-3480  
608 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-6006

[www.asid.org](http://www.asid.org)

Through education, knowledge sharing, advocacy, community building and outreach, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) strives to advance the interior design profession and, in the process, to demonstrate and celebrate the power of design to positively change people's lives. Its more than 40,000 members engage in a variety of professional programs and activities through a network of 48 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

**American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)** ..... (202) 898-2444  
636 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001-3736

[www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org)

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), which was founded in 1899, is the national professional association representing landscape architects. Beginning with 11 original members, ASLA has grown to more than 18,000 members and 48 chapters, representing all 50 states, US territories, and 42 countries around the world. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.

**American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)**

[www.astm.org/](http://www.astm.org/)

ASTM International provides technical standards to industry worldwide. As a standards development body, they seek to be the foremost developer and provider of voluntary consensus standards, related technical information, and services having globally recognized quality and applicability that promote public health and safety, the environment, and the overall quality of life contribute to the reliability of materials, products, systems and services; and facilitate international, regional, and national commerce.

**American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)** ..... (703) 739-2782  
1101 King St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.asta.org](http://www.asta.org)

World's largest association of travel professionals. ASTA is dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and profitability of member agents through effective representation in the industry and government affairs, education and training, and by identifying and meeting the needs of the traveling public.

**American Sociological Association**

[www.asanet.org/](http://www.asanet.org/)

The American Sociological Association, founded in 1905, is a non-profit membership association dedicated to supporting and serving sociologists in their work dedicated to advancing sociology as a scientific discipline and profession serving the public good. Home to 44 special interest sections with more than 21,000 members and publisher of 10 professional journals and magazines

**American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) ..... (800) 638-8255**

[www.asha.org/](http://www.asha.org/)

ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for [more than 130,000 members and affiliates](#) who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists in the United States and internationally. Their mission is to empower their members in making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ..... (719) 444-0268**

3630 Sinton Road, Suite 103, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

[www.ada-infonet.org](http://www.ada-infonet.org)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects the rights of over 54 million Americans with disabilities. It opens doors to participation in employment, state and local government programs, public accommodations, telecommunications, and transportation by prohibiting discrimination against people with disabilities and their friends and family members.

**Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) ..... (510) 845-1000**

P.O. Box 9126, Berkeley, CA 94709

[www.adpsr.org](http://www.adpsr.org)

The Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) works for peace, environmental protection, ecological building, social justice, and the development of healthy communities. They believe that design practitioners have a significant role to play in the well-being of their communities. They raise professional and public awareness of critical social and environmental issues, further responsive design and planning, and honor persons and organizations whose work exemplifies social responsibility.

**Architecture 2030**

607 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

[info@architecture2030.org](mailto:info@architecture2030.org)

[www.architecture2030.org](http://www.architecture2030.org)

Architecture 2030 is a non-profit, non-partisan and independent organization that was established in response to the global-warming crisis. 2030’s mission is to rapidly transform the US and global Building Sector from the major contributor of greenhouse gas emissions to a central part of the solution to the global-warming crisis.

**Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI)** ..... (571) 323-3636  
46179 Westlake Drive, Suite 120, Potomac Falls, VA 20165

[www.awinet.org](http://www.awinet.org)

The Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) is a nonprofit trade association founded in 1953. Today, AWI represents nearly 4000 members consisting of architectural woodworkers, suppliers, design professionals and students from around the world.

**Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)** ..... (703) 683-3111  
1410 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)

Formerly American Vocational Association (AVA). National organization of 40,000 members serving vocational educators and institutions. Strong lobbying effort. Awards to outstanding members. *Techniques* published 8 times each year.

**Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)** ..... (800) 423-3563  
17904 Georgia Ave., Suite 215, Olney, MD 20832

[www.acei.org/](http://www.acei.org/)

Works to promote and support in the global community the optimal education and development of children, from birth to early adolescence, and to influence the professional growth of educators and the efforts of others who are committed to the needs of children in a changing society.

**Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE)** (614) 485-9650  
1500 W, Third Avenue, Suite 223, Columbus, OH 43221

[www.afcpe.org](http://www.afcpe.org)

AFCPE is a professional organization focused on supporting, promoting and advancing the field of financial counseling and planning education. Our membership consists of university and Cooperative Extension educators, military financial counselors, private practitioners, and interest organization and government officials.

**Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE)** ..... (202) 289-9806  
1220 L Street, NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005-4018

[www.aghe.org/](http://www.aghe.org/)

AGHE objectives are to foster research, instructional, and service programs to enhance the capacities of institutions of higher education in the field of Gerontology.

**Association of Image Consultants International (AICI)** ..... (515) 282-5500  
100 East Grand Avenue , Suite 330, Des Moines, IA 50309

[info@aici.org](mailto:info@aici.org)

[www.aici.org](http://www.aici.org)

The Association of Image Consultants International is a global network of image professionals transforming, empowering and inspiring all people to reach their greatest potential. AICI vigorously pursues its mission to: Promote the value of the image consulting profession. Provide professional development. Set the highest standards of excellence for the industry.

**Association for Play Therapy**

[www.a4pt.org](http://www.a4pt.org)

Join APT to advance play therapy, the means by which licensed mental health professionals use developmentally appropriate play therapy theories and techniques to better communicate with and help clients, particularly children.

**Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) ..... (416) 921-2127**  
6 Adelaide Street East, Suite 220, Toronto, Ontario M5C 1H6

[www.arido.ca](http://www.arido.ca)

The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) represents over 1,800 registered and intern interior designers practicing corporate, residential, retail, hospitality and healthcare design. Their work increases efficiency, productivity, value, safety & well-being.

**Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) ..... (202) 408-2662**  
1101 15th St., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005

[www.boma.org](http://www.boma.org)

Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA) is a primary source of information on office building development, leasing, building operating costs, energy consumption patterns, local and national building codes, legislation, occupancy statistics and technological developments.

**Business Enterprises for Sustainable Travel (BEST)**

[www.sustainabletravel.org](http://www.sustainabletravel.org)

Serves as a leading source of knowledge on innovative travel industry practices that advance community, business and travelers’ interests. Encourages the adoption of sustainable practices within the travel and tourism industry. Stimulates demand for sustainable travel and tourism among the industry’s customers.

**Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) (616) 285-3963**  
2680 Horizon Drive, SE / Suite A-1, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-7500

[www.bifma.org](http://www.bifma.org)

[email@bifma.org](mailto:email@bifma.org)

Business & Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association’s (BIFMA) mission is to lead, advocate, inform and develop standards for the North American office and institutional furniture industry. BIFMA serves businesses that are primarily engaged in design, development, marketing and fulfillment of office and institutional furniture products.

**ByDesign ..... (800) 750-2227**

[www.bydesignsolutions.org](http://www.bydesignsolutions.org)

6001 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90040

Non-profit organization dedicated to changing lives through financial education. ByDesign offers confidential credit and budget counseling, debt reduction plans, bankruptcy counseling, mortgage default counseling and reverse mortgage counseling. In addition, the organization gives workshops on a wide variety of personal finance topics such as, budgeting, first-time homebuying and mortgage default prevention.

**California Articulation Number System (CAN)** ..... (916) 274-0430  
555 University Ave., Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95825

[www.cansystem.org](http://www.cansystem.org)

A course identification system for common core lower-division transferable, major preparation courses commonly taught on CCC and CSU campuses. Colleges and universities that demonstrate common acceptance of courses through traditional articulation agreements can qualify courses for CAN designations. The system is being phased out and replaced with other transfer models to enhance articulation efforts statewide.

**California Assisted Living Association** ..... (916) 448-1900  
445 Capitol Mall Suite 222, Sacramento California 95814-4404

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

CALA members are at the forefront of Assisted Living. They range from small independently operated communities, to large multi-national organizations, and from providers that cater to an active lifestyle to those that specialize in caring for residents with dementia.

**California Association of Adult Day Services** ..... (916) 552-7400  
921 11th Street Suite 1100, Sacramento, California 95814

[www.caads.org/](http://www.caads.org/)

CAADS is non-profit statewide association to support the development of adult day services as an alternative to institutional care. Governed by an 18-member [http://www.caads.org/pdf/pdf/caads\\_2009\\_board\\_list\\_2008\\_11\\_13.pdf](http://www.caads.org/pdf/pdf/caads_2009_board_list_2008_11_13.pdf)board, CAADS is a membership-based association supported by dues, grants, and educational activities. CAADS members include providers, local government, case managers, consultants, vendors and others interested in supporting the mission of the organization.

**California Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)** (916) 486-7750  
950 Glenn Drive, Suite 150 Folsom, CA 95630

[www.caeyc.org](http://www.caeyc.org)

California chapter of National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Nonprofit organization concerned with the quality of education offered to young children in this society. Its purposes are to encourage research, educational improvement and improved communication among groups interested in education of young children. A wide variety of publications reporting research findings are available. A large national conference brings together professionals working in all areas related to childhood education. Student membership is encouraged. Scholarships are offered.

**California Association of Family Child Care (CAFCC)**

[www.cafcc.org/](http://www.cafcc.org/)

Our vision is to promote the healthy growth and development of children and provide support for families by providing high quality, developmentally appropriate and flexible care, through a wide range of care options. Each child care provider can become an advocate for children and family issues that promote and enhance the well-being of the children and families we serve as well as foster the growth and development of the provider community.

Contains links to resources that are beneficial to child care providers and their business.

**California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF)** ..... (916) 441-6400

[www.cahf.org](http://www.cahf.org)

California nursing home association for long term care providers and consumers.

**California Association of Health Services at Home (CAHSAH)** ..... (916) 641-5795

3780 Rosin Court, Suite 190, Sacramento, CA 95834

[www.cahsah.org/](http://www.cahsah.org/)

The CAHSAH is the leading statewide home care association in the nation and the voice of home care for the western United States. CAHSAH represents more than 556 members and 850 offices that are direct providers of health and supportive services and products in the home. The guiding core purpose is to promote quality home care and enhance the effectiveness of our members.

**California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)** (858) 292-2638

7901 Raytheon Road, San Diego, CA 92111-1606

[www.camft.org](http://www.camft.org)

Represents the interests of licensed marriage and family therapists. Dedicated to advancing the profession as an art and a science, to maintaining high standards of professional ethics, expanding the recognition and awareness of the profession.

**California Child Care Resource and Referral Network** ..... (415) 882-0234

111 New Montgomery Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105

[www.rrnetwork.org/](http://www.rrnetwork.org/)

Coordinates services that assist local child care resource and referral agencies in providing information and services to parents and service providers. Mission is to provide leadership and vision for the continuous development and improvement of resource and referral services statewide, helping to build, support and advocate for a quality childcare system that supports the diversity of families and children in every community throughout California.

**California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)** (800) 835-3083

1107 2nd St. Suite 320 Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.ccdaa.org](http://www.ccdaa.org)

Organization for administrators of publicly funded Child Development Programs. Has been advocating quality early education since 1943. Promotes early childhood programs in California through the provision of education, technical assistance, and networking for administrators of publicly funded programs. Provides a forum for administrators to work together to improve the quality, availability and efficiency of child development programs.

**California Children and Families Commission (CCFC)** ..... (916) 263-1050

**First 5 California**

2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95833

[www.cffc.ca.gov](http://www.cffc.ca.gov)

The California Children and Families Act of 1998 is designed to provide, on a community-by-community basis, all children prenatal to five years of age with a comprehensive, integrated system of early childhood development services. Through the integration of health

care, quality childcare, parent education and effective intervention programs for families at risk, children and their parents and caregivers will be provided with the tools necessary to foster secure, healthy and loving attachments.

**California Community College Association of Occupational Education (CCCAOE)**

[www.cccaoc.org](http://www.cccaoc.org)

Address varies with new officers. Provides leadership for occupational education and economic development professionals involved in workforce development and the enhancement of California's position within a global economy. Two annual meetings held for the purpose of updating occupational education information, advocates in public policy formation and implementation. Ten regions coordinate with economic development regions. Work cooperatively within regions to oversee program approval and quality standards and recommendations for placement/distribution of VTEA funds.

**California Community College Early Childhood Educators (CCCECE)**

[www.ccece.org](http://www.ccece.org)

Address varies with new officers.

President: Kathi Cliff [cliffkc@lasc.edu](mailto:cliffkc@lasc.edu)

Recognizing the higher education institutions are the primary training institutions for early childhood educators, our mission is to provide a forum for California community colleges faculty and staff to advocate for high quality child development instruction and early care and education programs.

**California Consumer Affairs Association**

<http://www.ccaa-net.org/>

CCAA Members encompass law enforcement, mediation, regulatory, legislative, and licensing officers whose primary focus is consumer protection. Member agencies provide a myriad of services to the public through their individual offices.

**California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG)** ..... (310) 312-0531  
10945 Le Conte Ave., Suite 2339, Los Angeles, CA 90095

[www.cggg.org](http://www.cggg.org)

A professional association of individuals and organizations which provides leadership in education in order to promote research, policy, and practices that enhance the quality of life of the State's diverse older population.

**California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC)** ..... (760) 761-4734  
1605 Grand Avenue, Suite 4, San Marcos, CA 92078

[www.ccidc.org](http://www.ccidc.org)

California Council for Interior Design Certification (CCIDC) establishes and implements professional standards and educational requirements, educates the public, and facilitates interior design professional's compliance with the standards and code of ethics in order to provide for the protection, health, safety and welfare of the public.

**California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)**..... (800) 952-5210  
1625 North Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834

[www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)

Promotes and protects the interests of California consumers. Helps consumers learn how to protect themselves from unscrupulous and unqualified individuals. Also protects professionals from unfair competition by unlicensed practitioners.  
(see also: Department of Consumer Affairs, Los Angeles County)

**California Department of Education (CDE)** ..... (916) 319-0800  
1430 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov)

Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Janice DeBenedetti, Administrator, Middle Grade Curriculum Development Unit  
721 Capitol Mall, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.  
Home Economics Careers and Technology resource contact.

**California Dietetic Association (CDA)**..... (310) 822-0177  
7740 Manchester Ave., Suite 102, Play del Rey, CA 90293

[www.dietitian.org](http://www.dietitian.org)

Affiliated with American Dietetic Association. Dedicated to promotion of healthy lifestyle for Californians through informed food decisions and delivery of food/nutrition services by qualified dietetic professionals. Provides members with framework for networking, support system for leadership development, forum for discussion, opportunity to meet continuing education needs and professional growth. Referral service for physicians and patients to dietitians. Offers scholarships to students and interns. Awards distinguished service of members.

**California Early Childhood Mentor Program** ..... (415) 452-5600  
50 Phelan Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112

[www.ecementor.org/](http://www.ecementor.org/)

We are the largest mentoring program for child care professionals in the U.S. and one that links improved compensation with the Mentor’s professional development. Since 1988 we have provided advanced training for experienced child care workers who wish to become Mentors to new practitioners. Following completion of an initial course in mentoring, interested candidates make formal application to a local Mentor Selection Committee. Selection is based on professional qualifications and a quality review of the candidate’s classroom

**California Fashion Association (CFA)** ..... (213)-688-6288  
Flower Street • 34th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071

[info@calfashion.org](mailto:info@calfashion.org)

[www.californiafashionassociation.org](http://www.californiafashionassociation.org)

The business-to-business network/forum for California’s Apparel and Textile Industry, established in 1995, as a non-profit organization to provide information for business expansion and growth. They outline global sourcing options, provide information about labor law compliance, promote apparel related technology to further advanced education for the

industry and define the industry's economic impact and promote the industry.

**California Head Start** ..... (916) 444-7760  
1107 9th Street, Suite 301, Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.caheadstart.org](http://www.caheadstart.org)

The California Head Start Association is the unified voice providing leadership and advocacy for the Head Start community. CHSA is moving in new directions to deepen it's resources for member agencies staff, Head Start children and families.

**California Legislative Coalition for Interior Design (CLCID)** ..... (909) 899-8211  
13971 Annadale Lane, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

[www.clcid.org](http://www.clcid.org)

California Legislative Coalition for Interior Design (CLCID) serves as the unified voice for the interior design profession in California. They are a legislative coalition that represents over 7,000 interior designers in issues that are important to CLCID members and their practice. They work with local government agencies to help protect the public health, safety, and welfare

### **California Lodging Industry Association**

[www.clia.org/](http://www.clia.org/)

Representing the Hotels, Motels, *Lodges*, Resorts, Country Inns, Bed & Breakfast of the State of California. The mission of the California Lodging Industry Association is to promote, protect and advance the interests of lodging owners and their management teams statewide, and to provide a network of resources to support member efficiency, profitability and professionalism.

### **California Nutrition Council**

Nutrition Department, University of California Davis, Davis Ca. 95616

[groups.ucanr.org/calnutritioncouncil/](http://groups.ucanr.org/calnutritioncouncil/)

The California Nutrition Council (CNC) is a nonprofit association, established in 1970, of professionals from government agencies, private organizations, and academic institutions. CNC's mission is to provide leadership, advocacy, and education for an effective and coordinated food and nutrition policy for the diverse needs of California.

### **California Preschool Instructional Network**

[cpin@wested.org](mailto:cpin@wested.org)

[www.cpin.us](http://www.cpin.us)

The California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) was initiated during the 2003-04 school year by the California Department of Education (CDE). CPIN provides, facilitates and/or coordinates professional development opportunities for early childhood/school readiness staffs. CPIN supports existing regional communication and collaboration among various early childhood/school readiness providers.

**California Restaurant Association (CRA)** ..... (800) 765-4842  
1011 10<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.calrest.org/go/CRA](http://www.calrest.org/go/CRA)

Established over 100 years ago, the CRA represents over 88,000 eating and drinking establishments and its reach extends to restaurateurs, industry service providers, educators

and students. It serves as the voice of not only its membership, but also the industry at large, representing their political interests through lobbying and grassroots efforts as well as functioning as an information source, ensuring that they have all of the political and industry information necessary to grow and better their business. The CRA hosts several annual events on both local and state levels to bring its membership together. The association is in constant contact with the industry through print and electronic communications that run the gamut from a bi-monthly magazine to podcasts.

**California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC)** ..... (415) 957-9775  
657 Mission, Suite 601, San Francisco, CA 94105

[www.calsac.org](http://www.calsac.org)

The California School-Age Consortium (CalSAC) provides training and advocacy for afterschool and out-of-school time professionals throughout California. To further our mission of advancing high-quality, low cost afterschool programs for all children, we provide training and support to the organizations and professionals who dedicate themselves to keeping children safe and engaged in their out-of-school hours.

**California School Nutrition Association** ..... (818) 842-3040

[www.calsna.org/](http://www.calsna.org/)

The mission of the California School Nutrition Association, as a powerful voice for all involved in school nutrition programs, is to provide a forum for personal and professional development by offering innovative educational programs, supporting legislative efforts, and promoting community awareness for the purpose of improving the well-being of California's children.

**Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (CTHRC)** ..... (613) 231-6949  
340 MacLaren St., Suite 100, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0M6

[www.cthrc.ca](http://www.cthrc.ca)

A national organization that promotes and enhances professionalism in the Canadian tourism industry.

### **Careers in Child and Family Policy**

[cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/](http://cfp.igpa.uiuc.edu/)

The Guide to Careers in Child and Family Policy was developed nearly two decades ago by Lindsay Chase-Lansdale (Northwestern University) and Rachel A. Gordon (University of Illinois at Chicago) to provide validation, insight, and ideas for child and family policy careers and is updated at regular intervals.

**Center for the Child Care Workforce (CCW)** ..... (202) 662-8005  
555 New Jersey Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001

[www.ccw.org](http://www.ccw.org)

Works to improve the quality of child care services by upgrading the wages, benefits, training opportunities and working conditions for child care teachers and family child care providers.

**Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges (CCCCO) ..... (916) 445-8752**  
1102 Q St., Sacramento, CA 95814

[www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu)

**Dr. Jack Scott, Chancellor**

Our vision is to build a better future for California by providing exceptional leadership, advocacy and support for the Board of Governors and California’s community colleges. These efforts will foster access, success and lifelong learning for all students while simultaneously advancing the state’s interests in a skilled workforce and an educated citizenry.

**Child Development Policy Institute (CDPI) ..... (866) 662-9597**

[www.cdip.net](http://www.cdip.net)

The Child Development Policy Institute promotes public policy that ensures children’s success and productive citizenship through quality early education to build California’s social and economic vitality.

**Children’s Advocacy Institute (CAI) ..... (619) 260-4806**

University of San Diego School of Law, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110

[www.caichildlaw.org/#Childrens%20Advocacy%20Institute](http://www.caichildlaw.org/#Childrens%20Advocacy%20Institute)

Works to improve the status and well-being of children in our society by representing their interests and right to a safe, healthy childhood. In addition to its academic program, which trains law students to be effective child advocates, CAI represents children in the state legislature, in the courts, before administrative agencies, and through public education programs.

**Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) ..... (202) 628-8787**

25 E St., NW, Washington, DC 20001

[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

Mission is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. Provides a strong, effective voice for all the children of America who cannot vote, lobby, or speak for themselves. Pays particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities.

**Child Development Training Consortium (CDTC) ..... (209) 572-6080**

1620 North Carpenter Road, Suite C-16, Modesto, CA 95351

[www.childdevelopment.org/](http://www.childdevelopment.org/)

CDTC promotes high quality early education to California’s children and families by providing financial and technical assistance to child development students and professionals. The *Child Development Training Consortium* is a statewide program funded by the California Department of Education, Child Development Division (CDE/CDD) with federal Child Care and Development Quality Improvement funds.

**Children Now** ..... (510)-763-2444  
1212 Broadway, 5th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612

[www.childrennow.org/](http://www.childrennow.org/)

A nonpartisan, independent voice for children based in California, working to translate the nation's commitment to children and families into action.

**Children's Foundation (CF)** ..... (202) 347-3300  
725 Fifteenth St., NW, Suite 505, Washington, DC 20005

[www.childrensfoundation.net](http://www.childrensfoundation.net)

Strives to improve the lives of children and those who care for them. Conducts research and provides information and training on child nutrition programs, quality child care, leadership development, health care, welfare-to-work programs, and enforcement of court-ordered child support.

**Club Managers Association of America (CMAA)** ..... (703) 739-9500  
1733 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314-2720

[www.cmaa.org](http://www.cmaa.org)

The professional association for managers of membership clubs. CMAA has more than 6000 members who manage more than 3000 country, city, athletic, faculty, yacht, town, and military clubs.

**Coalition for Equity in Interior Design (CEIDL)** ..... (800) 888.9590

[www.nhfa.org](http://www.nhfa.org)

The National Home Furnishings Association (NHFA) and its design affiliate, the Interior Design Society (IDS), formed the Coalition for Equity in Interior Design Licensing (CEIDL) to debate the issue of state certification of interior designers and the validity of the NCIDQ examination and whether it adequately tests the knowledge and skills of the residential interior designer. The ultimate goal of (CEIDL) is the development of a separate testing mechanism.

**Community Residential Care Association of California (CRCAC)** ..... (916) 455-0723

[crcac.com](http://crcac.com)

Represents the community residential care homes in California serving the elderly, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, group homes and foster care. Association lobbies for the industry, provides communications, educational and legislative advocacy services to its more than 2500 members.

**Consumer Action (CA)** ..... (213) 624-4631 or (415) 777-9635  
Los Angeles: 523 West Sixth St., Suite 1105, Los Angeles, CA 90014  
San Francisco: 221 Main Street, Suite 480, San Francisco, CA 94105

[www.consumer-action.org](http://www.consumer-action.org)

Consumer Action is a non-profit, membership-based organization that was founded in San Francisco in 1971. For more than three decades, Consumer Action has continued to serve consumers nationwide by advancing consumer rights, referring consumers to complaint-handling agencies through a free hotline, publishing educational materials multiple languages, advocating for consumers in the media and before lawmakers, and comparing

prices on credit cards, bank accounts and long distance services.

**Consumer Federation of America (CFA)** ..... (202) 387-6121  
1620 I Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006

[www.consumerfed.org](http://www.consumerfed.org)

An advocacy organization that works to advance pro-consumer policy on a variety of issues before Congress, the White House, federal and state regulatory agencies and courts. Its staff works with public officials to promote beneficial policies, to oppose harmful policies, and to ensure a balanced debate on important issues in which consumers have a stake.

**Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)** ..... (301) 504-7923  
4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814

[www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) protects the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC also protects consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children.

**Costume Society of America (CSA)** ..... (800) CSA-9447 or (908) 359-1471  
203 Towne Centre Drive, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

[www.costumesocietyamerica.com](http://www.costumesocietyamerica.com)

Established in 1973 to advance the global understanding of all aspects of dress and appearance, to provide access to a national network of individuals and institutions interested in studying, collecting, preserving and creating costumes. It also publishes *Dress*, an annual scholarly journal, *CSA News*, a quarterly newsletter, and a membership directory. CSA serves five major purposes: To stimulate scholarship and encourage study in the rich and diverse field of costume; to disseminate information on dress and appearance; to raise the profile and credibility of the field of costume; to network among our members and with other people and organizations having costume interests; to manage and govern the organization to serve the membership, individuals, students, institutions, and libraries.

**Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Professionals (CACREP)**

[cacrep@cacrep.org](mailto:cacrep@cacrep.org)

[www.cacrep.org/index.htm](http://www.cacrep.org/index.htm)

Provides leadership and promotes excellence in professional preparation through the accreditation of counseling and related educational programs. As an accrediting body, CACREP is committed to the development of standards and procedures that reflect the needs of a dynamic, diverse and complex society and dedicated to encouraging and promoting the continuing development and improvement of preparation programs, and preparing counseling and related professionals to provide service consistent with the ideal of optimal human development

**Council on Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Education (CHRIE)** ..... (804) 346-4800  
2613 North Parham Road, 2nd Floor, Richmond, VA 23294

[www.chrie.org](http://www.chrie.org)

A nonprofit association for schools, colleges and universities offering programs in hotel,

restaurant, foodservice management and culinary arts. It has expanded its focus to include facilitating exchanges of information, ideas, research, products and services related to education, training and human resource development for the hospitality and tourism industry.

**Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)** ..... (616) 458-0400  
(formerly **FIDER**)

146 Monroe Center NW, Suite 1318, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

[www.accredit-id.org](http://www.accredit-id.org)

The Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) is an independent, non-profit accrediting organization for interior design education programs at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

**Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board (CLARB)** .... (571) 432-0332  
3949 Pender Drive, Suite 120, Fairfax, VA 22030

[www.clarb.org](http://www.clarb.org)

The members of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Board (CLARB) work together to establish standards for education, experience and examination required for the professional licensure of landscape architects.

**Council for Qualification of Residential Interior Designers (CQRID)**. (888) 884-4469  
164 South Main Street, High Point, NC 27260

[www.interiordesignsociety.org](http://www.interiordesignsociety.org)

The Council for Qualification of Residential Interior Designers (CQRID) offers a qualifying examination for residential interior designers. The qualifying exam is recognized by CCIDC as a national qualifying exam for certification in the state of California.

**Department of Consumer Affairs, Los Angeles County** ..... (800) 593-8222  
500 W. Temple St., Room B-96, Los Angeles, CA 90012

[www.dca.lacounty.gov](http://www.dca.lacounty.gov)

Serves over 750,000 consumers annually and is the largest local consumer protection agency in the United States. Helps educate consumers on issues related to consumerism and encourage positive consumer to business relationships that foster a fair and vigorous marketplace.

**Design Association (U.K.)**

[www.design-association.org](http://www.design-association.org)

The Design Association (DA) is funded purely from fees generated by participants and member companies engaged in the provision of design services. This allows DA not only to remain independent and objective in relation to the business of design but also inclusive of all stakeholders within the design sector, both nationally and internationally.

**Designers Lighting Forum (DLF)** ..... (562) 989-3843  
P.O. Box 50621, Pasadena, CA 91115

[www.dlfla.org](http://www.dlfla.org)

DLF – New York [www.dlfny.com](http://www.dlfny.com)

DLF – New England [www.dlfne.com](http://www.dlfne.com)

Designers Lighting Forum (DLF) is an organization of architects, interior designers, lighting designers, educators, contractors, fixture manufacturers, fixture representatives, fixture distributors, and students dedicated to the wider understanding of lighting design, principals and applications to enrich today's environments.

**Dietary Managers Association (DMA)**..... (800) 323-1908  
406 Surrey Woods Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174  
[www.dmaonline.org](http://www.dmaonline.org)

Dietary Managers Association (DMA) is a national not-for-profit association established in 1960 that today has over 14,000 professionals dedicated to the mission of providing optimum nutritional care through foodservice management.

**Employment Development Department (EDD)**  
[www.edd.ca.gov](http://www.edd.ca.gov)

The Employment Development Department promotes California's economic growth by providing services to keep employers, employees, and job seekers competitive. Following federal and state laws with fairness and equity, and ensuring fiscal integrity. They operate the State's employment service – connecting employers with job seekers. Act as an economic stabilizer through the administration of the Unemployment Insurance program. Provide prompt and accurate services that enable taxpayers to easily report data and meet their tax responsibilities. Minimize the financial impact of non-occupational disabilities through the administration of the Disability Insurance program. Provide partial wage replacement when workers must care for a seriously ill family member or bond with a new minor child. .

**Employment Training Panel (ETP)**.....(916) 327-5262  
1100 J St., 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814  
[www.etp.ca.gov](http://www.etp.ca.gov)

Created by the California Legislature in 1982 as a cooperative business-labor program. Assists business in obtaining skilled workers needed by funding training for new and existing employees. Does not do training. Contracts with businesses and training agencies to provide training. Priorities include hire training and retraining for workers who have received notification of layoff, retraining of individuals employed by small businesses, and retraining for workers threatened by competition from outside the state.

**Energy Efficient Lighting Association (EELA)** ..... (609) 799-4900  
P. O. Box 727, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550  
[www.eela.com](http://www.eela.com)

The Energy Efficient Lighting Association (EELA) educates facilities professionals on effective retrofitting and the latest lighting technology. EELA sponsors an ongoing nationwide education campaign, including conferences and information materials, supported by a wide spectrum of lighting service companies. As a lighting industry information resource, the EELA frequently answers facilities managers' questions about lighting upgrades.

**Energy Star** ..... (888) 782-7937  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20460

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping people save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices.

**Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA)** ..... (405) 330-4863  
PO Box 7146 • Edmond, OK 73083-7146

[www.edra.org](http://www.edra.org)

The Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) is an international, interdisciplinary organization founded in 1968 by design professionals, social scientists, students, educators, and facility managers. The purpose of EDRA is the advancement and dissemination of environmental design research, thereby improving understanding of the interrelationships between people, their built and natural surroundings, and helping to create environments responsive to human needs.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** ..... (202) 272-0167  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20460

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

In July of 1970, the White House and Congress worked together to establish the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in response to the growing public demand for cleaner water, air and land. The EPA was established to consolidate in one agency a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection. The EPA's mission is to protect human health and to safeguard the natural environment.

**FabricLink** ..... (818)-345-7501

[kgswantko@fabriclink.com](mailto:kgswantko@fabriclink.com)

Kathlyn Swantko, a textile advocate and educator is president of FabricLink, founder of [FabricLink.com](http://FabricLink.com) and [TheTechnicalCenter.com](http://TheTechnicalCenter.com) on-line textile resources. FabricLink.com is the trade-to-consumer online resource. For 10 years, FabricLink has been the premier site for consumer textile education and product promotion. Currently, FabricLink.com averages over 150,000 visitors each month, who access the site's wealth of fabric resource and product educational information.

**Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** ..... (703) 476-4900  
1910 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191

[www.fcclainc.org](http://www.fcclainc.org)

National vocational student organization for young men and women in family and consumer sciences education in public and private school through grade 12. Only national career technical student organization with the family as its central focus. Projects focus on a variety of youth concerns, including teen pregnancy, parenting, family relationships, substance abuse, peer pressure, environment, nutrition and fitness, teen violence and career exploration.

**Family and Consumer Sciences Education Association (FCSEA)** ..... (509) 963-2766  
400 East 8th Ave., Ellensburg, WA 98926-7565  
Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, Central Washington University,  
400 East 8th University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7565  
[www.cwu.edu/~fandcs/fcsea](http://www.cwu.edu/~fandcs/fcsea)

Organization of Family and Consumer Sciences educators and others associated with or interested in FCS instruction in schools and colleges. Promotes effective education programs, supplements existing services and resources available to Family and Consumer Science educators, and cooperates with other associations in related fields.

**The Fashion Business Inc. (FBI)** .....(213) 892.1669  
127 East 9th Street Suite 212, Los Angeles, CA 90015  
[info@fashionbizinc.org](mailto:info@fashionbizinc.org)  
[www.fashionbizinc.org](http://www.fashionbizinc.org)

Provides the Fashion Industry with the resources and training to turn businesses into a profitable reality. FBI Resource Centers, along with our website and business partners, offer our members business education, technical training, sourcing, networking, marketing and consulting services. These services promote the success of FBI members and insure the future vibrancy of America's fashion industry.

**Fashion Group International (FGI)** ..... (212) 247-3940  
597 Fifth Ave., 8th Floor, NY, NY 10017  
[www.fgi.org](http://www.fgi.org)

The Fashion Group International is a global, non-profit, professional organization with 5000 members in the fashion industry including apparel, accessories, beauty and home. The FGI mission is to be the pre-eminent authority on the business of fashion and design and to help its members become more effective in their careers. To do this, FGI provides insights on major trends in person, online and in print; access to business professionals and a gateway to the influence fashion plays in the marketplace.

**Fashion Group International of Los Angeles** ..... (323) 687-4131  
[www.fgi.org](http://www.fgi.org)  
Fashion Group International of Los Angeles ®  
912 N Croft Avenue #102; West Hollywood, CA 90069  
[fgila@earthlink.net](mailto:fgila@earthlink.net)

### **Food Industry Business Roundtable**

c/o Community Development Technologies Center,  
520 West 23rd Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90007

The Food Industry Business Roundtable (FIBR) is a nonprofit business association dedicated to promoting the growth of the ethnic and specialty food processing industry in Southern California. FIBR accomplishes this mission by encouraging communication and cooperation among all segments of the industry; working with regulatory and economic development agencies; partnering with educational institutions to upgrade employee skills; building linkages between public and private sources of capital; and, keeping members informed about industry developments, market trends, trade policies and regulatory issues.

**Food and Nutrition Science Alliance (FANSA)** ..... (312) 782-8424  
[www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1000610](http://www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1000610)

The Food and Nutrition Science Alliance, FANSA, is a partnership of seven professional scientific societies whose members have joined forces to speak with one voice on food and nutrition science issues. FANSA's combined membership includes more than 100,000 food, nutrition, and medical practitioners and scientists. The societies are: [American Dietetic Association](#), [American Society for Clinical Nutrition](#), [American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition](#), [American Society of Nutritional Sciences](#), [Institute of Food Technologists](#) and [Society for Nutrition Education](#).

**Federal Citizen Information Center** ..... (888) 878-3256  
[www.pueblo.gsa.gov/](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/)

For over 35 years, the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) has been a trusted one-stop source for answers to questions about consumer problems and government services. Consumers can get the information they need in three ways: by calling toll-free 1 (800) FED-INFO, through printed publications, or through information posted on FCIC's family of websites.

**Gen ART** ..... (212) 255-7300

New York 133 West 25th Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10001

[info@genart.org](mailto:info@genart.org)

Los Angeles 554 S. San Vicente Blvd., Suite #103 Los Angeles, CA 90048

[losangeles@genart.org](mailto:losangeles@genart.org)

[www.genart.org](http://www.genart.org)

The leading arts and entertainment organization dedicated to showcasing emerging fashion designers, filmmakers, musicians and visual artists. With offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Miami and Chicago Gen Art produces over 100 events annually ranging from a week-long film festival to star-studded fashion shows, DJ competitions, art exhibitions, multi-media events and much, much more. The mission of the Gen Art Foundation, their non profit arm, is to provide support and services to emerging talent. Each year it supplies grants/awards to such talent. All of the ticket fees raised through such Gen Art branded events go to the Gen Art Foundation.

**Generations United (GU)** ..... (202) 289-3979

1331 H Street NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005

[www.gu@gu.org](mailto:www.gu@gu.org)

[www.gu.org](http://www.gu.org)

The only national membership organization focused solely on promoting intergenerational strategies, programs, and public policies. Represents more than 100 national, state, and local organizations representing 70 million Americans and is the only national organization advocating for the mutual well-being of children, youth and older adults. Serves as a resource for educating policymakers and the public about the economic, social, and personal imperatives of intergenerational cooperation. Provides a forum for those working with children, youth and the elderly to explore areas of common ground while celebrating the richness of each generation.

**Gerontological Society of America (GSA)** ..... (202) 842-1275  
1220 L Street NW, Suite 901, Washington, DC 20005

[www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org)

Promotes the conduct of multi- and interdisciplinary research in gerontology by expanding the quantity of and improving the quality of gerontology research and by increasing its funding resources. Disseminates gerontology research knowledge to researchers, practitioners and decision/opinion makers.

**Gray Panthers**

[www.graypanthers.org](http://www.graypanthers.org)

Intergenerational education and advocacy organization dedicated to achieving social and economic justice and peace. Includes links to local networks.

**Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI)** ..... (800) 795-1746  
Green Building Certification Institute

1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington DC 20036

[www.gbci.org](http://www.gbci.org)

The Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI) was established as a separately incorporated entity with the support of the U.S. Green Building Council. GBCI administers credentialing programs related to green building practice. These programs support the application of proven strategies for increasing and measuring the performance of buildings and communities as defined by industry systems such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Green Building Rating Systems™. The LEED Professional Accreditation program is managed by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

**Hogan Family Foundation** ..... (805) 744-6226  
2426 Townsgate Road, Suite 700, Westlake Village, CA 91361

[www.hoganfoundation.org](http://www.hoganfoundation.org)

Promotes a greater understanding of the importance of travel and tourism within our society and the world as a whole by creating and operating educational, humanitarianism, and civic-minded programs that encourage meaningful communication among people of all cultures. Operates a mobile classroom.

**Home Economics Teachers Association of California (HETAC)**

[www.hetac.org](http://www.hetac.org)

Address varies with new officers. See website for links to officers. Membership open to all secondary home economics teachers in California. Strong lobbying effort. Newsletter, summer conference, awards, and scholarships. Supports California home economics organizations.

**Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International (HSMAI)**. (703) 610-9024  
8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 300, McLean, VA 22102

[www.hsmmai.org](http://www.hsmmai.org)

Global organization of sales and marketing professionals representing all segments of the hospitality industry. Focus is on education. Industry champion in identifying and communicating trends in the hospitality industry while operating as a leading voice for both hospitality and sales and marketing management disciplines.

**Housing Education and Research Association (HERA)**..... (406) 994-3451  
Montana State University Extension Service  
109 Taylor Hall, P.O. Box 173580, Bozeman MT 59717-3580

[www.housingeducators.org](http://www.housingeducators.org)

Housing Education and Research Association (HERA) is an organization that promotes excellence in the planning, development, delivery and service of decent, safe, sanitary, affordable, ecologically sound, and appropriately designed housing for all people. Members of the organization recognize and understand the relationship that exists among the well-being of individuals, families, and communities and the holistic housing environment. The organization is a major forum for professional dialogue among educators, researchers, and policy makers in the field of housing.

**Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA)** ..... (212) 248-5000  
120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-4001

[www.iesna.org](http://www.iesna.org)

The IESNA seeks to improve the lighted environment by bringing together those with lighting knowledge and by translating that knowledge into actions that benefit the public.

IESNA – Inland Empire Section - [www.iesie.org](http://www.iesie.org)

IESNA – Los Angeles Section - [www.iesla.org](http://www.iesla.org)

IESNA – Mission Section - [www.iesmission.org](http://www.iesmission.org)

IESNA – Orange County Section - [www.iesorange.org](http://www.iesorange.org)

**Indoor Air Quality Association, Inc. (IAQA)** ..... (301) 231-8388  
12339 Carroll Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852

[www.iaqa.org](http://www.iaqa.org)

The Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA) was established in 1995 to promote uniform standards, procedures and protocols in the Indoor Air Quality industry. In 2005 IAQA's membership was consolidated with two very similar organizations: The American Indoor Air Quality Council (AmIAQ) and the Indoor Environmental Standards Organization (IESO).

**Industry Partners for ASID** ..... (202) 546-3480  
608 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002-6006

[www.asid.org/members/indpart/default](http://www.asid.org/members/indpart/default)

Members include interior design industry manufacturers and their representatives, related trade associations and market centers. Industry Partners provide opportunities for interaction between interior designers and the interior furnishings industry that supplies services and manufactured products.

**Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)** ..... (312) 782-8424  
525 West Van Buren, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60607

[www.ift.org](http://www.ift.org)

A nonprofit scientific society with 28,000 members working in food science, technology and related professions in industry, academia and government. IFT is one of six organizations comprising the Food and Nutrition Science Alliance (FANSA), a partnership of professional scientific societies whose members have joined forces to speak with one voice on food and nutrition issues. Divisions reflect specialized interest such as nutrition, toxicology, food service and education.

**Institute of Food Technologists—Southern California Chapter (SCIFT)**  
2687 Orange-Olive Road, Orange, CA 92865  
[www.scifts.net](http://www.scifts.net)

**Institute of Hospitality**  
(formerly **Hotel and Catering International Management Association, HCIMA**)  
191 Trinity Road, London, SW177HN, UK  
[www.instituteofhospitality.org](http://www.instituteofhospitality.org)  
The professional body for managers and potential managers in the hospitality industry. Covers all sectors of the industry from hotels, contract catering, restaurants and pubs to hospitals, schools, and armed forces catering. The only internationally recognized hospitality organization where members are individuals rather than companies, it has 18,000 members worldwide.

**Interior Design Continuing Education Council (IDCEC)**  
[www.idcec.org](http://www.idcec.org)  
[Webster@ncdiq.org](mailto:Webster@ncdiq.org)  
IDCEC promotes life-long learning and professional development for the interior design profession by serving as the central entity for the sharing of CE information, approval, and registration; and to provide strategic planning for CE programming and activity.

**Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC)** ..... (317) 328-4437  
7150 Winton Drive, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46268  
[www.idec.org](http://www.idec.org)  
The Interior Design Educators Council, Inc. (IDEC), is dedicated to the advancement of education and research in interior design. IDEC fosters exchange of information, improvement of educational standards and development of the body of knowledge relative to the quality of life and human performance in the interior environment. IDEC concentrates on the establishment and strengthening of lines of communication among educators, practitioners, educational institutions and other organizations concerned with interior design education.

**Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP)**  
[www.ncidq.org](http://www.ncidq.org)  
The Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP) is a monitored, documented experience program administered by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) for entry-level interior designers. IDEP assists entry-level interior designers in obtaining a broad range of quality professional experience. The program provides a structure for the essential transition between formal education and professional practice, recognizing the differences between classroom and workplace.

**Interior Design Society (IDS)** ..... (336) 884-4437  
164 South Main Street, High Point, NC 27260  
[www.interiordesignsociety.org](http://www.interiordesignsociety.org)  
The Interior Design Society (IDS) is an independent national organization more than 4,000 members strong. It is one of the country's largest design organizations dedicated to serving

the residential interior design industry. The IDS was founded in 1973 by the National Home Furnishings Association (NHFA) to support interior designers based within furniture stores.

**Interior Designers of Canada (IDC)**..... (416) 594-9310  
220-6 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1H6

[www.interiordesigncanada.org](http://www.interiordesigncanada.org)

Interior Designers of Canada, with the support of its seven provincial association members, provides a forum for the unified voice of Canadian interior designers so that the profession continues to grow nationally and internationally.

**International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE)**  
(formerly **International Association of Exhibition Management (IAEM)**) (972) 458-8002  
8111 LBJ Freeway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75251

[www.iaee.com](http://www.iaee.com)

Represents 3500 individuals who conduct and support exhibitions around the world.

**International Association of Hospitality Advisors (IAHA)**..... (850) 893-6010  
4145 Yardley Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308

[www.hotel-online.com/Trends/IAHA/home.htm](http://www.hotel-online.com/Trends/IAHA/home.htm)

Promotes the advancement of the hospitality industry through IAHA sponsored research, published articles in leading trade journals, and presentations at industry conferences.

**International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)** ..... (312) 527-3677  
The Merchandise Mart, Ste. 9-104, Chicago, IL USA

[www.iald.org](http://www.iald.org)

Founded in 1969 the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) is an internationally recognized organization dedicated solely to the concerns of independent, professional lighting designers. The IALD strives to set the global standard for lighting design excellence by promoting the advancement and recognition of professional lighting designers.

**International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)**

[www.iarr.org/](http://www.iarr.org/)

The IARR seeks to stimulate and support the scientific study of personal relationships and encourage cooperation among social scientists worldwide. IARR sponsors two journals, *Personal Relationships* and the *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, a book series called *Advances in Personal Relationships*, [a newsletter](#), [a biennial conference](#), and [annual workshops and specialty conferences](#).

**International Code Council (ICC)** ..... (888) 422-7233  
(formerly **Building Officials & Code Administrators International (BOCA) and Council of American Building Officials (CABO)**)

500 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20001

[www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

The International Code Council (ICC), a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial

buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

**International Commission on Illumination (CIE)** ..... +43 2773 43717  
Kegelgasse 27, A-1030, Wien, Austria

[www.cie.co.at](http://www.cie.co.at)

The International Commission on Illumination (CIE) is an independent, non-profit organization that serves member countries on a voluntary basis. Since its inception in 1913, the CIE has become a professional organization and has been accepted as representing the best authority on the subject and as such is recognized by ISO as an international standardization body. The CIE is devoted to worldwide cooperation and the exchange of information on all matters relating to the science and art of light and lighting, color and vision, and image technology

**The International Ecotourism Society (TIES)** ..... (802) 651-9818  
PO Box 668, Burlington, VT 05402

[www.ecotourism.org](http://www.ecotourism.org)

Organization founded in 1990 to foster a true sense of synergy between outdoor travel entrepreneurs, researchers, and conservationists. Works to assist the many committed professionals around the world who are working to make ecotourism a genuine tool for conservation and sustainable development.

**International Executive Housekeepers Association (IEHA)** ..... (614) 895-7166  
1001 Eastwind Drive, Suite 301, Westerville, OH 43081

[www.ieha.org](http://www.ieha.org)

Professional and educational organization for individuals involved in or directly affiliated with the various facilities management and allied professions. 6000 members in the public and private sectors.

**International Facility Management Association (IFMA)** ..... (713) 623-4362  
1 E. Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77046-0194

[www.ifma.org](http://www.ifma.org)

The International Facilities Managers Association (IFMA) is the world's largest and most widely recognized international association for professional facility managers, supporting more than 19,000 members in 60 countries. The association's members, represented in 125 chapters and 15 councils worldwide, manage more than 37 billion square feet of property and annually purchase more than \$100 billion in products and services. Formed in 1980, IFMA certifies facility managers, conducts research, provides educational programs, recognizes facility management degree and certificate programs, and produces World Workplace, the world's largest facility management conference and exposition.

**International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI)** ..... +65 63386974  
140 Hill Street, 5th Storey MICA Building, Singapore 179369

[www.ifiworld.org](http://www.ifiworld.org)

The International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers (IFI) was founded in Denmark in 1963 to unite and provide discussion of Interior Design issues within a handful of European countries. During the IFI's existence there has been tremendous growth in

membership representing 70 member associations, institutions and schools in 45 countries on every continent. The IFI collectively represents over 65,000 practicing Interior Designers worldwide.

**International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA)** .....800-893-5499  
8155 Briar Cliff Drive, Castle Pines North, CO 80108-8215

[www.ifsea.com](http://www.ifsea.com)

Founded in 1901, it is the oldest food service industry trade association. Focus is on networking, mentoring, food service training leading to certification, and community service. IFSEA is a multifaceted service organization for the professionals of the hospitality industry. Mission: enhance careers of members through professional and personal growth.

**International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA)** ..... (610) 535-6422  
150 S. Warner Road, Suite 156, King of Prussia, PA 19406

[www.ifda.com](http://www.ifda.com)

The International Furnishings and Design Association (IFDA) is a worldwide professional alliance of leaders representing the diverse industries that constitute the universe of residential and commercial furnishings and design. Founded in 1947, IFDA is the only all-industry Association whose members provide services and products to the furnishings and design industry.

**International Interior Design Association (IIDA)** ..... (888) 799-4432  
222 Merchandise Mart, Suite 567, Chicago, IL 60654

[www.iida.org](http://www.iida.org)

The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) was founded in 1994 as the result of a merger of the Institute of Business Designers (IBD); the International Society of Interior Designers (ISID); and the Council of Federal Interior Designers (CFID). IIDA is a professional networking and educational association of 12,000 Members in nine specialty Forums in 30 Chapters around the world.

**IIDA – Southern California Chapter Office**..... (213) 747-2391  
1933 S. Broadway, Suite 1130, Los Angeles, CA 90007

[www.iida-socal.org](http://www.iida-socal.org)

**International Society for Protection from Child Abuse and Neglect ...** (630) 876-6913  
245 W. Roosevelt Road Building 6, Suite 39 - Tel. West Chicago, IL 60185, USA

<http://ispcan.org>

ISPCAN's mission is to prevent cruelty to children in every nation, in every form: physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, street children, child fatalities, child prostitution, children of war, emotional abuse and child labor. ISPCAN is committed to increasing public awareness of all forms of violence against children, developing activities to prevent such violence, and promoting the rights of children in all regions of the world.

**International Special Events Society (ISES)** ..... (800) 688-4737  
401 N Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611

<http://www.ises.com>

Goal is to educate, advance and promote the special events industry and its network of professionals along with related industries. Represents special event producers (from

festivals to trade shows), caterers, decorators, florists, destination management companies, rental companies, special effects experts, tent suppliers, audio-visual technicians, party and event coordinators, balloon artists, educators, journalists, hotel sales managers, specialty entertainers, and convention center managers.

**International Textile and Apparel Association, Inc. (ITAA)** ..... (916) 723-1628  
6060 Sunrise Vista Dr., Suite 1300, Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
info@itaaonline.org  
[www.itaaonline.org](http://www.itaaonline.org)

The ITAA is a professional, educational association composed of scholars, educators, and students in the textile, apparel, and merchandising disciplines in higher education. ITAA welcomes professionals employed in those fields who wish to join with members of the Association in the pursuit of knowledge, interchange of ideas, and dissemination of knowledge through meetings, special events, and publications. The International Textile and Apparel Association advances excellence in education, scholarship and innovation, and their global applications.

**International Wood Products Association (IWPA)** ..... (703) 820-6696  
4214 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22302  
[www.iwpawood.org](http://www.iwpawood.org)

The International Wood Products Association (IWPA) is a business dedicated to the imported wood products industry. Members of the International Wood Products Association include companies and organizations worldwide which are involved in the many activities required to produce and import a wood product into the United States. IWPA represents more than 220 companies and organizations in more than 30 nations throughout the world.

**Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Finance Literacy** ..... (888) 45-EDUCATE  
[www.jumpstartcoalition.org/](http://www.jumpstartcoalition.org/)

919 18<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Suite 300, Washington, DC 20006  
Jump\$tart is a national coalition of organizations dedicated to improving the financial literacy of kindergarten through college-age youth by providing advocacy, research, standards and educational resources. Jump\$tart strives to prepare youth for life-long successful financial decision-making. Personal finance is included in the education of all students. Jump\$tart provides the collaboration needed to ensure this education. Jump\$tart is a coalition of organizations, which share a commitment to the financial education of youth. Working collaboratively, more resources and expertise are available to accomplish this task.

**Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating Systems™(LEED)**

See the **Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI)**

**Lightsearch** ..... (518) 880-0200  
350 Jordan Road, Troy, New York 12180  
[www.light-link.com](http://www.light-link.com)

Lightsearch provides architects, lighting designers, lighting contractors and facility managers with quick access to timely lighting information. LightSearch includes a directory of lighting companies, searchable product databases, a photo gallery of hot lighting products, lighting

design case studies, information about the lighting provisions of the Energy Policy Act (EPACT) and links to other useful sights.

**Meeting Professionals International** ..... (972) 702-3000  
3030 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75234-2759 USA

[www.mpiweb.org](http://www.mpiweb.org)

Professional membership organization for corporate, association, and independent meeting planners. Our [global strategy](#) will expand our community connections to knowledge, relationships and marketplaces around the world for all members.

**National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (N4A)**

[www.n4a.org](http://www.n4a.org)

Umbrella organization advocating to ensure that needed resources and support services are available to older Americans. Includes access to policy papers and press releases. A champion for Title VI Native American aging programs. Through advocacy, training and technical assistance, we support the national network of 650 AAAs and 240 Title VI programs.

**National Association for Bilingual Education** ..... (202) 898-1829  
1313 L Street N.W. Suite 210 Washington, D.C. 20005-4100

[www.nabe.org](http://www.nabe.org)

NABE's mission is to advocate for our nations Bilingual and English Language Learners and families and to cultivate a multilingual multicultural society by supporting and promoting policy, programs, pedagogy, research, and professional development that yield academic success, value native language, lead to English proficiency, and respect cultural and linguistic diversity.

**National Association of Catering Executives (NACE)**..... (410) 997-9055  
5565 Sterret Place, Suite 328, Columbia, MD 21044

[www.nace.net](http://www.nace.net)

Assists caterers in achieving career success by raising the level of education and professionalism of the catering industry.

**National Association of Child Care Professionals** ..... (800) 537-1118  
7608 Hwy 71 West Ste E Austin, TX 78735

[www.naccp.org](http://www.naccp.org)

The National Association of Child Care Professionals is an association of people who are leaders in the field of early care and education. As an association, we believe that child care is a profession and that it is our responsibility as professional women and men to lead our centers in an ethical manner. The privilege of membership in the National Association of Child Care Professionals is granted to those who make a professional commitment to the field of child care. In turn, the resources of this association are dedicated to assisting members in areas of professional growth.

**National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE)**

[www.naecte.org](http://www.naecte.org)

Contact information varies with officers. Purpose is to promote the professional growth of its membership, to discuss the educational issues that are specific to its membership, and to advocate for improvements in early childhood teacher education. Supports research and provides scholarships.

**National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) (800) 424-2460**  
1313 L Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005

[www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)

Nonprofit organization concerned with the quality of education offered to young children in this society. Its purposes are to encourage research, educational improvement and improved communication among groups interested in education of young children. A wide variety of publications reporting research findings are available. A large national conference brings together professionals working in all areas related to childhood education. Student membership is encouraged. Scholarships are offered.

**National Association for the Education of Young Children—  
California Chapter (CAEYC) ..... (916) 486-7750**  
440 Auburn Blvd., Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95841

**National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) ..... (801) 886-2322**  
1743 W. Alexander St. Salt Lake City, UT 84119

[www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org)

Focus is to provide technical assistance to family child care associations. This assistance is provided through developing leadership and professionalism, addressing issues of diversity, and by promoting quality and professionalism through NAFCC’s Family Child Care Accreditation. National conference.

**The National Association of Geriatric Care Managers ..... (520) 881-8008**  
3275 West Ina Road, Suite 130, Tucson, AZ 85741-2198

[www.caremanager.org/](http://www.caremanager.org/)

The association provides caregiver support related to elder care, help for elder relatives with symptoms of dementia including Alzheimer's Disease. Professional Geriatric Care Managers (PGCMs) are health and human services specialists who help families care for older relatives, while encouraging as much independence as possible. The PGCM may be trained in any of a number of fields related to long-term care, including, but not limited to, nursing, gerontology, social work, or psychology, with a specialized focus on issues related to aging and elder care.

**National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) ..... (202) 266-8200**  
1201 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

[www.nahb.com](http://www.nahb.com)

Founded in 1942, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) is a federation of more than 800 state and local associations. About one-third of NAHB’s 235,000 members are home builders and/or remodelers. NAHB is a Washington, D.C.-based trade association whose mission is to enhance the climate for housing and the building industry. Chief among

NAHB's goals is providing and expanding opportunities for all consumers to have safe, decent and affordable housing

**National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC)** ..... (202) 547-7424  
228 7th St., SE, Washington, DC 20003

[www.nahc.org](http://www.nahc.org)

Trade association representing the interests and concerns of home care agencies, hospices, home care aide organizations, and medical equipment suppliers. Dedicated to making home care and hospice providers' lives easier.

**National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)** ..... (800) 611-6274  
780 Lee Street, Suite 200, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016

[www.nari.org](http://www.nari.org)

In 1983, the National Remodelers Association and the National Home Improvement Council joined to establish the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). Today, NARI has 58 chapters nationwide. NARI's Core Purpose is to advance and promote the remodeling industry's professionalism, product and vital public purpose.

**National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)** ..... (703) 437-0700  
11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190-5248

[nasad.arts-accredit.org](http://nasad.arts-accredit.org)

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), founded in 1944, is an organization of schools, colleges, and universities. It has approximately 280 accredited institutional members. It establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials. NASAD provides information to potential students and parents, consultations, statistical information, professional development; and policy analysis.

**National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** ..... (202) 408-8600  
750 First Street, NE • Suite 700 • Washington, DC 20002-4241

[www.naswdc.org](http://www.naswdc.org)

NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 150,000 members. Their foundation administers a wide variety of educational and research programs in an effort to fulfill its core mission of enhancing the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work policy and practice

**National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)** ..... (202) 833-2220  
1313 L Street, NW Suite 110, Washington, DC 20005

[www.nbcdi.org](http://www.nbcdi.org)

NBCDI's mission is to improve and protect the quality of life of Black children and families. NBCDI's vision is a society that embraces the commitment to a successful future for every child. We have worked to improve child welfare services, make universal early care and education a reality, build family support services, press for educational reform and provide vital information on children's health. As we are now into the new millennium, it is critical that we continue to dedicate ourselves to giving every child a chance. We believe that such a vision should recognize the pivotal role that all members of our community must play if equity and access are to become a reality for our children. This includes parents, the faith

community, social and civic clubs, the barber and barber shops in the community - all of which must become part of the mobilization on behalf of our children.

**National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)**

[nbcc@nbcc.org](mailto:nbcc@nbcc.org)

[www.nbcc.org/](http://www.nbcc.org/)

NBCC is an independent not-for-profit credentialing body for counselors, was incorporated in 1982 to establish and monitor a national certification system, to identify those counselors who have voluntarily sought and obtained certification, and to maintain a register of those counselors.

**National Business Travelers Association (NBTA)** ..... (703) 684-0836

110 North Royal Street, 4th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314

[info@nbta.org](mailto:info@nbta.org)

[www.nbta.org](http://www.nbta.org)

The NBTA represents the interests of corporate *travel* managers and *travel* service providers in the US. A global membership organization providing education, information and advocacy for business travel management professionals.

**National Child Care Association** ..... (202)-367-1133

2025 M Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036-3309

[www.nccanet.org](http://www.nccanet.org)

The Mission of the National Child Care Association is to promote the growth and safeguard the interest of quality childhood care and education focusing on licensed, private providers of these services.

**National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)** ..... (800) 616-2242

10530 Rosehaven St., Suite 400 • Fairfax, VA 22030 |

[www.nccic.org](http://www.nccic.org)

The center, a service of the Child Care Bureau, is a national clearinghouse and technical assistance center that provides comprehensive child care information resources and TA services to Child Care and Development Fund Administrators and other key stakeholders

**National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers (NCCCC)** ..... (800) 813-8207

University of Northern Iowa, Price Laboratory School #114E, Cedar Falls, IA 50614

[www.campuschildren.org](http://www.campuschildren.org)

Supports research and activities affecting college and university early childhood education and service settings, family and work issues, and the field of early childhood education in general. Sponsors a newsletter, publications, conferences, and grants.

**National Conference of States on Building Codes**

**and Standards (NCSBCS)** ..... (703) 437-0100

505 Huntmar Park Drive, Suite 210, Herndon, VA 20170

[www.ncsbcs.org](http://www.ncsbcs.org)

The National Conference of States on Building Codes and Standards (NCSBCS) serves as a forum in the interchange of information and provides technical services, education and training to its members to enhance the public’s social and economic well being through safe, durable, affordable, accessible and efficient buildings.**National Consumers League (NCL)**

..... (202) 835-3323  
1701 K St., NW, Suite # 1200, Washington, DC 20006  
[www.nclnet.org](http://www.nclnet.org)  
[www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org)  
Organization open to individuals, organizations, companies, agencies, media educators and all others interested in consumer education and consumer literacy. Offers **LifeSmarts** Ultimate Consumer Challenge for teens.

**National Council on Aging (NCOA)** ..... (202) 479-1200  
1901 L Street NW, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20036  
[www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org)  
Non-profit with a national network of 14,000+ organizations and leaders. Members include senior centers, area agencies on aging, adult day care centers, faith-based service organizations, senior housing facilities, employment services, consumer groups and leaders from academia, business and labor. Promotes the dignity, self-determination and well being of older persons and enhances the field of aging through leadership and service, education and advocacy.

**National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)** ..... (202) 783-6500  
1801 K Street, NW, Suite 700-K, Washington, DC 20006-1310  
[www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org)  
The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public through effective regulation and exemplary service. NCARB members are the architectural registration boards for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and three U.S. territories.

**National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)** ..... (888) 781-9331  
3989 Central Ave., NE, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55421  
[www.ncfr.org](http://www.ncfr.org)  
Organization dedicated to accreditation of university programs. Sets standards for family life education programs that have implications for articulation. Annual convention, publications, professional development activities.

**National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ)** ..... (202) 721-0220  
1200 18th Street NW, Suite 1001, Washington, DC 20036-2506  
[www.ncidq.org](http://www.ncidq.org)  
The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) serves to identify to the public those interior designers who have met the minimum standards for professional practice by passing the NCIDQ Examination. The core purpose of the NCIDQ is to protect the health, life safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design.

**National Council on Qualification for the Lighting Professions (NCQLP)** ..... (512) 973-0042  
PO Box 142729, Austin, TX 78714-2729  
[www.ncqlp.org](http://www.ncqlp.org)

The National Council on Qualification for the Lighting Professions (NCQLP) is a non-profit organization founded in 1991 to serve and protect the well-being of the public through effective and efficient lighting practice. Through a peer-review process, the NCQLP establishes the education, experience and examination requirements for baseline certification across the lighting professions.

**National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA)** ..... (800) 896-3650  
10400 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 500, Kensington, MD 20895-3944

[www.nfcacares.org](http://www.nfcacares.org)

The association educates, supports, empowers and speaks up for the more than 50 million Americans who care for loved ones with a chronic illness or disability or the frailties of old age. NFCA reaches across the boundaries of diagnoses, relationships and life stages to help transform family caregivers' lives by removing barriers to health and well being.

**National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)** ..... (617) 770-3000  
1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

The mission of the international nonprofit National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), established in 1896, is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training and education.

**National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC)** ..... (301) 589-5600  
801 Roeder Road, Suite 900, Silver Spring, MD 20910

[www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)

Each year, more than one million people receive counseling and educational services from NFCC member agencies. More than one-third of all consumers who come to an NFCC agency for counseling are able to manage their debt on their own after receiving financial education and counseling.

**National Home Furnishings Association (NHFA)** ..... (800) 888-9590  
3910 Tinsley Drive, Suite 101 High Point, NC 27265-3610

[www.nhfa.org](http://www.nhfa.org)

National Home Furnishings Association (NHFA) is the nation's largest organization devoted specifically to the needs and interests of home furnishings retailers. NHFA's membership comprises 2800 corporate entities representing 10,000 stores in all 50 states and several foreign countries. NHFA is committed to helping home furnishings retailers operate highly profitable businesses that provide an exceptional level of service to the consumers who buy their furniture

**National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO)**

[www.nhpc.org](http://www.nhpc.org)

NHPCO is dedicated to promoting and maintaining quality *care* for terminally ill persons and their families, and to making *hospice* an integral part of their care. The organization is committed to improving end of life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in America and their loved ones.

**National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA)** ..... (800) 843-6522  
687 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

[www.nkba.org](http://www.nkba.org)

The National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) is a non-profit trade association that owns the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show & Conference (K/BIS®). With over 40,000 members, the NKBA has educated and led the kitchen and bath industry for 45 years. The mission of the NKBA is to enhance member success and excellence, promote professionalism and ethical business practices, and provide leadership and direction for the kitchen and bath industry.

**National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)** ..... (212) 727-2700  
40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011

[www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org)

The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) was founded in 1970 by a group of law students and attorneys at the forefront of the environmental movement. NRDC is the nation's most effective environmental action organization. They use law, science and the support of 1.2 million members and online activists to protect the planet's wildlife and wild places and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all living things.

**National Restaurant Association (NRA)** ..... (202) 331-5900  
1200 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20036

[www.restaurant.org](http://www.restaurant.org)

Founded in 1919, the National Restaurant Association is the leading business association for the restaurant industry. Together with the [National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation](#) (NRAEF), the Association's mission is to represent, educate and promote a rapidly growing industry that is comprised of 945,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets employing 13.1 million people

**National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF)** .. (800) 765-2122  
175 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604

[www.nraef.org](http://www.nraef.org)

**National Retail Federation (NRF)** ..... (800) 673-4692  
325 7<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20004

[www.nrf.com](http://www.nrf.com)

Conducts programs and services in research, education, training, information technology, and government affairs to protect and advance the interests of the retail industry. Represents more than 100 state, national and international trade organizations that have members in most lines of retailing. Publishes *Stores*.

**National Society for Healthcare Foodservice Management (HFM)**..... (212) 297-2166  
355 Lexington Avenue, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10017

[www.hfm.org](http://www.hfm.org)

Provides benchmarking, marketing, professional development and other services to professionals who manage health care foodservice in self-operated facilities. Offers newsletters, directory, successful operations guide, national training conference, and local meetings.

**National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)** ..... (703) 684-2800  
1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

[www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org)

The National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), in partnership with the State Societies, is the organization of licensed Professional Engineers (PEs) and Engineer Interns (EIs). Through education, licensure advocacy, leadership training, multi-disciplinary networking, and outreach, NSPE enhances the image of its members and their ability to ethically and professionally practice engineering. NSPE is the only national organization committed to addressing the professional concerns of licensed PEs across all disciplines.

**National Tour Association (NTA)** ..... (800) 682-8886  
546 East Main St., Lexington, KY 40508

[www.ntaonline.com](http://www.ntaonline.com)

Brings together those who package travel (group as well as individual trips) with suppliers and destinations who represent the various components of the trip.

**National WIC Directors Association (NWDCA)** ..... (202) 232-5492  
2001 S St., NW, Suite 580, Washington, DC 20009

[www.nwica.org](http://www.nwica.org)

A nonprofit, voluntary organization of state and local directors and nutrition coordinators working in the WIC Program. NWDCA is committed to maximizing WIC Program resources.

**The Natural Step** ..... + 46 8 789 29 00  
Garvargatan 9C, 112 21 Stockholm, Sweden

[www.naturalstep.org](http://www.naturalstep.org)

Since 1988, The Natural Step has worked to accelerate global sustainability by guiding companies, communities and governments onto an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable path. More than 70 people in eleven countries work with an international network of sustainability experts, scientists, universities, and businesses to create solutions, innovative models and tools that will lead the transition to a sustainable future.

**Network of Executive Women in Hospitality (NEWH)** ..... (715) 526-5267  
PO Box 322, Shawano, WI 54166

[www.newh.org](http://www.newh.org)

NEWH, the hospitality industry network, was founded in Los Angeles in 1984. Goal is to promote a high standard of achievement for women in hospitality and related fields. Serves its members and the industry through scholarship fundraising, educational efforts, and information exchange. Has student chapters at schools with related programs.

**North American Association of Food Equipment  
Manufacturers (NAFEM)** ..... (312) 644-6610  
401 North Michigan Ave., Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60611

[www.nafem.org](http://www.nafem.org)

Promotes, develops and communicates cooperative programs and activities that will improve the level of professionalism and provide a vehicle for broadening knowledge of

members and affiliates within the global foodservice equipment and supplies industry.

**Partners in Responsible Tourism (PIRT)**

[www.pirt.org](http://www.pirt.org)

A network of individuals and representatives of tourism companies who have a strong interest in adventure travel and ecotourism and who are concerned about the impact of tourism and tourism development on local environments and cultures.

**Preschool California** ..... (510) 271-0075 or (323) 254-1411

[www.preschoolcalifornia.org/](http://www.preschoolcalifornia.org/)

A nonprofit advocacy organization working to increase access to high-quality preschool for all of California’s children, starting with those who need it most. Preschool California wants every child in California to have the opportunity to attend effective pre-kindergarten.

**Professional Association for Childhood Education (PACE)** ..... (800) 924-2460

300 Montgomery Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94104

[www.pacenet.org](http://www.pacenet.org)

California state association for childcare center owners, directors, and teachers. Established in 1955 to advance the profession of teaching to provide quality childcare and early childhood education. Statewide association that serves all categories of licensed/regulated child care centers. Offers professional networking, a bi-monthly newsletter, *The Pacesetter*, annual membership directory, and legislative representation at all government levels.

**Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA)**

[www.pcma.org](http://www.pcma.org)

Is the leading organization for meeting and event professionals. The mission of the Professional Convention Management Association is to deliver superior and innovative education and promote the value of professional convention management. PCMA represents more than 6,000 meeting industry leaders including planner professionals, suppliers, faculty and students. Aside from students and faculty, other members are categorized as either a professional or supplier.

**Research Chefs Association (RCA)** ..... (404) 252-3663

1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30342

[rca@kellencompany.com](mailto:rca@kellencompany.com)

[www.researchchef.org](http://www.researchchef.org)

Formed in 1996 by a group of food professionals with a common interest in the challenges facing the profession, the Research Chefs Association (RCA) has rapidly grown to approximately 2,500 members. RCA has become the premier source of culinary and technical information for the food industry, with a professionally diverse membership including chefs, food scientists, and other industry professionals who are shaping the future of food research and development.

**Retail Design Institute** ..... (914) 332-0040

(formerly **Institute of Store Planners (ISP)**)

25 North Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10590

[www.retaildesigninstitute.org](http://www.retaildesigninstitute.org)

The Retail Design Institute serves 1000+ members in 14 Chapters in the U.S. & internationally. It is the only international professional society totally dedicated to the challenges and rewards of retail store planning and design. Their design professionals include: architects, industrial designers, interior designers, planners, draftsmen and detailers, visual merchandisers, graphic designers, lighting experts, project and construction managers, CAD & IT specialists, & marketing specialists.

**Roundtable for Food Professionals (RFP)**..... (949) 219-0520

1732 Kaiser Ave., Irvine, CA 92614

[www.rpforg.org](http://www.rpforg.org)

An organization of culinary, foodservice, and food manufacturing individuals dedicated to improving the profession and supporting college and university programs.

**The San Francisco Fashion Industry Meetup Group**

[fashionista.meetup.com/90/](http://fashionista.meetup.com/90/)

Meetup Groups are today's support groups, parent playgroups, citizen groups, fitness groups, book clubs, professional groups, and other powerful local groups! Network with the local fashion industry. Talk about experiences in the design world in San Francisco. Open to students, professionals, boutique owners and designers. Please note this group is industry related. To be considered for membership in this group, you need to be in the industry.

**Small Business Legislative Council** ..... (202) 639-8500

1000 H Street, NW, Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005

[email@sbic.org](mailto:email@sbic.org)

[www.sbic.org](http://www.sbic.org)

The SBLC is an independent, permanent coalition of trade and professional associations who share a common concern for the future of small business. The purpose of SBLC is twofold: to consolidate the strength and maximize the influence of business on legislative and Federal policy issues of importance to the entire small business community; and secondly, to disseminate information on the impact of public policy on small business.

**Society of Architectural Historians (SAH)** ..... (312) 573-1365

1365 North Astor Street | Chicago, Illinois 60610-2144

[www.sah.org](http://www.sah.org)

The Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) is an international not-for-profit membership organization that promotes the study and preservation of the built environment worldwide. The Society's 3,500 members include architectural historians, architects, preservationists, students, professionals in allied fields and the interested public. Membership in SAH is open to everyone, regardless of profession or expertise, who is interested in the study, interpretation, and protection of historically significant buildings, sites, cities and landscapes.

**Society of Architectural Historians—  
Southern CA Chapter (SAHSCC) ..... (800) 9SA-HSCC**

[www.sahscc.org](http://www.sahscc.org)

Offers dozens of tours, lectures, symposia, workshops, and other activities related to Southern California's rich architectural heritage. Of interest to anyone in interior design who is working with historic properties, designing period sets for television and film or creating a traditional or post-modern interior quoting from past models.

**Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business (SOCAP) ..... (703) 519-3700  
675 North Washington St., Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314**

[www.socap.org](http://www.socap.org)

Organization representing a thriving global profession of best-in-class customer care experts across all industries. SOCAP is a member-driven organization committed to promoting customer care and customer engagement as a competitive advantage in business. The Association's members include vice presidents, directors, managers and supervisors of customer care and consumer affairs from top Fortune/Forbes 1000 companies as well as hundreds of business partner organizations. SOCAP provides the educational tools and professional resources to help its members to drive business transformation within their companies. Additionally, SOCAP's exclusive network gives members access to thousands of customer care experts across the globe.

**Society for Nutrition Education (SNE) ..... (317) 328-4627 or (800) 235-6690  
7150 Winton Drive, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46268**

[www.sne.org](http://www.sne.org)

Represents the unique professional interests of nutrition educators in the United States and worldwide. SNE is dedicated to promoting healthy, sustainable food choices and has a vision to be recognized as the premier organization for food and nutrition education professionals. SNE provides forums for sharing innovative strategies for nutrition education, expressing a range of views on important issues, and disseminating research findings. Members of SNE educate individuals, families, fellow professionals, and students, and influence policy makers about nutrition, food, and health.

**Society for Research on Adolescence**

[www.s-r-a.org](http://www.s-r-a.org)

SRA is a dynamic, multidisciplinary, international organization dedicated to understanding *adolescence* through research and dissemination. SRA publishes both the *Journal of Research on Adolescence* and a biannual Newsletter.

**Society for Research on Adult Development**

[www.adultdevelopment.org](http://www.adultdevelopment.org)

The international membership of the SRAD includes people from all disciplines who are interested in positive adult development. The focus is on expanded capabilities and changes that improve the quality of life.

**Society for Research on Child Development**

[www.srcd.org/](http://www.srcd.org/)

The SRCD was established in 1933 by the National Research Council of the National Academies of Science. The history of the Society's origin and evolution parallels that of the academic specialty of child development. The purposes of the Society are to promote multidisciplinary research in the field of human development, to foster the exchange of information among scientists and other professionals of various disciplines, and to encourage applications of research findings.

**Textile Association of Los Angeles** ..... (213) 627-6173

110 E. 9th Street, Suite A-703, Los Angeles, CA 90079

[info@talaus.org](mailto:info@talaus.org)

[www.talaus.org](http://www.talaus.org)

Textile Association of Los Angeles (TALA) is a membership-based group of professionals engaged in textile sales, manufacturing, related products and services to the apparel industry. The association provides education, networking opportunities and resource information services locating textiles, related products and services within the apparel industry, through its office, annual directory, and numerous networking events and opportunities. The association also provides scholarships to talented future designers, contributes to charitable causes, and holds community events for inner-city youth.

**The Travel Institute**

(formerly **The Institute of Certified Travel Agents**)

[www.thetravelinstitute.com](http://www.thetravelinstitute.com)

Established in 1964, The Travel Institute serves as a community of knowledge and insight for all travel professionals. Through innovative education programs, professional certifications and customized learning solutions, The Institute fulfills its non-profit mission to promote a standard of industry knowledge and excellence. The Travel Institute's programs encompass all career stages, from entry level to executive.

**U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** ..... (800) 795-1747

1800 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036

[www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

The U.S. Green Building Council is a non-profit community of leaders working to make green buildings available to everyone within a generation. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a non-profit organization committed to expanding sustainable building practices. USGBC is composed of more than 15,000 organizations from across the building industry that are working to advance structures that are environmentally responsible, profitable, and healthy places to live and work. Members includes building owners and end-users, real estate developers, facility managers, architects, designers, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, product and building system manufacturers, government agencies, and nonprofits.

**USGBC – Los Angeles** ..... (213) 689-9707

444 S Flower Street, Suite 525 Los Angeles, CA 90071

**USGBC – Orange County** ..... 800-241-4902 ext 1663

**U.S. Travel Association (ISTA)** ..... (202) 408-8422  
(formerly **TIA and Travel Business Roundtable**)

1100 New York Ave., NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20005

[www.tia.org](http://www.tia.org) or [www.ustravel.org](http://www.ustravel.org)

The organizations have recently merged to form the U.S. Travel Association. They represent and speak for the common interests and concerns of all components of the U.S. travel industry. Recognized as the leader in promoting and facilitating increased travel to and within the United States in order to make America the world's number one tourism destination. The authoritative and recognized source of research, analysis, and forecasting for the entire industry and its primary spokesperson to the domestic and international media.

**The Vegetarian Resource Group (VRG)** ..... (410) 366-8343

P.O. Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203

[www.vrg.org](http://www.vrg.org)

Organization dedicated to educating the public on vegetarianism and the interrelated issues of health, nutrition, ecology, ethics and world hunger. In addition to publishing the *Vegetarian Journal*, VRG produces and sells cookbooks, books, pamphlets, and articles.

**WestEd** ..... (800) 770-6339

333 North Lantana, Suite 277, Camarillo, CA 93010

[www.wested.org](http://www.wested.org)

A national nonprofit research, development and service agency working with education and human development communities to promote excellence, achieve equity, and improve learning for children, youth and adults.

**World Health Organization (WHO)**

Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland

[www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

United Nations specialized agency for health—as a state of physical, mental and social well being.

**Regional Office of the Americas** ..... (202) 974-3000

525 23rd St., NW, Washington, DC 20037

**Zero to Three** ..... (213) 481-7279

350 South Bixel, Suite 150 Los Angeles, California 90017

[www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org)

ZERO TO THREE is a national nonprofit organization that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers. Our mission is to promote the health and development of infants and toddlers.

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