Top Marriage and Family Links

[United Families International](http://www.unitedfamilies.org) provides a vast amount of information and research on the local, national and international levels including the [*Guide to Family Issues*](http://unitedfamilies.org/default.asp?contentID=18) which provides family advocates and policy makers with vital information that will aid in defending the family in area such as pornography, cohabitation, sexual orientation and divorce. The UFI [UN Negotiating Guide](http://unitedfamilies.org/default.asp?contentID=21), is the most widely used tool at the United Nations for defending the family in UN documents. Also UFI offers the newsletter, [*The Family Times*](http://unitedfamilies.org/default.asp?contentID=19),

[The Doha International Institute for Family Studies and Development](http://www.fsd.org.qa/) with a global span and interdisciplinary approach provides information on family policy, family research and implementation and social outreach. The Global State of the Family Index and the Global Family Matters offers massive amount s of data related to family health and wellbeing including, for example, rates of infant mortality, maternal mortality, marriage and divorce as well as educational attainment and family economic data for all nations. Data can be located by nation or topic. DIIFSD provides numerous other resources such the Family NGOs, Family Scholars, and listings of conferences and institutes

The [National Healthy Marriage Resource Center (NHMRC)](http://healthymarriageinfo.org/index.aspx) is a clearinghouse for practical resources for educating about healthy relationships, families and marriage. NHMRC provides statistics, research, articles about the family, family policy and educational approaches to strengthen marriage and the family. This site is particularly strong in providing supportive materials for a marriage educator with a long list of curricula and programs for all types of families as well as facilitation guidelines and resources for training. Some of the marriage and relationship curricula listed are free.

[World Congress of Families](http://www.worldcongress.org): The Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society provides many resources such as research articles, publications, media, information on conferences and institutes for the purpose of defending the family and guiding public policy and cultural norms. The Howard Center initiated the five World Congress of Families known as “the world’s largest conferences of pro- family leaders and grass roots activists”. These international and regional conventions assemble representatives from many national, ethnic, cultural, social and religious communities, to affirm that the natural human family is established by the Creator and essential to good society.

[Smart Marriages](http://www.smartmarriages.com) basically was the catalyst for the marriage movement in America through the annual Smart Marriage conferences bringing together researchers, marriage therapists and educators, authors, and policy makers. The website provides excellent resources such lists of marriage and relationship education programs, curricula, training and speakers as well as the latest research, articles and archived presentations related to strengthening marriage. Although the Smart Marriage conferences are no longer being held this organization still provides key and updated resources on issues related to marriage and the family.