Data Resources

PA Department of Public Welfare’s ChildStat - PA ChildStat is a county child outcomes indicators project that uses the available data to measure the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children at the county level. https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/CommunityLevelOutcomeIndicators/PAChildStatFlex.html

Reports published by the Penn State Prevention Research Center, including:

- The Economic Return on PCCDs Investment in Research-based Programs: A Cost-benefit Assessment of Delinquency Prevention in Pennsylvania
- Reducing Youth Violence and Delinquency in Pennsylvania: PCCDs Research-based Programs Initiative
- PA Communities That Care (CTC) Statewide Evaluation http://prevention.psu.edu/pubs/index.html

PA Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook – The Pennsylvania Electronic Juvenile Justice Databook provides access to a broad range of county level data tables that describe the status of youth across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The contents of the Databook are organized into 9 chapters: population, health, economic, education, abuse/neglect, reported crime, arrests, juvenile court cases, custody. http://ncij-staging.servehttp.com/padatabook/


Kids Count, Annie E. Casey Foundation – The Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Data Center includes community-level data in addition to city, state, and national data. It consists of 100 indicators of child well-being, including economic status, health, safety, and risk factors. It also allows one to create maps, graphs, and charts for use in presentations or on a website. http://www.aecf.org/MajorInitiatives/KIDSCOUNT.aspx

Child Trends Databank – The site provides national trends and research on over 100 key indicators of child and youth well-being. A series of data briefs that draw from multiple indicators to examine broad topics and special populations of greatest concern to policy makers, service providers, the media, and the general public are also available. http://www.childtrendsdbank.org/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Snap Shots of State Population Data (SNAPS) - SNAPS provides local-level community profile information nationwide. It can be browsed by county and state and searched by zip code. http://emergency.cdc.gov/snaps/data/state-maps/pennsylvania_map.html

Penn State Cooperative Extension Economic and Community Development – The site provides profiles, trends, quick facts, and fact sheets for counties and the state and includes information on topics such as families, income, employment, government spending, and land use. http://www.economicdevelopment.psu.edu/New%20Site/cominfo.html

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids – Fight Crime: Invest in Kids is a national, bipartisan, nonprofit anti-crime organization providing research and policy information on topics such as early education, child abuse and neglect, after-school programming, and youth delinquency. www.fightcrime.org
Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) - PASDA is the official public access geospatial information clearinghouse for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has served for twelve years as Pennsylvania's node on the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, Geospatial One-Stop, and the National Biological Information Infrastructure. The Data Access Wizard combines a search engine with powerful web-based geoprocessing and visualization capabilities to provide users with a variety of county, state, and national statistical and data resources as downloads.
www.pasda.psu.edu

PA Department of Health Epidemiological Query and Mapping System (EpiQMS) and Behavioral Health Risks Surveillance System (BRFSS) - An interactive health statistics web tool where you can create customized data tables, charts, and county/regional assessments for behavioral risk statistics as well as birth, death, infant death, teen pregnancy, cancer, sexually transmitted disease, other communicable disease and population statistics. Results of the BRFSS for adults are available by year.
http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=175&q=201869

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) – The YRBSS monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults. The YRBSS includes a national school-based survey conducted by the CDC and state, territorial, tribal, and local surveys conducted by state, territorial, and local education and health agencies and tribal governments. The site provides survey results, trends, and information, such as fact sheets and data files.
http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm

Carsey Institute - Provides access to socio-economic indicators for rural, suburban, and urban parts of each region of the United States.
http://regionalindicators.unh.edu/

FedStats – FedStats provides access to a full range of official statistical information produced by the Federal Government without having to know in advance which Federal agency produces which particular statistic. The site allows convenient access to data from more than 100 agencies that provide data and trend information on such topics as economic and population trends, crime, education, health care, aviation safety, energy use, farm production and more.
http://www.fedstats.gov/qf/states/42000.html

School Matters – A public source for information and analysis about our nation's public schools. Provides information, and search and comparison tools to help research the stories behind the numbers, and further the discussion about how to improve student performance.
http://www.schoolmatters.com/

U.S. Census Bureau - USA Counties - Features over 6,000 data items for the United States, States and counties from a variety of census sources. Information is derived from the following general topics: age, agriculture, ancestry, banking, building permits, business patterns, crime, earnings, education, elections, employment, government, health, households, housing, income, labor force, manufactures, population, poverty, retail trade, social programs, veterans, vital statistics, water use, and wholesale trade.
http://censtats.census.gov/usa/usa.shtml

The PEW Center on the States - The Pew Center on the States conducts ground-breaking research in many areas of critical importance to state policymakers, such as public safety, education, foster care, with the intent of helping states to make sound, data-driven policy choices.
http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org/default.aspx

American Community Survey - A nationwide survey designed to provide communities information on how they are changing. It includes data tables, ranking tables and surveys on demographic, social, economic, and housing data for over 800 geographical areas.
http://www.census.gov/acs/www/

United Health Foundation - Provides a 2008 health ranking report for each state. Ranking is comprised of 22 individual measures; 16 measure health determinants such as personal behaviors and 6 measure health outcomes.
http://www.americashealthrankings.org/2008/glance.html

EPISCcenter - Updated in June of 2012
Trust for America’s Health – Summarizes state-based health, population, public health, and economic indicators. 
http://healthyamericans.org/states/?stateid=PA

Kaiser Family Foundation – Provides direct access to national and state facts and data about the nation’s health care system and programs. It also allows for the creation of customizable PowerPoint slides. 

Prevention Resources

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) - PCCD has the mission of improving the criminal justice system in Pennsylvania and on their website provides criminal justice trends, Pennsylvania Youth Survey data, and information on prevention initiatives, such as Communities That Care, Weed and Seed, and Evidence-based Programs Initiatives. 
http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pccd_home/5226

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence Blueprints (CSPV) - CSPV provides an Information Clearinghouse focused on evaluation of research and information concerning youth violence. Abstracts of violence related research and literature, national statistics and comparisons by state, and overviews of proven, recognized Blueprint programs are provided. 
http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/

OJJDP Model Program Guide – A Model Program Guide offers a database of scientifically-proven programs that cover the entire continuum of youth services from prevention through sanctions to reentry that address a range of issues, including substance abuse, mental health, and education programs. 
http://www.ojjdp.gov/mpg/

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - Model, Effective, and Promising Programs - Details on prevention programs previously reviewed by SAMHSA as model, effective, and promising programs. 
http://www.modelprograms.samhsa.gov/

Communities that Care (CTC) – CTC resources provided as part of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) toolkit: 
http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/features/ctc/resources.aspx

Society for Prevention Research – The Society for Prevention Research seeks to advance science-based prevention programs and policies through empirical research. Resources provided include standards of evidence, advocacy guidelines, and published research, and training and career opportunities. 
www.preventionscience.org

Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) – CASEL has the mission of establishing social and emotional learning (SEL) as an essential part of education. 
http://www.casel.org/

National Institute on Drug Abuse – The site includes a variety of resources including funding, news, publications, and educational materials for health professionals, researchers, parents, educators, and youth. It also hosts a research based guide for preventing drug use among youth and lists research-based universal, selective, indicated, and tiered programs. 

John Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence – Created through grant funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Center brings together academic institutions, city and state agencies and organizations, community groups, schools, youth groups, and faith organizations to collaborate on both positive youth development and the prevention of violence. The site provides resources, as well as information and links evidence-based program listings. 
http://www.ihsph.edu/preventyouthviolence/
Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute (PPSI) – PPSI’s mission is to conduct innovative research promoting capable and healthy youth, adults, families, and communities—through partnerships that integrate science with practice. Research on a variety of topics is available, including strategies for diffusion, family participation factors, needs assessment, and intervention efficacy. http://www.ppsi.iastate.edu/default.htm

National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) - As a service SAMHSA, NREPP is a searchable database of interventions for the prevention and treatment of mental and substance use disorders. SAMHSA has developed this resource to help people, agencies, and organizations implement programs and practices in their communities. NREPP lists programs which have undergone some form of study, whether scientifically rigorous or not, and that have produced outcome findings, positive or negative. NREPP does not establish criteria requiring a level of effectiveness to list programs; rather it is left to reader to make their own judgment about whether the evaluation results represent an "effective" program. http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – The Guide to Community Prevention Services provides resources in the categories of policies, research, programs and services, education, funding, and general use to improve health at a community level. www.thecommunityguide.org

Find Youth Info – Federally-developed interactive tools and other resources to help community organizations and partnerships support youth. Included are tools and resources to form effective partnerships, assess community assets, understand risk and protective factors, generate maps of local and federal resources, and search for evidence-based youth programs. http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/

CESAR – Center for Substance Abuse Research: CESAR Fax provides a weekly, one-page overview of timely substance abuse trends or issues. http://www.cesar.umd.edu/cesar/cesarfax.asp

Community-Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) - Resources to build drug-free communities and support coalition development. http://www.cadca.org/


Sustainability Primer: Fostering Long-term Change to Create Drug-Free Communities – A primer aimed at providing coalitions with an understanding of sustainability and the role of resource planning to ensure that substance use reduction efforts can be maintained through the demonstration of outcomes and population-level change. http://www.cadca.org/files/sustainability-primer-2008.pdf

Society for Research in Child Development - The Society is a multidisciplinary, not-for-profit, professional association of researchers, practitioners, and human development professionals from over 50 countries that promotes multidisciplinary research in the field of human development, fosters the exchange of information among scientists and other professionals of various disciplines, and encourages applications of research findings. http://www.srcd.org/

Funding Resources

PA Specific Funding Sources:


Pennsylvania Department of Education - An eGrants system was developed by the PA Department of Education to enable submission of applications over the Internet. A variety of federal and state grants are listed. Currently the Adult Basic & Literacy Education, Career and Technical Education, Major Federal Programs, Special Education/Early Intervention and Safe and Drug Free
Schools are using the eGrants system for grant applications.
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/grants_and_subsidies/7207

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) – PCCD awards grants of federal and state funds to help local governments and non-profit organizations throughout the Commonwealth to prevent and reduce crime, improve the justice systems and help victims of crime.
http://www.pccd.state.pa.us

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania – The Center focuses on mandated research areas, which are rural people and communities; economic development; local government finance and administration; community services; natural resources and the environment; rural values and social change; and educational outreach. Grants and resources specific to rural PA communities are available on the site.
http://www.ruralpa.org/grants.html

Other Funding Resources:

The Grantsmanship Center – Web links for top grantmaking foundations, community foundations, and corporate giving organizations in PA are listed.

The Foundation Center – An extensive online foundation directory requiring a subscription that has searchable databases for 98,000 grantmakers, companies, grants, and 990s.
http://foundationcenter.org

The Rural Assistance Center – The site provides a searchable database for funding available for rural communities. It also offers a variety of resources, including grant writing, data and mapping tools.

Community How To Guide on Self Sufficiency, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – As part of the Underage Drinking Prevention Project, this guide provides explanations of various funding sources and guidance on proposal writing.

Guidestar - GuideStar is a source of information about U.S. nonprofits with a database of 1.8 million IRS-recognized organizations. The site allows for finding charities, benchmarking a nonprofit's performance, providing information on the programs and finances of non-profits.
http://www.guidestar.org

GrantsAlert - The site is dedicated to education grants and funding opportunities for education related organizations, schools, school districts, consortia and state education agencies.
http://www.grantsalert.com/

GRANTS.GOV – The site is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and lists all discretionary grants offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.
http://www.grants.gov/

National Institute on Drug Abuse – The site includes a variety of resources including funding opportunities and grant writing resources.
http://www.drugabuse.gov/funding/

The Chronicle of Philanthropy - *The Chronicle Guide to Grants* is a database containing foundation, corporate, and nonprofit grants listed in The Chronicle of Philanthropy since 1995. The database contains information on hundreds of thousands of grant listings and on average, more than $200-million in new grant listings are added to the database every two weeks. Access is available for a fee.
http://philanthropy.com
Fundsnet Online Services – Grantwriting and fundraising resources are provided for a wide variety of categories. www.fundsnetservices.com

Jankowski Research - Resources and a grant database that is searchable across 14 data elements for a fee. www.grantsdirect.com


U.S. Department of Education - A forecast of funding document lists virtually all programs and competitions under which the Department has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards and provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications. The lists are in the form of charts, organized according to the Department's principal program offices, and include programs and competitions previously announced, as well as those anticipated. http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html

SchoolGrants - A listing of grants and a collection of resources and tips to help K-12 educators apply for and obtain special grants for a variety of projects. http://k12grants.org/grant_opps.htm

Twenty-First Century Foundation – A national foundation/public charity that makes grants to support African American community revitalization, education and leadership development. http://www.21cf.org/

eSchool News – Technology news and resources, including funding opportunities, for educators. http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/funding/

Teachersplanet – Information on preparing grant applications and links to potential funding sources. http://www.teacherplanet.com/

Michigan State University Fundraising Resources - This site provides information for those interested in learning more about foundations, fundraising, proposal writing, it is tailored for elementary and secondary school administrators and teachers. http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/4edfrais.htm

Resources for Non-Profits

The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University - The Center is a part of the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts. The Fund Raising School is the only international fundraising education program housed within a university. They combine cutting-edge practice with scientific research. http://www.philanthropy.iupui.edu/thefundraisingschool/

Duquesne University Non-profit Leadership Institute – Information, trainings, and resources for nonprofit governance and leadership. http://www.sites.duq.edu/nli/

The Finance Project - The Finance Project is a specialized non-profit research, consulting, technical assistance, and training firm for public and private sector leaders nationwide. The Youth Programs Resource Center provides information and resources related to supporting and sustaining youth programs, initiatives and policies. http://www.financeproject.org/index.cfm and http://www.financeproject.org/index.cfm?page=31

Techsoup – TechSoup provides a range of technology services for nonprofits, including articles, a blog, discussion forums, Webinars, and discounted and donated technology products. Donated and discounted technology products for nonprofits and public libraries. Choose from over 340 products from companies such as Microsoft, Adobe, and Symantec. http://www.techsoup.org

EPISCenter - Updated in June of 2012
Network for Good – The Network for Good aids nonprofits, of any size, to recruit donors and volunteers via the Internet.
http://www.networkforgood.org

National Mentoring Center – Materials related to sustainability planning and resource development for youth mentoring programs.

NOZA – NOZA provides free access to a database of 990-PF tax returns. The project was started by Grantsmart and contains publically-available data received from the IRS on more than 1,000,000 foundation grant records.
www.grantsmart.com - or – https://www.nozasearch.com

The Gilbert Center – The Gilbert Center is a research institute, consulting firm, and publishing house working to support and empower nonprofits and aid them in communicating effectively.
http://gilbert.org

The Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership – The site provides a resource library for non-profit and foundation professionals, students, and volunteers.
http://www.nonprofitbasics.org

RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service – The site provides information for volunteers, best practices and volunteer management resources, a virtual volunteering component, and a document library with information related to volunteerism.
http://www.serviceleader.org

Volunteer Match – The organization offers a variety of online services to support a community of nonprofit, volunteer and business leaders committed to civic engagement. The service welcomes millions of visitors a year and is an Internet recruiting tool for more than 68,000 nonprofit organizations.
http://www.volunteermatch.org/

The Alliance for Justice – The Nonprofit Advocacy Project provides information and resources on advocacy and lobbying.
http://www.afj.org/

The Leadership Learning Community (LLC) – LLC is a national organization dedicated to developing leadership that addresses a range of social issues. LLC connects a diverse group of leadership development practitioners, grant-makers, and thought leaders who identify successful practices, conduct research, evaluate current leadership efforts, and exchange information and tools. Through its peer learning methodologies, consulting services, and digital resources, LLC promotes leadership support and development.
http://www.leadershiplearning.org

Alliance for Nonprofit Management - A professional association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of non-profits. The Alliance convenes an annual conference, networks colleagues year-round online, and provides member discounts on books and other publications. The Alliance provides visibility to its members in the online "Find a Consultant or Service Provider" directory, the People of Color Roster, Alliance Insights eNewsletter, Member Spotlights and membership directory.
http://www.allianceonline.org/

American Society of Association Directors (ASAE) – ASAE offers learning experiences, publishes Associations Now Magazine and the Journal of Association Leadership, provides web-based tools and resources, helps members connect in 14 professional interest sections, conducts future-focused and market research, hosts ASAE & The Center's Annual Meeting & Exposition and the Springtime Exposition, and acts as an advocate of the association profession.
http://www.asaecenter.org/

Nonprofit Gateway – Official information and services of the U.S. government on funding, management, operations, and tax information.

Nonprofit.org - Provides links to resources of interest to non-profits.
www.nonprofit.org
Action Without Borders - An interactive site where people and organizations exchange resources and ideas, locate opportunities, and supporters.
http://www.idealist.org

Compass Point - Nonprofit Genie – Originally developed through the California Management Assistance Partnership (CMAP) under a grant through The California Endowment, the site has a variety of resources, including a free FAQ’s written by leading experts from around the country.
http://www.genie.org

Nonprofit Times – A business publication for non-profit management
http://www.nptimes.com

Nonprofit Risk Management Center – The Nonprofit Risk Management Center was established in 1990 to provide assistance and resources for community-serving nonprofit organizations. They offer a wide range of services (from technical assistance to software to training and consulting help) on a vast array of risk management topics (from employment practices, to insurance purchasing to internal controls and preventing child abuse).
http://www.nonprofitrisk.org

Association of Fundraising Professionals - Sets standards and provides resources for professional fundraising.
http://www.afpnet.org/index.cfm

BoardSource - Resources for non-profit governance
http://www.boardsource.org/

Executive Service Corps Affiliate Network - A network of non-profit consulting organizations
http://www.escus.org/

Independent Sector - A leadership forum for charities, foundations, and corporate giving programs committed to advancing the common good in America and around the world. The nonpartisan coalition of approximately 600 organizations leads, strengthens, and mobilizes the charitable community.
http://www.independentsector.org/about/index.html

SCORE - Free online and face-to-face business counseling, mentoring, training, business, and advice for small businesses just starting out or hoping to grow.
http://www.score.org/

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