

## **Collection Guidelines**

We provide the following information related to each search category:

- Definition of the category
- Scope and focus of the category
- Specialized selection criteria

## **Selection Criteria for Statistics**

Statistics on children exposed to violence have been collected by the NCCEV staff and listed for easy reference. The statistics come from a variety of sources, including government reports, academic journals, book chapters, related web sites, and research materials pertaining to children's exposure to violence.

## **Selection Criteria for Web Resources**

Web resources that are selected for inclusion focus on issues surrounding children exposed to violence within homes, schools and communities. We use the following criteria in the selection process.

### **Content**

- Does the scope/focus/depth of the content fit our needs?
- Who is the intended audience?
- What is its purpose?
- Is it up to date?
- Is it accurate (as far as we can determine)?

### **Authority**

- Who is the author?
- Is the author likely to be authoritative (as far as we can tell)?

### **Information maintenance**

- Is the site live? Does it intend to be an archive only?
- Presentation
- How is the site organized?
- Is it easy to navigate?
- Does it depend on graphics, and if so does the provider maintain a separate text-only version?
- Will the pages take an inordinately long time to load on machines with slow connections?
- Do users need specific helper applications to take full advantage of the site (are readers informed?)?
- Does the site deliver content in a well-organized fashion?
- Is the site pleasant to look at, stylistically and graphically?

**Accessibility and Cost**

- Is the site consistently available?
- Is the response time fast?
- Does the site have text-based alternatives?
- Is this a fee-based site? Can non-members still have access to part of the site?
- Do you have to register to use the site?