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The Arts, Learning, and Mental Health

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Supply Sources

Office Playground

http://www.officeplayground.com/

This site has some cool things to "fiddle" with.

Oriental Trading Company: http://www.orientaltrading.com/

Blick Art Supplies: http://www.dickblick.com/

Craigs List:Craigs List has a "free" section and a "wanted" section. Ask for the supplies you need for your classroom or scan the free section. www.craigslist.org

EXCL Recycling Center (Extras for Creative Learning) This center serves Massachusetts. Look for recycling centers for art supplies in your area. http://www.exclrecycles.org/

The Freecycle Network. Once you join Freecycle, you can post requests for supplies you need for your classroom. People on Freecycle are often very happy to see their extra stuff go to good use. http://www.freecycle.org/

Stress Management in the Classroom - Practical Matters

Brain Gym International: http://www.braingym.org/

Brain Gym YouTube Videos

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= U44mPXEBdA

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Mental Health Organizations and Resources

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 This page allows the user to enter his or her own state and be directed to related community service listings.
- Massachusetts 2-1-1: http://www.mass211.org/
 This website is the home site of Mass 211, part of the statewide network of community-based resource and referral agencies (CCR&Rs).
- Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services

 Department of Mental Health Cultural Competence http://www.mass.gov

Mental Health America: http://www.nmha.org/

Mental Health First Aid USA: http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org
This organization trains and certifies instructors to deliver the 12-hour Mental Health First Aid course in their own communities.

National Association for Adults with special Learning Needs (NAASLN).: http://www.naasln.org/

National Alliance on Mental Illness: http://www.nami.org/

SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

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This video clip "demonstrates a unique application of Playback Theatre to English Language Learning. Contains edited excerpts from "Two Sides of the Same" Playback Theatre performance (May 2009) by Fort Lauderdale ESOL Playback Players. This program demonstrates how the arts are used to accelerate achievement levels of adult English Language Learners"

http://www.playbacktheatre.org/about/

This site gives background about Playback Theater and provides links to resources.

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Arts-Related Organizations

Arts Education Partnership: www.aep-arts.org

This organization provides information and communication about current and emerging arts education policies, issues, and activities at the national, state, and local levels.

Art in the Public Interest: http://www.apionline.org/apiinfo.html

API is a nonprofit organization formed in 1995 to serve the information needs of artists and organizations which are bringing the arts together with community and social concerns.

Burning Man. http://www.burningman.com/

Community Arts Network [archived website]:

http://wayback.archive-it.org/2077/20100906194747/http://www.communityarts.net/Promoted information exchange, research and critical dialogue within the field of community-based art.

The Figment Project

An interactive, community based arts organization in several cities. Promotes and supports participatory art projects in public spaces. http://figmentproject.org/

The Mandala Project: http://www.mandalaproject.org/

This nonprofit organization is dedicated to promoting peace through art and education.

Massachusetts Cultural Council. Source for grants and artist news in Massachusetts.

http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/

National Endowment for the Arts. http://www.nea.gov/

Transformative Language Arts Network: http://www.TLANetwork.org

Sponsors a yearly conference to explore how "we can use our words—written, spoken, or sung—to make community, deepen healing, wake ourselves up, and foster empowerment and transformation."

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Medical Benefits of Laughter http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCrcFcfp-Mg

YouTube Video Clips: Humor, Music, and Dance

Baby Laughing http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HttF5HVYtlQ

Cat antics http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kxa0mnDj0bs!

Charlie Chaplin coffee clip http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mYtNMDFyXQ

Charlie Chaplin factory clip (from *Modern Times*)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CReDRHDYhk8 -

I Love Lucy Job Switching episode

Ministry of Silly Walks—Monty Python http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZIBUglE6Hc

YouTube-Hokey Pokey 1930 –music only

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LcAuQ AT-s

Amazing Hip Hop version of Hokey Pokey http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJHgzCxiFRY

Chicken Dance conducted by Lawrence Welk

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UV3kRV46Zs&feature=related

Chicken Dance Polka winners at contest

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmC GX5rMK0&feature=related

Baile de Pajaritos – a Group of women at a wedding or other celebration dance the chicken dance http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kwGssKFmel&feature=related

Chorus that sounds like rain

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= UJy3Q-L8P8&feature=youtu.be

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