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Upcoming Topics

FOCUS ON ORAL HEALTH, SPRING 1997

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NCEMCH is interested in receiving copies of materials related to areas of maternal and child health services, including oral health, sexual abstinence education, and services for children with special health needs. Materials that would be useful in program development and evaluation, such as tools for needs assessment, policy statements, guidelines and standards, record formats, and special reports, are especially welcome. If you have any materials that you think might be of interest and help to colleagues, please forward two copies to NCEMCH at the address noted below.

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The maternal and child health landscape is undergoing rapid and extensive change. Information, continuing education, and policy development are needed to guide the work of the maternal and child health community in today's complex environment. The National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (NCEMCH) provides information and other services to the MCH community—including health professionals, researchers, policymakers, program administrators, health officials, and families—to improve knowledge and skills and enhance program and policy development.

In fall 1996, NCEMCH became the Category I grantee organization in the National Consortium to Advance Education and Public Policy Development in Maternal and Child Health, a five-year cooperative agreement funded by the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Three additional organizations in the consortium (Category II) focus on specific MCH populations: women's health and perinatal concerns (Johns Hopkins University); infancy and early childhood (University of California, Los Angeles); and middle childhood and adolescence (University of California, San Francisco).

This issue of the *MCH Program Interchange* focuses on materials related to MCH policy topics covered by this consortium: primary care and preventive services; organization, staffing, and financing of systems of care; and mechanisms for achieving accountability and assuring

quality health care. The materials listed were all published in 1995 or 1996, and represent a selection of items that have been added to the NCEMCH Reference Collection in the past year.

The topics of managed care and welfare reform are included in this publication only very selectively; though these topics are of great importance and interest, NCEMCH has received so many documents that to include them all would make this Interchange issue much too large. Separate bibliographies on these topics have been prepared, and readers interested in more information about them may request copies of the bibliographies from NCEMCH's Information Services Department (call 703-524-7802), or may download them from NCEMCH's Web site (<http://www.ncemch.org>). We have also omitted many policy-related documents listed in the Adolescent Health Report; that publication is included in the order form on the back of this issue.

For the first time, the Interchange contains a list of Web sites of other organizations that provide information related to maternal and child health policy. The Internet and World Wide Web are increasingly important sources of the most up-to-date information, and we hope readers find this new section of the Interchange useful.

Also at the back of the issue are a detailed subject index that lets the reader locate materials on individual topics of interest, and an order form for requesting copies of materials that are distributed by the National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse.

Cross-Cutting Issues

HOW TO USE YOUR MANAGED CARE PLAN EFFECTIVELY: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Child Health Financing. 1995. *How to use your managed care plan effectively: Questions and answers for families with children*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 16 pp.

This brochure answers questions parents commonly ask about managed care plans. The questions are grouped topically to help parents use the services of these plans to best advantage. Topics include primary and specialty care, services that need prior approval, and cost-sharing requirements.

Contact: Division of Publications, American Academy of Pediatrics, Department C, Managed Care Brochure, P.O. Box 927, Elk Grove Village, IL 60009-0927. Telephone: (800) 433-9016 / (847) 228-5005; fax (847) 228-5097. Single copies available at no charge (submit self-addressed and stamped envelope).

COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN: A CALL FOR SERVICE INTEGRATION

American Psychological Association, Task Force on Comprehensive and Coordinated Psychological Services for Children: Ages 0-10. 1995. *Comprehensive and coordinated psychological services for children: A call for service integration*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. 48 pp.

This publication presents policy recommendations from the Task Force for the Delivery of Comprehensive and Coordinated Mental Health Services. The publication reviews social, economic, and demographic indicators that demonstrate that children and families need such services; presents an integrative perspective of those needs; profiles elements of service integration; and emphasizes the relevance of integrated services to the profession. Appendices provide a policy statement from the association, list exemplary programs offering integrated services, give suggested readings, and suggest steps the government can take to reform the health care system to provide such services.

Contact: Karen Thomas, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242. Telephone: (202) 336-5858; fax (202) 336-5797. Available at no charge.

CHANGING HEALTH SYSTEMS: ISSUES AND OPTIONS RELATED TO ELIGIBILITY AND BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN

Andrews, C., and Perry, D. 1996. *Changing health systems: Issues and options related to eligibility and benefits for children*. Washington, DC: National Governors' Association. 4 pp. (Issue brief)

This paper reviews current efforts by the federal government to reform the Medicaid program, and considers policy implications at the state level for the delivery of health services to low-income children if reform is mandated. The paper provides an overview, indicates principles that should be considered if state governments are required to restructure their health programs, examines challenges to policymakers, and notes ways that state governors and their staff members take an active role in the process. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Lavoncy Mallory, Health Policy Studies Division, National Governors' Association, 444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267, Washington, DC 20001-1572. Telephone: (202) 624-5343. Available at no charge.

ASSESSING ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES IN A MANAGED CARE ENVIRONMENT: A WORKBOOK FOR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS

Bartlett, L., Hitz, P., and Simon, R. 1996. *Assessing roles, responsibilities, and activities in a managed care environment: A workbook for local health officials*. Washington, DC: Health Systems Research. ca. 275 pp.

This manual helps local health departments assess their current activities, resources, and relationships; and evaluate the state-level policies and activities regarding the development of managed care health systems. It identi-



fies managed care issues that need consideration at the local level, describes opportunities for carrying out core public health functions in that context, and discusses techniques for analyzing financial and utilization data. The methods for providing specific health care services and evaluating alternative services are also reviewed. Appendices include a glossary; contact information for liaisons in state health departments, insurance commissioners, and Medicaid offices; bibliographical references; and information on state 1115 and 1915(b) Medicaid waivers. The manual was developed for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research with the assistance of the Public Health Advisory Panel. The panel comprised representatives of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

Contact: AHCPR Clearinghouse, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907-8547. Telephone: (800) 358-9295 / (301) 495-3453; (301) 594-1364, ext. 1375; fax (301) 594-2800. Available at no charge. AHCPR pub no. 96-0057.

MORE THAN HEALTH INSURANCE: STATE INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH

Bruner, C., and Perrin, J. M. 1995. *More than health insurance: State initiatives to improve infant and child health*. New York, NY: Milbank Memorial Fund. 34 pp.

This report examines state programs that deliver health services for infants and children and also provide access to social, psychological, educational, and financial services when needed. The programs included have recognized that children, particularly those from low-income families, need more help than is traditionally provided by health practitioners. The report reviews programs in Washington, North Carolina, Hawaii, South Carolina, and Florida; for each, it describes the program's context, development, components, and future challenges.

Contact: Kathleen Anderson, Milbank Memorial Fund, 645 Madison Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Telephone: (212) 355-8400; fax (212) 355-8599. Available at no charge. ISBN 1-887748-00-8.

FINDING THE DATA: A START-UP LIST OF OUTCOME MEASURES WITH ANNOTATIONS

Center for the Study of Social Policy, Improved Outcomes for Children Project. 1996. *Finding the data: A start-up list of outcome measures with annotations*. Washington, DC: Improved Outcomes for Children Project, Center for the Study of Social Policy. 79 pp.

This book is a companion to "The Case for Shifting to Results-based Accountability." Detailed information is provided for the outcome measures outlined in that publication. This book defines each of these outcome measures; discusses their significance; outlines national trends related to them; lists national, state, and local data sources that can be used with each measure; and provides precautionary comments on the gathering and use of the data. Appendices provide contact information for a number of state and national data sources.

Contact: Center for the Study of Social Policy, 1250 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 503, Washington, DC 20005-3922. Telephone: (202) 371-1565; fax (202) 371-1472. \$7.50 includes shipping and handling.

STATEMENT ON KEY WELFARE REFORM ISSUES: THE EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE

Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy. 1995. *Statement on key welfare reform issues: The empirical evidence*. Medford, MA: Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy, Tufts University. 28 pp.

This report examines the relationship between welfare, single-parent families, and poverty; it presents data derived from an analysis of current research on these relationships. The report was prepared to provide a basis for developing public policies regarding welfare reform.

Contact: Kristen Stevens, Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy, Tufts University, 11 Curtis Avenue, Medford, MA 02155. Telephone: (617) 627-3956; fax (617) 627-3020. \$5.00 includes shipping and handling.



**COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-BUILDING INITIATIVES:
A STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY CAPITAL**

Cohen, E., Ooms, T., and Hutchins, J. 1996. *Comprehensive community-building initiatives: A strategy to strengthen family capital*. Washington, DC: Family Impact Seminar. 66 pp. (Background briefing report)

This report describes the characteristics and causes of distressed communities, gives a history of policies and programs to revitalize inner-city communities, and describes efforts to reform services for low-income children and families and make them more community-based. It also describes newer community-building initiatives, and offers suggestions for building a stronger partnership between the community-building and family services fields around the idea of investing in family capital.

Contact: Family Impact Seminar, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Suite 209, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 496-1964, ext. 12; fax (202) 496-1975. E-mail: HN4076@handsnet.org. \$15.00.

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**NEW APPROACHES TO EVALUATING COMMUNITY
INITIATIVES: CONCEPTS, METHODS, AND CONTEXTS**

Connell, J. P., Kubisch, A. C., Schorr, L. B., and Weiss, C. H. (Eds.). 1995. *New approaches to evaluating community initiatives: Concepts, methods, and contexts*. Washington, DC: Roundtable on Comprehensive Community Initiatives for Children and Families, Aspen Institute. 225 pp.

This document presents papers on the key issues and challenges associated with the evaluation of comprehensive community initiatives (CCIs), which have the goal of promoting positive change in individual, family, and community circumstances in disadvantaged neighborhoods by improving physical, economic, and social conditions. Topics include a historical view, theory-based evaluation, social science research, evaluation problems, using community-level indicators of children's well-being, and the evaluator role. Activities of the roundtable are funded by several federal agencies and foundations.

Contact: Tonya Wright, Aspen Institute Publications Office, 109 Houghton Lab Lane, P.O. Box 222, Queenstown, MD 21658. Telephone: (410) 820-5326; fax (410) 827-9174. \$12.00 includes shipping and handling; prepayment required.

**A STUDY OF THE HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS
PROGRAM**

Cousineau, M. R., Wittenberg, E., and Pollatsek, J. 1995. *A study of the Health Care for the Homeless Program*. Bethesda, MD: Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 113 pp., exec. summ. (33 pp.).

This report presents the results of an evaluation of the Health Care for the Homeless Program run by the U.S. Bureau of Primary Care. The history of the program and the design of the evaluation are discussed. The report includes a literature review, and a description of the organizational structure of the programs. Key findings are presented on: access to a continuum of health care services, quality and continuity of care, effects on health status, costs and financing, and policy issues related to managed care, barriers to effective treatment, and compliance with the federal legislation providing services for the homeless. The report includes both general and specific conclusions and recommendations for future policies and studies.

Contact: National Clearinghouse for Primary Care Information, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 821-8955. Single copies available at no charge.

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**COMPENDIUM OF FY 1995 RESEARCH,
DEMONSTRATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE GRANTS**

Ellsworth Associates. [1996]. *Compendium of FY 1995 research, demonstration, training, and service grants*. Washington, DC: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 540 pp.

This directory lists research, demonstration, training, and service grants funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families for fiscal year 1995. The Administration awards discretionary grants through five programs: the Child Care Bureau, the Children's Bureau, the Head Start Bureau, the Family and Youth Services Bureau, and the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. The grants are listed within these programs by the recipient's name. Each entry provides the name of the program funded, contact information, profiles of the target population and region served, and descriptions of the program's goals and objectives.



Contact: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 330 C Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20201-0001. Telephone: (800) 351-2293; fax (703) 528-0716. Limited number of copies available at no charge.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE: DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES ON BLOCK GRANTS AND THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

Finance Project, American Youth Policy Forum, and Institute for Educational Leadership. 1995. *Dollars and sense: Diverse perspectives on block grants and the Personal Responsibility Act*. Washington, DC: Finance Project, American Youth Policy Forum, and Institute for Educational Leadership. 79 pp. (Working papers)

This working paper presents commentaries by 11 authors representing a spectrum of perspectives on welfare reform and the implementation of block grants. The commentaries include subjects concerning immigration, child exclusion, eligibility, accountability, and summaries of Title I through Title VII programs.

Contact: Finance Project, 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 628-4200; fax (202) 628-4205. \$7.50 includes shipping and handling; prepayment required. Also available from American Youth Policy Forum, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 719, Washington, DC 20036, or Institute for Educational Leadership, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 310, Washington, DC 20036.

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INDICATORS FOR ACCOUNTABILITY: AN OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Fine, A. 1996. *Indicators for accountability: An overview of recent developments*. Rockville, MD: Data Analysis and Information Resources Management Branch, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 8 pp.

This paper provides an overview of two federal government initiatives: the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and the Performance Partnership Grants. These initiatives focus on incorporating performance appraisal and accountability into federal programs. The author includes background information on the shift to program accountability and discusses the

implications of the initiatives for the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Title V activities. The development of the Health Plan Employee Data and Information Set (HEDIS) in the private sector is described; HEDIS is designed to report on the performance of health plans. An annotated resource list is included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Lori Whitehand, Project Manager, Maternal and Child Health Information Resource Center, 1220 L Street, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 842-2000; fax (202) 898-5609. E-mail: 72054.537@CompuServe.com. Single copies available at no charge.

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IMPACTS OF STATE MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER PROGRAMS ON CHILDREN: RESULTS FROM HAWAII, OREGON, RHODE ISLAND, AND TENNESSEE

Fox, H. B., and McManus, M. A. 1996. *Impacts of state Medicaid demonstration waiver programs on children: Results from Hawaii, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Tennessee*. Washington, DC: Maternal and Child Health Policy Research. 100 pp.

This report examines the four Medicaid demonstration Section 1115 waiver programs that were approved since 1993 and fully implemented at the time of this study, in Hawaii, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Tennessee. The study examined the impact of the waivers on children, in particular on service access issues, especially for children with special health needs. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Fox Health Policy Consultants, 1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone: (202) 223-1500. \$40.00.

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HEALTH POLICY AND CHILD HEALTH: PROMOTING AWARENESS OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN IN STATE AND NATIONAL HEALTH POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

George Washington University, Center for Health Policy Research. 1994-. *Health policy and child health: Promoting awareness of mothers and children in state and national health policies and programs*. Washington, DC: Center for Health Policy Research, George Washington University. (Quarterly)



This quarterly newsletter promotes awareness of the implications of state and federal policies and programs for the health of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents. Also, it disseminates information on federal and state activities, laws, programs, and other public initiatives likely to affect maternal and child health.

Contact: Chris DeGraw, Center for Health Policy Research, George Washington University, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20052. Telephone: (202) 530-2308; fax (202) 296-0025. Available at no charge; individual issues also available from National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 821-8955; fax (703) 821-2098. NMCHC inv.code J026 (Fall 1996), J014 (Summer 1996), I108 (Spring 1996), I084 (Winter 1996), I046 (Fall 1995), I013 (Summer 1995); H137 (Spring 1995); H103 (Winter 1995); H044 (Summer 1994); H026 (Spring 1994).

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PUBLIC MCH PROGRAM FUNCTIONS: ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES TO PROMOTE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN AMERICA

Grason, H. A., and Guyer, B. 1995. *Public MCH program functions: Essential public health services to promote maternal and child health in America*. Baltimore, MD: Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center, Johns Hopkins University. 40 pp.

This report presents a framework for defining the functions that should be carried out by state and local maternal and child health (MCH) programs. The authors provide an overview, describe the methodology, present 10 essential public health services needed to assure maternal and child health, describe the functions of MCH programs, and present examples of federal, state, and local programs that implement these program functions. The report includes a list of commonly used acronyms and reference materials. A summary of the document was published in 1996. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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QUALITY, QUALITY ASSESSMENT, AND QUALITY ASSURANCE CONSIDERATIONS FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH POPULATIONS AND PRACTITIONERS

Grason, H., and Guyer, B. 1995. *Quality, quality assessment, and quality assurance considerations for maternal and child health populations and practitioners*. Baltimore, MD: Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center, and Center for Adolescent Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Johns Hopkins University. 13 pp. (MCH policy research brief)

This paper provides a synthesis of various concepts drawn from the field of quality assessment and assurance and applies them to the field of maternal and child health (MCH) services. First, concepts are defined. Then the authors discuss the conceptual framework and consider issues related to measuring and improving quality. A description is given of how those concepts can be included in the procedures used by MCH professionals to improve the health of women and children. The authors include a quality functions framework that addresses the assessment of health system populations, systems, structures, and procedures; the assurance of comprehensive risk-appropriate health services; and the coordination of service delivery and health services within the context of the MCH community. [Partially funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Johns Hopkins Women's and Children's Health Policy Center, Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, 624 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205. Telephone: (410) 614-3486; fax (410) 955-2303. Available at no charge.

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RETHINKING THE ORGANIZATION OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: LESSONS FROM THE ELDERLY—STUDY REPORT

Grason, H., and Guyer, B. 1995. *Rethinking the organization of children's programs: Lessons from the elderly—Study report*. Baltimore, MD: Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center, Johns Hopkins University. 52 pp., exec summ. (6 pp.)

This report examines national policy principles, program organization, and implementation of legislation pertaining to America's elderly. These issues are explored in terms of their relevance to organizing programs for children. The report provides a detailed comparison of the Older Americans Act of 1965 and



Title V of the Social Security Act, including program structure and functions at the federal, state, and community levels. An executive summary is available separately. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW PARADIGM

Hara, S., and Ooms, T. 1995. *Children's mental health services: Policy implications of the new paradigm*. Washington, DC: Family Impact Seminar. 53 pp. (Background briefing report)

This background briefing report provides information needed to understand the rationale for reforming the current systems of child mental health services. Also, the authors outline the assumptions, principles, and components of the new services paradigm; describe and provide examples of systems reform initiatives sponsored by both the public and private sectors; and summarize some of the positive results these reforms are achieving. The implications for federal and state policymakers are discussed. A two-page FIS Brief summarizes this document.

Contact: Family Impact Seminar, 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Suite 209, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 496-1964, ext. 12; fax (202) 496-1975. E-mail: HN4076@handsnet.org. \$15.00 includes shipping and handling.

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STRATEGIES FOR ASSURING THE PROVISION OF QUALITY SERVICES THROUGH MANAGED CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS: WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Harris-Wehling, J., Ireys, H. T., and Heagarty, M. (Eds.), and National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, Board on Health Care Services. 1995. *Strategies for assuring the provision of quality services through managed care delivery systems to children with special health care needs: Workshop highlights*. Washington, DC: Institute of Medicine. 18 pp.

These are the proceedings from presentations and discussions at a December 12, 1994, invitational workshop held in Washington, DC. The proceedings include the main points of the workshop: defining the population, considering current expenditures and financing, describing the attributes of quality services and managed care delivery systems, and reviewing methods of monitoring and assuring the quality care. Appendices list the workshop participants, include a summary of a previous workshop on protecting and improving the quality of care for children under health care reform, and indicate recent publications on quality of care issues. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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THE GUIDE TO RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLICATIONS, WEB SITES AND OTHER RESOURCES

Harvard Family Research Project, Results-based Accountability Project. 1996. *The guide to results-based accountability: An annotated bibliography of publications, Web sites and other resources*. Cambridge, MA: Results-based Accountability Project, Harvard Family Research Project. 28 pp. (RBA; 1)

This bibliography primarily annotates print resources pertaining to results-based accountability; it includes a short section on Internet sites. Facets covered include: background information; budgeting and financial factors; choosing outcomes and indicators; data systems; federal, state, and local initiatives; evaluation techniques; and results-based accountability and education.

Contact: Diane Schilder, Harvard Family Research Project, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 38 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138. Telephone: (617) 495-9108 / (617) 496-4304; fax (617) 495-8594. E-mail: <http://hugse1.harvard.edu/~hfrp>. \$4.00 plus \$2.40 shipping and handling.

**BUILDING BRIDGES: LESSONS LEARNED IN INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION, YEAR ONE**

Hawaii Medical Association, Health and Education Collaboration Project. ca. 1995. *Building bridges: Lessons learned in interprofessional collaboration, year one*. Honolulu, HI: Health and Education Collaboration Project, Hawaii Medical Association. 30 pp.

This report presents background information on the National Commission on Leadership in Interprofessional Education, an initiative of the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and three of Commission's demonstration programs: the Health and Education Collaboration Project, the Partnerships for Change, and the Higher Education Service Integration Curricula Project. This initiative is designed to improve delivery of integrated services to all children including those with special health needs and their families. The rest of the report focuses on the Health and Education Collaboration Project; defines family-centered interprofessional collaboration as an effort to improve coordination between the health, education, and human service professionals to deliver services to children and families; outlines the principles of such collaboration; and describes the steps the project took in the first year to define its role and establish itself. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Health and Education Collaboration Project, Hawaii Medical Association, 1360 South Beretania, Second Floor, Honolulu, HI 96814. Telephone: (808) 536-7702; fax (808) 528-2376. E-mail: hec@aloha.net. Available at no charge.

COMPENDIUM OF COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES: A LOOK AT COSTS, BENEFITS, AND FINANCING STRATEGIES

Hayes, C. D., Lipoff, E., and Danegger, A. E. 1995. *Compendium of comprehensive, community-based initiatives: A look at costs, benefits, and financing strategies*. Washington, DC: Finance Project. 138 pp. (Working papers)

This book describes 50 comprehensive, community-based initiatives that provide children and their families access to health care, education, and social services. The overview develops a context for the programs reviewed. A matrix is provided indicating the name of the program, location, funding source, and means of service evaluation. The individual program descriptions provide detailed information on program costs, financ-

ing, and results; contact information is also provided.

Contact: Finance Project, 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 628-4200; fax (202) 628-4205. \$7.50 includes shipping and handling, prepayment required.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CONTRACTORS

Iowa Department of Public Health, Family Services Bureau. 1996. *Maternal and child health performance standards*. [Des Moines, IA]: Family Services Bureau, [Iowa Department of Public Health]. 36 pp.

These guidelines were developed to provide a baseline for the quality of maternal and child health services provided by contractors in Iowa; they are to be used in developing programs and designing services. They include the mission statement of the Bureau, define the purpose and objectives of the guidelines, and cite the legislative authority. The guidelines enumerate specific standards and describe the evaluation criteria and methodology. They also include a glossary and define compliance and reporting requirements. These guidelines supersede an earlier publication, "Quality Assurance Program: Bureau of Maternal and Child Health."

Contact: Jane Borst, Bureau Chief, Family Services Bureau, Iowa Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, 321 East 12th Street, Third Floor, Des Moines, IA 50319-0075. Telephone: (515) 281-4911 / (800) 383-3826; TDD: (515) 281-242-6156; fax (515) 242-6384. \$10.00 includes shipping and handling.

MEDICAID SURVIVAL KIT

King, M. P., and Christian, S. M. 1996. *Medicaid survival kit*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures. 265 pp.

This resource manual is designed to help state legislators (1) understand the maze of laws, regulations, programs, and policies that make up the Medicaid program, and (2) cope with their role in public health care financing. The authors describe the existing Medicaid program and the populations it serves (mothers and children, the elderly, and people with disabilities or chronic conditions), options available to states, and



what some states are doing to contain costs and increase the efficiency of health care delivery under Medicaid. Specific topics include federal issues, health centers and other community-based providers, pharmaceuticals, managed care, and private insurance reform. Additional resources are also listed. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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THE GOVERNORS' MEDICAID PROPOSAL

Kogan, R., and Mann, C. 1996. *The governors' Medicaid proposal*. Washington, DC: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. 43 pp.

This report provides a commentary on the proposed reform of Medicaid adopted by the National Governors' Association and forwarded to Congress as it considered the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act of 1996. The authors present background information on the proposal itself, and examine specific features that would limit the guaranteed coverage of the program for children over the age of 12, children and parents on AFDC, and people with disabilities. Also, the report examines proposal sections that would affect the funding mechanisms used by Medicaid.

Contact: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 705, Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 408-1080; fax (202) 408-1056. \$7.00 plus \$2.00 shipping handling; prepayment required. ISBN 1-57291-012-7.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL TITLE V MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH PRIORITIES CONFERENCE

Lamberty, G., Papai, J., and Kessel, W. (Eds.). 1996. *Proceedings of the fourth national Title V Maternal and Child Health Research Priorities Conference*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 137 pp.

These proceedings report the results of a conference held in 1994 to advise the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) on its research agenda and

priorities for its applied research program through the year 2000 and beyond. The proceedings describe the conference, list topics of proposed research, and include papers from constituency groups including MCHB staff, state MCH programs, teachers of MCH, and representatives from research disciplines and family groups. Topics covered include women's and men's health, perinatal health, infancy, preschool children, school-age children, adolescents, and family and community. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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FEEDING OUR FAMILIES: COMMUNITY FOOD SECURITY IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Laudencia, A. Z., Stark, S., and Morrison, D. R. (Eds.). 1996. *Feeding our families: Community food security in the District of Columbia*. Washington, DC: DC Family Policy Seminar, Georgetown University. 2 v. (Background briefing report; seminar highlights)

This is one in a series of briefing reports and seminar highlights that provide information and policy options concerning issues affecting children and families to policymakers in the District of Columbia. The briefing report discusses key components of food security, consequences of inadequate food security, federal and local efforts to combat the effects of food insecurity, and policy options. It includes a list of local and national organizations, and a bibliography. The seminar highlights give summaries of the presentations and of the question-and-answer session that concluded the seminar. Other topics addressed include parenting programs, welfare to work transition, fundraising, and preventing injury in schools.

Contact: Shelley Stark, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax (703) 524-9335. E-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Photocopy available at no charge.



AMERICA'S UNINSURED CHILDREN AND THE CHANGING POLICY ENVIRONMENT: A STRATEGIC AUDIT OF ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Lazarus, W., Lipper, L., Hughes, D., and Morrow, E. 1996. *America's uninsured children and the changing policy environment: A strategic audit of activities and opportunities*. Santa Monica, CA: Children's Partnership. 94 pp., exec. summ. (7 pp.).

This report examines the problem of uninsured children, key activities under way to extend children's health insurance coverage, and additional opportunities available in the next five years. It discusses public and private sector initiatives, changes in the political and policy environment, and strategies for change. Appendices profile selected state and private programs and provide fact sheets and resource lists.

Contact: Children's Partnership, 1460 4th Street, Suite 306, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Telephone: (310) 260-1220; fax (310) 260-1921. E-mail: HN3824@handsnet.org. \$12.50.

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NEW EXPECTATIONS: COMMUNITY STRATEGIES FOR RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

Levine, J. A., with Pitt, E. W. 1995. *New expectations: Community strategies for responsible fatherhood*. New York, NY: Families and Work Institute. 226 pp.

This book documents the trend to develop opportunities and services in the community that actively engage fathers in the lives of their children. The targeted audience comprises service providers, policymakers, and funders. The authors consider social patterns that have historically resulted in fathers distancing themselves from their children, review current research on the role of fathers in their children's lives, profile programs and strategies they have used to re-engage fathers. A directory of father-oriented programs in the United States and an annotated guide to books and articles are provided.

Contact: Publications Department, Families and Work Institute, 330 Seventh Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Telephone: (212) 465-2044, ext. 237; fax (212) 465-8637. \$22.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling; 10 percent discount for students and nonprofit organizations; prepayment required; make checks payable to Families and Work Institute. ISBN 1-888324-00-7; item no. C95-05.

GOVERNORS' CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN: AN ACTION AGENDA FOR STATES

McCart, L., and Stief, E. A. 1995. *Governors' Campaign for Children: An action agenda for states*. Washington, DC: National Governors' Association. 81 pp., 1 pamphlet (8 pp.).

This report presents information about the Governors' Campaign for Children, a project of the National Governors' Association that seeks to improve children's lives and to make them a policy priority for state governments. The authors provide background information on the campaign, present the perspectives of eight state governors on how children's lives can be improved, profile conditions reflecting the status of children, and indicate action steps for state governments and policymakers. State and community initiatives focusing on the health, safety, and well-being of children are reviewed. An accompanying pamphlet includes salient points from the various sections of the report reiterating the lessons learned and strategies to include in state programs and services.

Contact: NGA Publications, National Governors' Association, P.O. Box 421, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Telephone: (301) 498-3738; fax (301) 953-2838. \$20.00 plus \$5.95 shipping and handling.

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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN STATE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

McManus, M., Fox, H., Newacheck, P., McPherson, M., and Roy, B. 1996. *Strengthening partnerships between state programs for children with special health needs and managed care organizations*. Washington, DC: Maternal and Child Health Policy Research Center. 30 pp.

This report contains results of a Maternal and Child Health Bureau survey to ascertain how many states are using managed care systems to provide services to children with special health needs who are also enrolled in Medicaid. The history of the survey is given. Results are given for these: (1) defining and identifying children with special health needs, (2) enrollment assistance and family participation in managed care plans, (3) pediatric provider and service requirements, (4) education and training, (5) quality of care, (6) risk adjusted capitation mechanisms, and (7) innovative services integration projects. For each topic, the report elaborates on the significance of the topic, provides sta-



tistics based on the responses, and describes activities within specific states. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Maternal and Child Health Policy Research Center, McManus Policy Center, 2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 700, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Telephone: (202) 686-4797; fax (202) 686-4791. \$15.00 includes shipping and handling; or through MCH-NetLink.

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FOCUS ON CHILDREN COMMUNITY PLANNING MANUAL: NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND HEALTH PLANNING FOR CHILDREN, INCLUDING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Monahan, C., Craik, D., Szpur, M., Schubert, R., and Evans, M. 1996. *Focus on children community planning manual: Needs assessment and health planning for children, including children with special needs*. Chicago, IL: Illinois Department of Public Health, and Division of Specialized Care for Children, University of Illinois at Chicago. 136 pp.

This manual is a reference and step-by-step guide to the needs assessment and planning process for any community group conducting a needs assessment as part of a community-based health planning effort for children, including children with special health needs. The Focus on Children process, as described in this manual, helps a community planning group complete a needs assessment, collect and analyze data, develop a health plan, and evaluate and monitor a health plan. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Dr. Colleen Monahan, Division of Specialized Care for Children, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1919 West Taylor Street, Eighth Floor (M/C 618), Chicago, IL 60612-7255. Telephone: (312) 996-6380; fax (312) 413-0367. E-mail: cymo@wonder.em.cdc.gov. Available at no charge.

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CRITICAL NEEDS, CRITICAL CHOICES: A SURVEY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AMERICA'S CITIES

Myers, J., and Kyle, J. E. 1996. *Critical needs, critical choices: A survey of children and families in America's cities*. Washington, DC: National League of Cities. 80 pp. (Research report on America's cities)

This report presents the results of a survey of 780 city governments taken to ascertain how involved the city is

in providing services to the children and families that live there and to determine what problems were perceived as most pressing. The authors describe the survey methodology, discuss the critical needs of the children and families as determined by the survey, and describe the local governments' efforts to provide services targeted toward those needs. A review of financing strategies, collaboration building, and the current and future role of cities to meet those needs is given.

Contact: Publications Center, National League of Cities, P.O. Box 491, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. Telephone: (301) 725-4299; fax (301) 206-9789. \$15.00, nonmembers; \$10.00, members; plus \$4.00 postage and handling. ISBN 1-886152-23-3.

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PIC BRIEFING BOOK: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS IN MANAGED CARE

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 1996. *PIC briefing book: Children with special health needs in managed care*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 35 items.

This looseleaf notebook contains materials on children with special health needs and their access to care within managed health care systems. Prepared for an August 1996 meeting of the MCH Partnership for Information and Communication (PIC) Interorganizational Work Group, the manual's primary topics include: an overview of the topic; the activities of the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau; quality assurance; the experiences of various state programs; the perspectives of families, consumers, and providers; the provision of mental health services; and initiatives in the private sector. Other topics include organizational policy statements, child welfare, and risk adjustment. Supporting materials include bibliographies, a glossary, lists of listservs and World Wide Web sites, and program descriptions. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PIC BRIEFING BOOK: THE BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 1996. *PIC briefing book: The business perspective on maternal and child health*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. ca. 200 pp.

This loose-leaf notebook contains articles, pamphlets, and reports that discuss the corporate world's attitudes, perceptions, and policies on maternal and child health. Topics include the length of stay in hospitals for mothers and infants following birth, breastfeeding in the workplace, women as mothers and parents within the workplace, and school health and school issues. Other topics include health promotion in the workplace, worksite wellness, assuring the quality of health plans, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and other business issues such as managed care, medical savings accounts, and health purchasing cooperatives. The materials were prepared for the January 1996 meeting of the MCH Partnership for Information and Communication Interorganizational Work Group. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PIC BRIEFING BOOK: THE CHANGING ROLE OF HOSPITALS

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 1996. *PIC briefing book: The changing role of hospitals*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. ca. 200 pp.

This looseleaf notebook provides a collection of materials on the changing role of hospitals in delivering health care. Prepared for a May 1996 meeting of the MCH Partnership for Information and Communication Interorganizational Work Group, the materials provide overviews of children's hospitals, the community care network of the Hospital Research and Education Trust, hospital and community health partnerships, public and urban hospitals, case studies and models, and family and consumer organizations

materials. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES IN A CHANGING HEALTH CARE ENVIRONMENT

National Center for Youth with Disabilities. 1996. *Children and youth with disabilities in a changing health care environment*. Minneapolis, MN: National Center for Youth with Disabilities, University of Minnesota. 32 pp. (CYDLIN reviews)

This annotated bibliography focuses on health care reform, especially managed care and its impact on the provision of health care services to children and youth with special health needs. Topics include demographics; access to health care services; rural health issues; culture and ethnicity; disability; child/adolescent health; Medicaid; and mental health and disability. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Project Connect, National Center for Youth with Disabilities, University of Minnesota-Project Connect, Box 721 - UMHC, 420 Delaware Street, S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455. Telephone: (612) 626-2825 / TDD: (612) 624-3939; fax (612) 626-2134. E-mail: ncyd@gold.tc.umn.edu. \$6.50.

THE ABC'S OF MANAGED CARE: STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

National Coalition for Family Leadership. 1996. *The ABC's of managed care: Standards and criteria for children with special health care needs*. [Algodones, NM: Family Voices]. 7 pp. *

This report presents information based on a September 1995 meeting at Egg Harbor, Wisconsin. At the meeting, parent leaders discussed the services that managed care systems provide children with special health needs and decided to develop standards of care so the children's needs will be met. The report defines managed



care, family-centered care, and children with special health needs; and it outlines principles on these topics: families as the core of the health care system; the significance of family-professional partnerships; the importance of access to equitable care; the need for flexible services; and the provision of comprehensive, coordinated, community-based care. The principles are used to develop standards of care regarding: access, benefits, capacity, decision-making, evaluation and data gathering, and financing. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Polly Arango, Family Voices, P.O. Box 769, Algodones, NM 87001. Telephone: (505) 867-2368; fax (505) 867-6517. \$1.00 includes shipping and handling.

This paper reviews technological changes occurring in information networks during the 1990s and their impact on the future patient education efforts of health care organizations using those networks. The paper examines two underlying concepts driving the change, considers the rise and impact of the Internet, reviews the implications of new information networks, and includes recommendations for health care organizations as they develop policies related to patient education over these networks. Recommendations for the role of the National Health Council are included.

Contact: National Health Council, 1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 785-3910; fax (202) 785-5923. Available at no charge.

MAXIMIZING THE FLEXIBILITY OF CATEGORICAL FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH SERVICES

National Governors' Association, Health Policy Studies Division. 1996. *Maximizing the flexibility of categorical funding for children's health services*. Washington, DC: National Governors' Association. 11 pp. (Issue brief)

This issue brief describes the current flexibility that exists within the major federal categorical programs that fund health services for children as well as several efforts by states and communities to decategorize funds to improve service delivery. This paper also includes a bibliography. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Health Policy Studies Division, National Governors' Association, 444 North Capitol Street, Suite 267, Washington, DC 20001-1512. Telephone: (202) 624-5343. Available at no charge.

BEYOND DECATORIZATION: DEFINING BARRIERS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO CREATING EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Orland, M. E., and Foley, E. 1996. *Beyond decategorization: Defining barriers and potential solutions to creating effective comprehensive, community-based support systems for children and families*. Washington, DC: Finance Project. 21 pp.

This paper focuses on methodologies that are being developed to reform and restructure the delivery of comprehensive, community-based services such as education, access to health care, and social services for children and their families. The authors provide an overview of problems with current services delivery systems and the policies that regulate them; include a background analysis; consider barriers to developing comprehensive, community-based services; review the implications for future public policies; and suggest an agenda for policy reform by state governments.

Contact: Finance Project, 1341 G Street, N.W., Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 628-4200; fax (202) 628-4205. \$7.50; prepayment required.

PATIENT EDUCATION IN THE EMERGING ELECTRONIC INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT: IMPLICATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS

National Health Council, with the assistance of Bruegel, R. B. [1996]. *Patient education in the emerging electronic information environment: Implications and opportunities for the National Health Council and its members*. Washington, DC: National Health Council. 11 pp. (A white paper)



RURAL HEALTH: AN EVOLVING SYSTEM OF ACCESSIBLE SERVICES

Orloff, T. M., and Tymann, B. 1995. *Rural health: An evolving system of accessible services*. Washington, DC: National Governors' Association. 293 pp.

Factors influencing the delivery of health care to rural populations are considered. The authors record and synthesize trends at the state and local levels with regard to changes in the health care environment that improve the abilities of rural health services and programs. The methodology used is described. Overviews are given for support for building systems of care, strategies and trends affecting the health professional workforce, rural health networks, managed care, improved access to specialized services, data systems and financial support, and rural health as a component of state health care delivery systems. Appendices include case studies of Minnesota and West Virginia and contain profiles of state initiatives.

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HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION 19__ : WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AND PRIMARY CARE

Perez, K., and Wright, B. 1996-. *Health care legislation 19__ : With a special focus on maternal and child health and primary care*. Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures. (Annual)

This annual compilation summarizes laws and resolutions pertinent to maternal and child health issues passed by the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Topics include: access, accidents/safety, coordination, data/quality, emergency medical services, environmental hazards, financing, immunization, injury prevention, insurance/managed care, legal/ethical issues, Medicaid, minority health, newborn screening, nutrition, oral health, pharmaceuticals, prenatal care/infant mortality, prevention and primary care, providers, school health, special health needs/diseases, substance abuse (maternal and infants), and women's health. Appendices list the states' bill numbers. This publication was previously called *Maternal and Child Health Legislation*.

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HEALTH CARE REFORM TRACKING PROJECT: TRACKING STATE HEALTH CARE REFORMS AS THEY AFFECT CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH EMOTIONAL DISORDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES—THE 1995 STATE SURVEY

Pires, S. A., Stroul, B. A., Roebuck, L., Friedman, R. M., McDonald, B. B., and Chambers, K. L. 1995. *Health care reform tracking project: Tracking state health care reforms as they affect children and adolescents with emotional disorders and their families—The 1995 state survey*. Tampa, FL: Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. 87 pp.

This report describes the results of the Year One baseline survey of states that tracked and analyzed state health care reform initiatives as they affect children and adolescents with emotional/behavioral disorders and their families. Many tables and matrices document the findings. Topics covered are: populations affected; mental health carve-outs; capitation; risk adjustment; entities used to manage and provide services; management and monitoring mechanisms; outcomes; technical assistance materials; and observations and issues raised. Appendices include the survey instrument and a list of technical assistance materials available from states related to managed care.

Contact: Maryann Kershaw, Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612-3899. Telephone: (813) 974-6419; fax (813) 974-7376. E-mail: kershaw@hal.fmhi.usf.edu. \$10.00 single copy; \$5.00 per copy if you order 10 copies or more; shipping and handling included.

MOVING TO THE FUTURE: DEVELOPING COMMUNITY-BASED NUTRITION SERVICES

Probert, K. L. (Ed.). 1996. *Moving to the future: Developing community-based nutrition services*. Washington, DC: Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors. 126 pp.



This manual helps nutritionists make transitions from working with patients directly to planning and promoting community-based nutrition services that are frequently used by private health care facilities or managed care organizations, and in community wellness and disease prevention efforts. The manual provides advice on planning, funding, and developing a nutrition intervention. Instructions are given for conducting community assessments, determining health priorities, writing goals and objectives, and implementing and monitoring the intervention. An earlier edition, the *Guide for Developing Nutrition Services in Community Health Programs*, was published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in 1978. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors, 415 Second Street, N.E., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 546-2630. \$25.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling; shipping charges vary when multiple copies are ordered.

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE MEDICAID AND HEALTH-RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1996

Rosenbaum, S., and Darnell, J. 1996. *An analysis of the Medicaid and health-related provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996*. Washington, DC: Center for Health Policy Research, George Washington University Medical Center. 24 pp.

This paper focuses on those portions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, which is also called the Welfare Reform Act, that affect Medicaid or the delivery of health services. The authors compare the legislation regulating Medicaid prior to passage of the current act, consider the provisions of the current act, and assess the implications of the changes between the two versions of the law. The introduction covers three aspects of the relationships between welfare and Medicaid and explains their significance to the Welfare Reform Act. The paper provides a general overview of the Act, covers specific sections affecting Medicaid in detail, and includes a tabular comparison of the two forms of the law arranged topically.

Contact: Center for Health Policy Research, George Washington University, 2021 K Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20052. Telephone: (202) 296-6922; fax (202) 296-0025. \$10.00 includes shipping and handling.

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MEDICAID AND MANAGED CARE: LESSONS FROM THE LITERATURE

Rowland, D., Rosenbaum, S., Simon, L., and Chait, E. 1995. *Medicaid and managed care: Lessons from the literature*. Washington, DC: Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid. 90 pp.

This book is based upon a literature review on Medicaid and managed care from the past 20 years. The authors provide an overview, discuss four lessons derived from the analysis of the literature, consider the risks of and challenges to Medicaid managed care, and include an annotated bibliography. The lessons learned relate to access to care, the impact on health care costs, quality of care and patient satisfaction, and the impact of managed care on special populations.

Contact: Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, 1450 G Street, N.W., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 347-5270 / (800) 656-4533; fax (202) 347-5274. Available at no charge. ISBN 0-944525-21-0.

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THE CASE FOR SHIFTING TO RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY WITH A START-UP LIST OF OUTCOME MEASURES

Schorr, L., with Farrow, F., Hornbeck, D., and Watson, S. 1996. *The case for shifting to results-based accountability with a start-up list of outcome measures*. Washington, DC: Improved Outcomes for Children Project, Center for the Study of Social Policy. 23 pp.

This paper discusses ways that local governments can apply the principles of results-based accountability to the services they provide their citizens. The authors describe the implications of using this evaluation method, identify risks, discuss community goals and their relationship to this method, and consider ways to begin shifting services to it. Also included is an initial list of outcome measures that communities can use as they start implementing results-based accountability; particular reference is given to outcomes that affect the



health and social services provided to children and youth. An accompanying book, *Finding the Data*, provides information on how those data can be used to measure the outcomes; on what precautions need to be identified during data collection; and on national, state, and local data sources.

Contact: Center for the Study of Social Policy, 1250 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 503, Washington, DC 20005-3922. Telephone: (202) 371-1565; fax (202) 371-1472. \$7.50 includes shipping and handling.

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CHILD HEALTH SUPERVISION: ANALYTICAL STUDIES IN THE FINANCING, DELIVERY, AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF PREVENTIVE AND HEALTH PROMOTION SERVICES FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADOLESCENTS

Solloway, M. R., and Budetti, P. P. (Eds.). 1995. *Child health supervision: Analytical studies in the financing, delivery, and cost-effectiveness of preventive and health promotion services for infants, children, and adolescents*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health; Springfield, VA: distributed by National Technical Information Service. 401 pp.

This compendium of information examines health systems problems of child health supervision services in three major areas: access and financing, organization and delivery, and cost and effectiveness. Specific topics include health insurance, Medicaid managed care, the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program, preventive approaches to well-child care in populations, cross-national comparisons, lead poisoning, oral health, adolescent preventive mental health, and school health services.

Contact: National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Telephone: (703) 487-4650; fax (703) 321-8547. \$44.50 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. NTIS PB-96125661; ED 389 403.

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THE PRACTITIONER'S GUIDE TO COST-EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS OF NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS

Splett, P. L. 1996. *The practitioner's guide to cost-effectiveness analysis of nutrition interventions*.

Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 57 pp.

This guide presents a tool for learning about cost-effectiveness analysis and developing skills in planning and carrying out evaluations that assess the cost-effectiveness of competing alternatives in nutrition-related activities. The author presents general information about cost-effectiveness, a step-by-step model, and examples of cost-effectiveness analysis applied in the field of nutrition. It was prepared for and with the assistance of members of the Maternal and Child Health Interorganizational Nutrition Group, which is a partnership of national professional and voluntary organizations and federal agencies. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS: KEYS TO EFFECTIVE LEGISLATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

State Legislative Leaders Foundation. 1995. *State legislative leaders: Keys to effective legislation for children and families*. Centerville, MA: State Legislative Leaders Foundation. 40 pp.

This document reports on a study of Republican and Democratic state legislative leaders and of child and family organizations that participate in state-based legislative activity. It examines the leaders' motivations, roles in the legislative process, views on the issues of children and families, perceptions of advocacy efforts on their behalf, and what can be done to improve the well-being of children and families in America. It also examines how advocate organizations perceive and interact with state legislative leaders and the legislative process. It concludes with legislative leaders' views on how advocacy groups can succeed in advancing their agendas in the state capitol.

Contact: Debra Buckler, State Legislative Leaders Foundation, 16 Bayberry Square, Centerville, MA 02632. Telephone: (508) 771-3821; fax (508) 778-2553. Single copies available at no charge; call for price for multiple copies.



MEDICAID REFORM: A TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND GUIDE TO THE ISSUES

Twentieth Century Fund. 1995. *Medicaid reform: A Twentieth Century Fund guide to the issues*. New York, NY: Twentieth Century Fund Press. 28 pp. (The basics)

This pamphlet presents facts, figures, and arguments about what's right and what's wrong with Medicaid. Also listed are the potential risks associated with the congressional reform proposals.

Contact: Sara Wright, Twentieth Century Fund Press, 41 East 70th Street, New York, NY 10021. Telephone: (212) 535-4441; fax (212) 535-7534. E-mail: xxthfund@ix.netcom.com; Web site: <http://epn.org/tcf.html>. \$4.50 plus shipping and handling.

WELFARE REFORM: A TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND GUIDE TO THE ISSUES

Twentieth Century Fund. 1995. *Welfare reform: A Twentieth Century Fund guide to the issues*. New York, NY: Twentieth Century Fund Press. 24 pp. (The basics)

This pamphlet presents facts about the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program in order to inform the debate about welfare reform in the United States.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN: A COMPILATION OF STATE EMSC LAWS AND MODEL LEGISLATION

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1996. *Emergency medical services for children: A compilation of state EMSC laws and model legislation*. Washington, DC: Emergency Medical Services for Children National Resource Center. ca. 100 pp.

This report provides the text of state legislation on emergency medical services for children in the nine

states that have enacted such legislation to date. The legislation covers such topics as state EMSC offices, advisory boards, training requirements for emergency personnel, resource centers, and public/private partnerships. In addition, the report provides model legislation that can be used by those who wish to use the public policy process as a tool to enhance EMSC within their states. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Jane Ball, Emergency Medical Services for Children National Resource Center, 111 Michigan Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20010. Telephone: (202) 884-4927; fax (301) 650-8045. E-mail: Info@emscnrc.com. Limited copies available at no charge.

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BUREAU REPORT TO CONGRESS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1996-. *Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal and Child Health Bureau report to Congress*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Annual?)

This report describes the multifaceted federal and state activities that are supported by Title V of the Social Security Act; and the health status of women of child-bearing age, infants, children, and adolescents, especially children with special health needs for whom Title V is designed. Included is an overview of Title V and of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, partnerships with other federal agencies, block grant activities, and activities of Special Projects of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS). The 1991 report was titled *Report to Congress on Fiscal Year 1991 Maternal and Child Health Activities and Health Status: Title V—Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant*. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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MODELS THAT WORK: COMPENDIUM OF INNOVATIVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FOR UNDERSERVED AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care. 1995. *Models that work: Compendium of innovative primary health care programs for underserved and vulnerable populations*. Bethesda, MD: Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Annual?)

This compendium, published in 1995 and 1996, provides descriptions of programs that applied to the Bureau of Primary Health Care's "Models That Work" campaign competition. Competition winners, honorable mention awardees, and other applicants are listed. It is arranged alphabetically by program name. A chart lists programs by state and identifies significant features of the programs in: services or providers, financing, partnerships/linkages, special populations served, successes/outcomes, and infrastructure.

Contact: National Clearinghouse for Primary Care Information, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (800) 400-2742 / (703) 903-1248 if calling from the Washington, DC, metro area; fax (703) 821-2098. E-mail: janders1@hrsa.ssw.dhhs.gov. Available at no charge.

SYSTEMS ASSESSMENT FOR WISCONSIN'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM: FINAL REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SITE VISIT TEAM

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1995. *Systems assessment for Wisconsin's maternal and child health program: Final report of the technical assistance site visit team*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 183 pp.

This report describes the results of a review of Wisconsin's system of care for children and their families. The purpose of the site visit was to assess existing systems and programs and recommend ways they could be improved. The review was based on the Wisconsin Bureau of Public Health's five guiding principles for system building: family-centered care, community lead-

ership, health promotion, needs assessment and outreach, and cultural competence.

Contact: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11A-22, Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-5720. Available at no charge.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN: PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE

U.S. General Accounting Office. 1996. *Health insurance for children: Private insurance coverage continues to deteriorate*. Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office. 28 pp.

This report examines factors affecting the provision of health insurance to children during 1994, particularly decreased coverage by the private sector, the expanding coverage for low-income children through Medicaid, and the increase in the number of uninsured families who do not qualify for Medicaid but who cannot afford private insurance either. The report presents the results in brief, provides background information, describes the methodology, and presents and analyzes the results of the study.

Contact: U.S. General Accounting Office, P.O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015. Telephone: (202) 512-6000 / TDD: (301) 413-0006; fax (301) 258-4066. First copy available at no charge; additional copies \$2.00; prepayment required; make check or money order to Superintendent of Documents; bulk discounts available. GAO/HEHS-96-129.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN: STATE AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS CREATE NEW STRATEGIES TO INSURE CHILDREN

U.S. General Accounting Office. 1996. *Health insurance for children: State and private programs create new strategies to insure children*. Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office. 56 pp.

This report focuses on state and privately funded programs that were established to provide health insurance for children who do not qualify for Medicaid but whose families cannot afford private policies. The report reviews the context, presents the results in brief, and includes detailed analysis on the financial aspects



of these programs, the strategies used to manage costs, and the design elements used to implement the programs. Similarities and the unique features of six programs are highlighted. Appendices provide information on other state programs, detailed description of the programs in the report, and limited evaluations of the children's increased use of health care services as a result of the programs.

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TRAINING MANUAL FOR ADVANCES IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

University of Colorado, Health Science Center, School of Nursing. 1996. *Training manual for Advances in Maternal and Child Health for Public Health Nurses*. Denver, CO, School of Nursing, University of Colorado. ca. 150 pp.

This study guide is for use in train-the-trainer courses for public health nurses in Colorado; it explains how to use the Advances in Maternal and Child Health for Public Health Nurses course to train health providers in the state's rural areas. Broad categories covered in the manual include an overview of current public health issues, women's contemporary health care, children and their families, and planning for public health in the 21st century. This manual provides an overview of the course; covers methodology and administrative procedures; and includes samples, student assignments, and course materials. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Christine Thornam, M.N., R.N., Health Science Center, School of Nursing, University of Colorado, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, CO 80262. Telephone: (303) 315-8693; fax (303) 315-3940. Available at no charge.

FATHERHOOD AND FAMILY HEALTH: A SURVEY OF PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

Virginia Department of Health, Health Policy Group and Division of Child and Adolescent Health. 1995. *Fatherhood and family health: A survey of programs throughout the United States*. Richmond, VA: Virginia Department of Health. 113 pp.

This study examined ways to improve health outcomes for children by increasing father involvement in their children's lives. It included a review of the literature, a survey of national and state programs related to fatherhood and strengthening families, and an analysis of the most effective programs producing enhanced child and adolescent health. Recommendations and resources are included. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Eileen Mannix, Division of Child and Adolescent Health, Virginia Department of Health, 1500 East Main Street, Room 137, Richmond, VA 23218-2448. Telephone: (804) 371-0478. Available at no charge.

MANAGED CARE RESOURCE MANUAL: MANAGED CARE SYSTEMS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Washington PAVE (Parents Are Vital in Education), Community Health Care Project. 1996. *Managed care resource manual: Managed care systems for children with special health care needs*. Tacoma, WA: Community Health Care Project, Washington PAVE (Parents Are Vital in Education). 320 pp.

This manual explains the concept of managed care and the varieties that are available. Sections cover state systems initiatives/health options, advocating health care, evaluation of managed care organizations, a sample model for an independent provider association, sample information for a staff model, a managed care organizations directory for the state, articles on managed care, references, related projects, and a glossary. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Judie Ebbert-Rich, Community Health Care Project, Washington PAVE (Parents Are Vital in Education), 10209 Bridgeport Way, S.W., Suite B, Tacoma, WA 98499. Telephone: (206) 588-1741; fax (206) 984-7520. E-mail: pavestomp@aol.com. Available at no charge.

IMPROVING THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH: COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS

Wendy Knight and Associates. 1996. *Improving the public's health: Collaborations between public health departments and managed care organizations*. Washington, DC: Public Health Foundation. 36 pp.

This report was prepared for the Joint Council of Governmental Public Health Agencies Work Group on Access, Assurance, and Reimbursement for Primary Care. Case studies are presented on public-private relationships that public health departments are developing with managed care plans; this serves to illustrate

examples of successful and unsuccessful collaborative efforts and the lessons that can be learned to improve the health of communities. Specific case studies include Minnesota's population health initiative, Philadelphia's immunization program, Baltimore's school-based health centers, Seattle and King County's minority youth health project, and the Southwest Washington (state) Health District's community choices 2010. Recommendations are included.

Contact: Lori Whitehand, Public Health Foundation, 1220 L Street, N.W., Suite 350, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: (202) 898-5600, ext. 3006; fax (202) 898-5609. Available at no charge.

Women's and Perinatal Health

RESEARCH AGENDA FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL FACTORS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

American Psychological Association, Women's Health Conference Advisory Committee. 1996. *Research agenda for psychosocial and behavioral factors in women's health*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. 32 pp.

This research agenda is a synthesis of work done before, during, and after the conference, Psychosocial and Behavioral Factors in Women's Health: Creating an Agenda for the 21st Century, which was held in May 1994. It defines research priorities related to health behaviors, chronic diseases, life span/developmental issues, and health services. Priorities for education and training of health professionals and for public policy are given.

Contact: Women's Programs Office, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002-4242. Telephone: (202) 336-6044. Available at no charge.

SUBSTANCE ABUSING WOMEN: THE ULTIMATE HOME VISITING CHALLENGE—A REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MIC PROJECT RESOURCE MOTHERS PROGRAM

Brady, C. ca. 1996. *Substance abusing women: The ultimate home visiting challenge—A report on the University of Florida MIC Project Resource Mothers Program*. Gainesville, FL: Maternity and Infant Care Project, University of Florida. 23 pp.

This report summarizes the history of the first five years of the Maternity and Infant Care Project Resource Mothers Program at the University of Florida. The project was developed as part of a prenatal care delivery system that provides services in several counties; the project offers family-centered, community-based services through paraprofessional home visitors working with preconceptional, pregnant, and postpartum substance-using women. The report provides an overview of the area served; describes the components of the program, the resource mothers, the women served, the results to date, and program costs and benefits; and summarizes the lessons learned. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Mary Hoffman, Maternity and Infant Care Project, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Florida, 15 S.E. First Avenue, Suite A, Gainesville, FL 32601. Telephone: (352) 392-4491; fax (352) 392-9912. \$5.00.



PREVENTION AND WOMEN'S HEALTH: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Commonwealth Fund, Commission on Women's Health. 1996. *Prevention and women's health: A shared responsibility*. New York, NY: Commission on Women's Health, Commonwealth Fund. 42 pp. (Policy report)

This report reviews the major health risks that women face over their lifetimes, the prevention opportunities that are available to reduce these risks, and the major barriers that impede women from taking advantage of these opportunities. Policies and programs that have proven successful in promoting prevention are identified. Other topics covered are the shared responsibilities for prevention, education, and outreach programs; attention by health care providers; and needed research. Recommendations are included.

Contact: Commission on Women's Health, Commonwealth Fund, 630 West 168th Street, P and S 2-463, New York, NY 10032. Telephone: (212) 305-8118; fax (212) 305-4063. Available at no charge.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES: A COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND PAPER

Commonwealth Fund, Commission on Women's Health. 1995. *Violence against women in the United States: A comprehensive background paper*. New York, NY: Commission on Women's Health, Commonwealth Fund. 106 pp.

This publication covers violence against women in the United States with chapters on patterns of violence, consequences of violent acts against women, treatment for victims, nonclinical assistance for abused women, and prevention of violence against women. Attention is paid to the role of gender in violence. Various theories of social, psychological, and biological causes of violence are reviewed.

Contact: Commission on Women's Health, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, P & S 2-463, New York, NY 10032. Telephone: (212) 305-8118; fax (212) 305-4063. Available at no charge.

PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST: VISIONS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Erwin, E. J. (Ed.). 1996. *Putting children first: Visions for a brighter future for young children and their families*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company. 279 pp.

This collection of essays focuses on the social problems facing young children and their families, on their care and education, and on effecting change to provide them access to the services they need to ensure their development and education. One section of the book includes chapters on family values, violence, poverty, maternal substance abuse, and health and education problems due to environmental exposure; another section considers issues of diversity, complexities related to child care, problems encountered in providing natural supportive environments, and efforts to develop collaborative efforts. These essays are accompanied by personal narratives of parents of young children. A third section of the book advocates two models for the 21st century, one for children with special health needs and the other for developing a quality early childhood service delivery system.

Contact: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Company, P.O. Box 10624, Baltimore, MD 21285-0624. Telephone: (800) 638-3775 / (410) 337-9580; fax (410) 337-8539. \$40.00; no shipping and handling charge if prepaid; if not prepaid add 15 percent of price for shipping and handling. ISBN 1-55766-244-4.

GENETIC SERVICES: DEVELOPING GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH—PROCEEDINGS OF A CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON, DC, FEBRUARY 16-17, 1996

Freeman, S. B., Hinton, C. F., and Elsas, L. J. (Eds.). 1996. *Genetic services: Developing guidelines for the public's health—Proceedings of a conference held in Washington, DC, February 16-17, 1996*. Atlanta, GA: Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Services. 238 pp.

These proceedings report on a February 16-17, 1996, conference held in Washington, DC. Topics covered include: defining and developing guidelines for genetic services at the national, regional, and state levels and by professional organizations; financing genetic services; ethical issues; guidelines for genetic laboratory practices (genetic screening); genetics education for the professional, student, and consumer; and current



research and future directions for genetic services.
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUCING TRANSMISSION OF HIV TO INFANTS: GUIDELINES FOR STATE TITLE V PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Kagan, J., and Aliza, B. 1995. *Opportunities for reducing transmission of HIV to infants: Guidelines for state Title V program leadership*. Washington, DC: Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. 37 pp.

This document provides guidelines and resources to assist state Title V program directors in implementing recently developed guidelines of the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control and the Health Resources and Services Administration for reducing transmission of HIV from mother to infant. The guidelines address needs assessment, policy development, and assurance. Resources include case report forms, lists of federal and state contacts, and an index of sample state documents. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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PERINATAL CARE IN THE CHANGING HEALTH SYSTEM

Katz, M. F., and Lane, A. (Eds.). 1995. *Perinatal care in the changing health system*. Washington, DC: National Academy of Social Insurance. 85 pp.

This report evaluates the effect of the evolving health care financing and delivery system on the provision of care to pregnant women and to infants up to 12 months. In particular, the publication assesses the implications of managed care's rapid growth for the structural recommendations made in the March of Dimes' 1993 report *Toward Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy (TIOP): The 90s and Beyond*. The first part of this document presents an inventory of relevant

research on how managed care affects the financing and delivery of perinatal services. Part 2 summarizes proceedings of a workshop held in December 1994 to highlight the state of current understanding and identify priorities for additional investigation. The third part is a background paper on the TIOP recommendations. This report was funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Pew Charitable Trusts, and the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Contact: Chauntice Pyles, National Academy of Social Insurance, 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Suite 615, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 452-8097; fax (202) 452-8111. \$5.00.

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RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF SUBSTANCE-USING PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN: LESSONS LEARNED

Laken, M. P., and Hutchins, E. 1996. *Recruitment and retention of substance-using pregnant and parenting women: Lessons learned*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 68 pp.

This document reports lessons learned by a group of community-based demonstration projects targeting substance-abusing pregnant and postpartum women and their infants. The focus is on recruiting women into programs and retaining them once they are recruited. Information is derived from focus group discussions and comparisons with the published literature where appropriate. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention]

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EARLY HOSPITAL DISCHARGE: IMPACT ON NEWBORN SCREENING

Pass, K. A., and Levy, H. L. (Eds.). 1995. *Early hospital discharge: Impact on newborn screening*. Atlanta, GA: Council of Regional Networks for Genetic Services. 291 pp.

These proceedings of a March 31–April 1, 1995, conference held in Washington, DC, address the problems



encountered by newborn screening programs when specimens must be taken early in an infant's life because of early hospital discharge policies due to the demands of managed care. Papers discuss the current situation in newborn screening, concerns with specific diseases, and potential strategies. Diseases discussed are phenylketonuria (PKU), sickle cell disease, homocystinuria, maple syrup urine disease, congenital hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and galactosemia. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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UNINTENDED PREGNANCY: PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

Schenck, S., and Troccoli, K. 1996. *Unintended pregnancy: Prevention strategies for local health departments*. Washington, DC: National Association of County and City Health Officials. 11 pp.

This report discusses the role of local health departments in preventing unintended pregnancies. It was written as a response to "The Best Intentions: Unintended Pregnancy and the Well-Being of Children and Families," a study produced in 1995 by the Institute of Medicine, Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Committee on Unintended Pregnancy. This report summarizes the recommendations and elaborates on how local health departments can: (1) improve knowledge about contraception and reproductive health; (2) increase access to contraception; (3) address the roles that feelings, attitudes, and motivation have upon contraception and avoiding unintended pregnancy; (4) develop and evaluate local programs; and (5) stimulate research on developing new contraceptive methods, organizing contraceptive services, and understanding the determinants and antecedents of unintended pregnancies. The draft of this publication was called *The Best Intentions: Unintended Pregnancy and the Well-being of Children and Families—The Role of Local Health Departments*. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Anissa Bradby, National Association of County and City Health Officials, 440 First Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, DC 20001. Telephone:

(202) 783-5550; fax (202) 783-1583. Single copies available at no charge; \$3.00 for additional copies.

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ECONOMICS OF REPRODUCTIVE AND INFANT HEALTH: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY FROM 1980 TO 1993

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Reproductive Health. 1995. *Economics of reproductive and infant health: An annotated bibliography from 1980 to 1993*. [Atlanta, GA?]: Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 302 pp.

This annotated bibliography contains abstracted articles and other references on cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness, cost utility, and related economic analyses. Topics include infant and child health; congenital anomalies, mental retardation, and chronic conditions; maternal health; family planning and women's reproductive health; nutrition; international health; and methods. The volume contains title, author, and subject indexes.

Contact: Division of Reproductive Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 4770 Buford Hwy, N.E., Mailstop K-20, Atlanta, GA 30341-3724. Telephone: (770) 488-5618; fax (770) 488-5967. Available at no charge.

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SCIENTIFIC SUMMIT: BEYOND THE FOURTH DIMENSION—ASSURING QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR MOMS AND BABIES

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1996. *Scientific summit: Beyond the fourth dimension—Assuring quality health care for moms and babies*. Rockville, MD: Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 38 pp.

This information packet contains material from a June 6-7, 1996, conference held in Washington, DC, including a participants list. Other information includes: sev-



eral articles from various sources concerning the current practice of rapid discharge of mothers and newborns from the hospital; a listing of states and the schedule of pending legislation on the issue of early discharge; and a brief summary of the laws in five states covering discharge of mothers and newborns.

Contact: Librarian, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax (703) 524-9335. E-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Available for loan.

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USE OF ZIDOVUDINE (ZDV) TO REDUCE PERINATAL HIV TRANSMISSION IN HRSA-FUNDED PROGRAMS: PROGRAM ADVISORY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration. 1996. *Use of zidovudine (ZDV) to reduce perinatal HIV transmission in HRSA-funded programs: Program advisory*. Rockville, MD: Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 30 pp.

This program advisory guides the implementation of Public Health Service recommendations for HIV counseling and voluntary HIV testing for pregnant women and for offering the zidovudine (ZDV) perinatal regimen to pregnant women with HIV in programs funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. It directs all HRSA-funded programs to adopt these recommendations as the standard of care for pregnant women.

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MATERNITY CARE: APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP SERVICES CRITICAL WITH SHORT HOSPITAL STAYS

U.S. General Accounting Office. 1996. *Maternity care: Appropriate follow-up services critical with short hospital stays*. Washington, DC: U.S. General Accounting Office. 28 pp.

This report presents information on the implications of early discharge following birth to the health of the mothers and children, and considers the role of followup care as one means of assuring their health. It includes a background analysis indicating that shorter hospital stays are becoming more common and assessing the distribution of the trend. The report considers the implications of early discharge and presents recommendations on incorporating such policies within a larger maternal care context including a heightened emphasis on followup care.

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Infancy and Early Childhood

THE MEDICAL HOME AND EARLY INTERVENTION: LINKING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

American Academy of Pediatrics, Medical Home Program for Children with Special Needs. 1995. *The medical home and early intervention: Linking services for children with special needs*. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics. 16 pp.

This handbook serves as a tool for pediatricians, health care professionals, families, and community members in incorporating the medical home concept into the design of coordinated community systems of health care. It discusses the medical home concept and the role of the Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities in providing the statewide system for early intervention services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]



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**CHILD CARE FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:
DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH—
SUMMARY OF A WORKSHOP**

Bridgman, A., and Phillips, D. A. (Eds.), and National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Board on Children and Families, Steering Committee on Child Care Workshops. 1996. *Child care for low-income families: Directions for research—Summary of a workshop*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 26 pp.

This publication presents the proceedings of a July 1995 workshop that focused on issues, identified at two earlier workshops held in February and April 1995, related to the use of child care by low-income families. These proceedings suggest future research topics such as: the relation between child care and children's development, the correlation between child care and economic self-sufficiency, the policy environment regarding child care, and methodologies for data collection. A related publication, *Child Care for Low-income Families: Summary of Two Workshops*, synthesizes the presentations from the two previous workshops.

Contact: Board on Children, Youth and Families, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418. Telephone: (202) 334-1349 / (202) 334-3965; fax (202) 334-3829. E-mail: srekin@nas.edu; Web site: <http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/childcaresdir/>. Available at no charge.

FINANCING CHILD CARE

David and Lucile Packard Foundation, Center for the Future of Children. 1996. *Financing child care*. Los Altos, CA: Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucile Packard Foundation. 173 pp., exec. summ. (7 pp.). (*The Future of Children*; v. 6, no. 2, Summer/Fall 1996)

This issue of *The Future of Children* examines current trends in financing child care services and considers various future alternatives. The issue includes an analy-

sis of the topics and makes policy recommendations. The topics of the articles include a history of federal funding; an assessment of trends with regard to affordability, availability, and quality; and a review of current and emerging trends. Other articles analyze alternative financing strategies, consider the relationship between funding public education and child care, look at the impact on child care of supporting child rearing through the provision of child allowances and parental leave, or provide commentaries on the proposals.

Contact: Circulation Department, Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucille Packard Foundation, 300 Second Street, Suite 102, Los Altos, CA 94022. Telephone: (415) 948-3696; fax (415) 948-6498. E-mail: circulation@futureofchildren.org; Web site: <http://www.futureofchildren.org>. Available at no charge.

**INCLUDING YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN
COMMUNITY SETTINGS: A RESOURCE PACKET**

deFosset, S., Rasbold, R. A., Battigelli, S., Ament, N., and Rooney, R. 1996. *Including young children with disabilities in community settings: A resource packet*. Chapel Hill, NC: National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System. 84 pp., 5 items.

This packet of materials presents information for individuals and organizations attempting to implement a program that includes children with special health needs in regular preschool programs. The packet contains: (1) issues papers on serving young children with disabilities in programs with their nondisabled peers; (2) information on provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, especially as they relate to child care services; (3) articles on the basis in federal law for inclusive practices; (4) information on additional projects and resources, including those funded under the U.S. Department of Education's Early Education Program for Children with Disabilities; and (5) an annotated bibliography of selected literature published between 1990 and 1996.

Contact: NEC*TAS Publications, National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System, 137 East Franklin Street, 500 NationsBank Plaza, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Telephone: (919) 962-2001 / TDD: (919) 966-4041; fax (919) 966-7463. E-mail: nectasta.nectas@mhs.unc.edu; Web site: <http://www.nectas.unc.edu>. \$15.00 includes shipping and handling. Limited number available.



COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION: STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Dombro, A. L., O'Donnell, N. S., Galinsky, E., Melcher, S. G., and Farber, A. 1996. *Community mobilization: Strategies to support young children and their families*. New York, NY: Families and Work Institute. 372 pp.

This handbook provides practical information for individuals and groups seeking to improve the quality of services for young children and families in their communities. It defines community mobilization, and discusses how to create a vision for quality services for young children and their families, implement the vision, and sustain it to ensure lasting change. Appendices list examples of state initiatives and resource organizations.

Contact: Publications, Families and Work Institute, 330 Seventh Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Telephone: (212) 465-2044; fax (212) 465-8637. \$22.00 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling. ISBN 1-888324-03-1.

IMMUNIZING AMERICA'S CHILDREN: STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS TO REMOVE THE BARRIERS TO IMMUNIZATION

Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Burns and Associates. 1995. *Immunizing America's children: Strategies and partnerships to remove the barriers to immunization*. Los Angeles, CA: Children's Action Network. 74 pp.

This report profiles successful programs from around the country that have established innovative and effective programs to increase immunization rates in children. Topics include: expanding and improving access to health care services, educating families and linking them with a medical home, establishing immunization registries, reaching culturally diverse families, working with employers and health benefit plans, working with the media, developing resources for immunization coalitions, and building and sustaining immunization coalitions. References to individuals and institutions support each chapter.

Contact: Margaret Crisostomo, Children's Action Network, 10951 West Pico Boulevard, Suite 206, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Telephone: (310) 470-9599. Single copies available at no charge.

HOME VISITING FOR AT-RISK FAMILIES: AN INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE TITLE V/CHILD WELFARE COLLABORATION—A REVIEW OF STATE FUNDING APPLICATIONS, FY 1995

Jonas, E., and Carpenter, M. 1995. *Home visiting for at-risk families: An initiative to promote Title V/child welfare collaboration—A review of state funding applications, FY 1995*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 19 pp.

This report presents the findings of an analysis of the state applications for Title V funds to be used to develop collaborative home visiting programs for families with children at risk. The authors include a history of this federal program, an overview of the state activities derived from the grant applications, and state profiles in a tabular form for 81 topics grouped into state characteristics, grant administration, planning structures, and activities. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Librarian, National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health, 2000 15th Street North, Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22201-2617. Telephone: (703) 524-7802; fax (703) 524-9335. E-mail: info@ncemch.org; Web site: <http://www.ncemch.org>. Photocopies available at no charge. NMCHC inv.code H132.

TOWARD SYSTEMIC REFORM: SERVICE INTEGRATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kagan, S. L., Golub, S. A., Goffin, S. G., and Pritchard, E. 1995. *Toward systemic reform: Service integration for young children and their families*. Falls Church, VA: National Center for Service Integration. 246 pp.

This study of service integration efforts in four states relates insights about the nature of service integration and the potential of systemic reform efforts. Early care and education are a laboratory for the use of service integration as a strategy for systemic reform. Six critical elements to the optimal development of comprehensive integrated services are presented. Current findings are applied to future practice detailing specific considerations for practitioners, policymakers, and researchers.



Contact: Child and Family Policy Center, National Center for Service Integration, Fleming Building, Suite 1021, 218 Sixth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309-2200. Telephone: (515) 280-9027; fax (515) 244-8997. \$3.00.

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MAP AND TRACK: STATE INITIATIVES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Knitzer, J., and Page, S. 1996. *Map and track: State initiatives for young children and families*. New York, NY: National Center for Children in Poverty. 171 pp.

This book examines the planning, development, and administration of state programs designed for young children and families. The first chapter discusses the method used to gather and analyze the data, and includes caveats about governmental programs that were not included; the second chapter provides an overview of the findings. The third chapter contains individual state profiles with data on the state initiatives, investments, and risk indicators; these are followed by narrative descriptions of each state's initiatives. Appendices include summary tables on young children and family risk factors, a list of state investments, figures on children in poverty, and maps and tables on various aspects of these topics.

Contact: National Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University, 154 Haven Avenue, New York, NY 10032. Telephone: (212) 304-7100; fax (212) 927-9162. \$19.95 includes shipping and handling.

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THE HEALTHY START INITIATIVE: A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN APPROACH TO INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION, VOL IV: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

McCann, T., Young, B. W., Hutten, D., Hayes, A., and Wright, B. 1996. *The Healthy Start initiative: A community-driven approach to infant mortality reduction, Vol. IV: Community outreach*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 148 pp.

This report presents lessons learned from Healthy Start grantees as they planned and implemented the Healthy Start Initiative, a five-year demonstration program that uses a community-driven, systems development approach to reduce infant mortality and improve the health and well-being of women, infants, children, and families. This volume, based on the National Forum

for Community Perinatal Outreach Workers held in October 1995, focuses on improving services, mentoring outreach workers through training and supervision, building partnerships with other organizations, and learning from research and evaluation. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 821-8955; fax (703) 821-2098. E-mail: nmchc@circsol.com. Available at no charge. NMCHC inv.code J004.

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HELPING OUR NATION'S INFANTS AND TODDLERS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES: A BRIEFING PAPER ON PART H OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA), 1986-1995

National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System. 1995. *Helping our nation's infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families: A briefing paper on Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 1986-1995*. Chapel Hill, NC: National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System. 39 pp.

This briefing paper addresses four questions regarding Part H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Why is early intervention significant? What is Part H? What have the states achieved to date? What are the future challenges? Background information is provided and a preliminary assessment is given of current progress in meeting the needs of the infants and toddlers and their families. The paper contains a section for each question; a list of references; and appendices that include U.S. Department of Education contacts, state and local Part H coordinators, and Part H lead organizations. It was prepared as a preliminary report for the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council.

Contact: NEC*TAS Publications, National Early Childhood Technical Assistance System, 500 NationsBank Plaza, 137 East Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Telephone: (919) 962-2001 / TDD: (919) 966-4041; fax (919) 966-7463. E-mail: nectasta.nectas@mhs.unc.edu; Web site: <http://www.nectas.unc.edu>. \$5.00 includes shipping and handling; bulk discounts available. Also available electronically via: Early Childhood Bulletin Board on SpecialNet: FPGCENTER, or World Wide Web at the NEC*TAS Home Page, <http://www.nectas.unc.edu>.

BEYOND THE BLUEPRINT: DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH ON HEAD START'S FAMILIES

Phillips, D. A., and Cabrera, N. J. (Eds.), and National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, National Research Council, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Board on Children and Families, Roundtable on Head Start Research. 1996. *Beyond the blueprint: Directions for research on Head Start's families*. Washington, DC: National Academy Press. 85 pp.

This publication reports on the discussions at the September 1994 Roundtable on Head Start Research, held to analyze research needs relevant to the changing context that Head Start faces as it moves into its fourth decade. Topics cover Head Start families and their diversity, community collaborations, the changing economic landscape, and extending the benefits of local innovation. The Roundtable received support from the U.S. Administration for Children, Youth and Families.

Contact: Board on Children, Youth and Families, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418. Telephone: (202) 334-1349 / (202) 334-3335; fax (202) 334-3829. E-mail: srelkin@nas.edu; Web site: <http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/blueprint/>. \$17.00.

HEALTHY CHILD CARE AMERICA: BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Child Care Bureau and Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau. 1996. *Healthy Child Care America: Blueprint for action*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. 46 pp., 1 summary (4 pp.), 1 poster (1 p.).

This publication presents 10 steps communities can take to forge linkages between child care and health, to ensure that children are in healthy and safe child care environments. Strategies, suggestions on using partnerships to enhance systems, examples of programs, and resource publications are listed for each step. A summary listing the 10 steps and a poster promoting the Healthy Child Care America initiative are also available, along with other promotional materials in a packet. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 821-8955; fax (703) 821-2098. E-mail: nmchc@circsol.com. Available at no charge. NMCHC inv.code J015 (full report), I092 (summary).

Middle Childhood and Adolescence

THE PATH OF MOST RESISTANCE: REFLECTIONS ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM NEW FUTURES

Annie E. Casey Foundation. 1995. *The path of most resistance: Reflections on lessons learned from New Futures*. Baltimore, MD: Annie E. Casey Foundation. 29 pp.

This report presents commentary by the Annie E. Casey Foundation which developed and administered a grant program, New Futures. The program gave funds to several cities over a five-year period to help them provide educational, health, and social services to disadvantaged urban adolescents to prepare them for adulthood. This report contains historical information on the program, presents and discusses the significant

lessons learned by the foundation, and suggest ways that they could be incorporated into public policies.

Contact: Annie E. Casey Foundation, 701 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Telephone: (410) 547-6600; fax (410) 547-6624. Available at no charge.

A PARTNERSHIP FOR QUALITY AND ACCESS: SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND HEALTH PLANS

Brellocks, C., Zimmerman, D., Zink, T., Juszczak, L., and English, A. 1996. *A partnership for quality and access: School-based health centers and health plans*. Bronx,



NY: School Health Policy Initiative, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. 48 pp.

This report describes the major types of relationships that have been developed between school-based health centers and managed care organizations. A variety of issues in the development of these relationships are examined, principles for structuring optimal partnerships are proposed, and components necessary to evaluate the effort are presented. The report includes the work group meeting participants' profiles, and an appendix listing the essential and optimal services of a comprehensive school-based health center.

Contact: School Health Policy Initiative, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 111 East 210th Street, Bronx, NY 10467-2490. Telephone: (718) 654-4190; fax (718) 653-1807. E-mail: shpi@aol.com. \$15.00.

WHAT WORKS III: 1995 FOCUS ON SCHOOL HEALTH IN URBAN COMMUNITIES

Bullerdiek, H. W., Simpson, P. S., and Peck, M. G. 1996. *What works III: 1995 focus on school health in urban communities*. Omaha, NE: CityMatch, University of Nebraska Medical Center. 226 pp., summ. (7 pp.)

This report gives the findings of a 1995 survey of urban maternal and child health programs to determine their participation in school health. Part I describes the survey and its major findings. Part II describes the barriers urban health departments encounter as they become involved in school health, in the categories of attitudes, resources, society, and systems. Part III describes successful initiatives. Appendices provide the survey instrument, a directory of urban MCH programs, their involvement with school-based and school-linked health centers, a list of services provided, and a list of publications/resources reviewed. An executive summary is available separately. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

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TRENDS IN THE WELL-BEING OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Child Trends Inc., and Hernandez, D. J. 1996-. *Trends in the well-being of America's children and youth*. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office. annual.

This document, intended as a resource document for the policy community, provides information on national trends affecting children and youth. Annotated tables and a chapter on family and population issues are included. Tables cover child population characteristics, family structure, neighborhoods, poverty and income, government support programs, parental employment, housing, mortality, health conditions, health care, social development, behavior, physical health and safety, smoking, alcohol, substance abuse, sexual activity and pregnancy, school enrollment and attendance, school achievement, and parental involvement in education. In addition, historical tables give data from the 1800s to the present.

Contact: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Telephone: (202) 512-1800; fax (202) 512-2250. \$26.00. GPO S/N 017-022013-36-3.

CHANGING THE ODDS FOR ARIZONA'S YOUTH

Children's Action Alliance. 1996. *Changing the odds for Arizona's youth*. Phoenix, AZ: Children's Action Alliance. 41 pp.

This publication is a report of data on the current status of adolescents in Arizona, covering poverty, guns, school dropout rate, self-reported student drug use, arrests, adolescent pregnancy and birth rates, suicide attempts, and injury and death rates due to intentional violence. A variety of risk factors and early intervention programs are considered. The report concludes with a discussion of redesigning roles for community and public sector partnerships. The report contains a four-part blueprint for action and a list of Arizona programs at work in various cities.

Contact: Rhian Evans, Children's Action Alliance, 4001 North Third Street, Suite 160, Phoenix, AZ 85012. Telephone: (602) 266-0707; fax (602) 263-8792. Available at no charge; however, publisher invoices cost of shipping and handling.

POLICY COMPENDIUM ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING ADOLESCENTS

Epner, J. E. G. (Ed.). 1996. *Policy compendium on reproductive health issues affecting adolescents*. Chicago, IL: American Medical Association. 80 pp.

This manual is a compendium of policy statements and recommendations on reproductive health issues affecting adolescents. The goals of the compendium are to educate health professionals and policymakers about adolescent health problems, prompt organizational action on this topic, and help advocates justify legislation or programs. The compendium contains 18 policy statements of member organizations and the results of a survey of all 24 member organizations. Topics covered include access to reproductive health care; professional education and ethics; confidentiality, parental notification, and informed consent; clinical aspects of reproductive health care; HIV/AIDS; reproductive health education; legal and legislative issues; media; research; funding; and special populations.

Contact: Order Department OP018694, American Medical Association, 515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610. Telephone: (800) 621-8335 / (312) 464-4512. \$11.50. ISBN 0-89970-768-8.

HEALTHY YOUTH 2000: A MID-DECADE REVIEW

Fleming, M. 1996. *Healthy Youth 2000: A mid-decade review*. Chicago, IL: American Medical Association. 49 pp.

This report presents data on the adolescent components of the *Healthy People 2000* objectives for 1987 through 1993. Interviews with experts include discussions on what progress is being made towards the objectives, why the objectives are not being met, and what recommendations are proposed for achieving the objectives. Subjects covered are physical activity and fitness, nutrition, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, family planning, mental health and mental disorders, violent and abusive behavior, unintentional injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, and clinical preventive services. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Department of Adolescent Health, American Medical Association, 515 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610. Telephone: (312) 464-5570. E-mail: <http://www.ama-assn.org>. \$11.50. NMCHC inv.code I115.

KIDS HAVING KIDS: A ROBIN HOOD FOUNDATION SPECIAL REPORT ON THE COSTS OF ADOLESCENT CHILDBEARING

Maynard, R. A. (Ed.). 1996. *Kids having kids: A Robin Hood Foundation special report on the costs of adolescent childbearing*. New York, NY: Robin Hood Foundation. 100 pp., summ. (20 pp.).

This special report relates economic and health costs to social, financial, and health consequences to children, adolescent parents, and society at large. The study focuses on adolescent parents, especially mothers ages 17 or younger, and later childbearing mothers, ages 20 and 21. Social issues are tied to these age ranges with their concomitant results. The report contains extensive tables and figures.

Contact: Robin Hood Foundation, 111 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10006. Telephone: (212) 227-6601; fax (212) 227-6698. Available at no charge.

ASSURING QUALITY OF CARE FOR CHILDREN IN MEDICAID MANAGED CARE: EPSDT IN A TIME OF CHANGING POLICY

National Institute for Health Care Management. 1996. *Assuring quality of care for children in Medicaid managed care: EPSDT in a time of changing policy*. Washington, DC: National Institute for Health Care Management. 37 pp.

This report is based on an October 18, 1995, meeting of federal and state health officials and health plan representatives held in Washington, DC. The meeting focused on the delivery of quality health services to children through the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) program as principles of Medicaid managed care are applied to them. The report describes the attributes of EPSDT and Medicaid managed care and identifies areas of concern where they overlap. Included in the report are perspectives from the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration, state governments, and health plans on the delivery of EPSDT services. The focus is on developing systems to collect data and assure the delivery of quality services.

Contact: National Institute for Health Care Management, 1818 N Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 296-4426; fax (202) 296-4319. \$15.00.



IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE FOR ADOLESCENTS: SCHOOL HEALTH CENTERS AS A SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

Santelli, J., Morreale, M., Wigton, A., and Grason, H. 1995. *Improving access to primary care for adolescents: School health centers as a service delivery strategy.* Baltimore, MD: Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center, and Center for Adolescent Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Johns Hopkins University. 8 pp. (MCH policy research brief)

This paper is designed to help state and local health personnel and maternal and child health policymakers assess the ability of school-based and school-linked services to meet the primary health needs of adolescents. It develops a rationale for using the aspects of primary care as an evaluation model, cites previous research in this area, and considers the strengths and weaknesses of school-based services with respect to the following aspects of primary care: first-contact, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, community-oriented, family-centered, and culturally competent. Definitions of these concepts are given and needed future research is enumerated. A table displays the potential strengths and weaknesses of each aspect of care. A one-page evaluation form is also included. [Funded in part by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: Lori Friedenber, Project Coordinator, Child and Adolescent Health Policy Center, Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, 624 North Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21205. Telephone: (410) 614-3486; fax (410) 955-2303. E-mail: lfrieden@phnet.sph.jhu.edu. Available at no charge.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND MANAGED CARE: SEVEN SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER PROGRAMS FORGE NEW RELATIONSHIPS

Schlitt, J. J., Lear, J. G., Ceballos, C., Chuckovich, D., Hacker, K., Hazzard, K., Johnston, K., Rosenthal, B., and Zimmerman, D. 1996. *School-based health centers and managed care: Seven school-based health center programs forge new relationships.* Washington, DC: Making the Grade. 20 pp.

This report presents the results of a survey of seven school-based health centers in Baltimore; Bridgeport; New Haven; Boston; St. Paul; Memphis/Shelby County, Tennessee; and Multnomah County, Oregon.

The report includes background information, and describes the scope of services, the financial agreements, and other contract provisions between the centers and the managed care and Medicaid managed care plans that help finance the delivery of health services for low-income children and adolescents who have access to the school-based centers. The report summarizes the findings of the survey and considers the role of the state governments in fostering the negotiations between the centers and the managed care plans. The production of the report was supported by the Office of Adolescent Health, U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Contact: William Bacquilod, Making the Grade, George Washington University, 1350 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 505, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 466-3396; fax (202) 466-3467. Available at no charge.

WHERE THE KIDS ARE: HOW TO WORK WITH SCHOOLS TO CREATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS—A PRIMER FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Shearer, C. 1995. *Where the kids are: How to work with schools to create elementary school-based health centers—A primer for health professionals.* Washington, DC: National Health and Education Consortium, Institute for Educational Leadership. 38 pp.

This report explains how health care professionals can work with elementary schools to promote health services. The author discusses the operations of educational systems, possible interactions between health professionals and the school staff, and the rationale for establishing school-based clinics. Appendices provide resources describing federal goals and programs that support school-based or school-linked health services.

Contact: National Health and Education Consortium, Institute for Educational Leadership, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 310, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: (202) 822-8405; fax (202) 872-4050. E-mail: nhec@iel.org. \$15.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling; shipping and handling included for prepaid orders; 50 percent discount for more than 50 copies; prepayment required; make checks payable to IEL.



ADOLESCENT HEALTH REPORT, 1995-1996

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Office of Adolescent Health. 1996. *Adolescent health report, 1995-1996*. Arlington, VA: National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health. 399 pp.

This document lists adolescent health projects funded by the U.S. Maternal and Child Health Bureau in 1995 and 1996. Also listed are products of adolescent health grants from 1990 to 1996. [Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau]

Contact: National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536. Telephone: (703) 821-8955; fax (703) 821-2098. E-mail: nmchc@circsol.com. Available at no charge. NMCHC inv.code I071.

HEALING FRACTURED LIVES: HOW THREE SCHOOL-BASED PROJECTS APPROACH VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care. 1996. *Healing fractured lives: How three school-based projects approach violence prevention and mental health care*. Rockville, MD: Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 65 pp.

This report describes lessons learned by three schools that implemented school-based violence prevention and mental health services. Key services and features of these projects are discussed: program administration, including roles, responsibilities, and relationships; financing, assessment, accountability, and results; and recommendations from the field. Case studies of each of the three sites are included.

Contact: National Clearinghouse for Primary Care Information, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182. Telephone: (703) 902-1248; fax (703) 821-2098. Available at no charge.

LINKING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WITH SCHOOLS SERVING LOW-INCOME CHILDREN: AN IDEA BOOK

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care. 1996. *Linking community health centers with schools serving low-income children: An idea book*. Rockville, MD: Bureau of Primary Health Care, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 168 pp.

This publication is designed to help practitioners and policymakers create links between schools serving low-income children and community or migrant health centers by providing lessons learned from case studies. It covers planning for school health programs; the nuts and bolts of program design and implementation; and modification, expansion, and sustainability. Appendices include a glossary, list of reference materials, contact information, and profiles of selected sites.

Contact: National Clearinghouse for Primary Care Information, 2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182. Telephone: (703) 902-1248; fax (703) 821-2098. Available at no charge.

COMBATING VIOLENCE AND DELINQUENCY: THE NATIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE ACTION PLAN

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. 1996. *Combating violence and delinquency: The national juvenile justice action plan*. Washington, DC: Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. 203 pp., summ. (36 pp.)

This report presents a strategy for reducing violence in the nation's communities, highlighting ways that community groups can work with law enforcement officials to involve adolescents in programs designed to prevent crime and violence. The plan describes eight objectives in detail; among them are providing immediate and appropriate interventions for delinquent juveniles; prosecuting juvenile offenders in criminal court under certain conditions; reducing youths' involvement with drugs, gangs, and guns; and addressing youth victimization, abuse, and neglect to break the current cycle of violence. Appendices list the work group participants, provide a matrix of technical assistance resources, include bibliographies of selected commission and task



force reports, catalogs, and directories, and provide an annotated bibliography of other relevant publications.

Contact: Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (800) 851-3420 / (301) 251-5500; fax (301) 251-5212. E-mail: askncjrs@aspensys.com. Available at no charge. NCJ 157106, report; NCJ 157105, summary.

REDUCING YOUTH GUN VIOLENCE: AN OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES—PROGRAM REPORT

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. 1996. *Reducing youth gun violence: An overview of programs and initiatives—Program report*. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. 73 pp.

This publication describes current activities to reduce violence among adolescents due to guns. It provides approaches to youth gun violence prevention and intervention; suggested federal and state partnerships; status of legislation; promising research and new findings on this topic; a directory of youth gun violence reduction programs; a directory of prevention organizations; and a bibliography of research, evaluation, and publications on youth and guns.

Contact: Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse, U.S. Department of Justice, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850. Telephone: (800) 638-8736 / (301) 251-5500; fax (301) 251-5212. E-mail: askncjrs@aspensys.com. Single copies available at no charge. NCJ 154303.

YOUTH AND HIV/AIDS: AN AMERICAN AGENDA—A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

U.S. Executive Office of the President, Office of National AIDS Policy. 1996. *Youth and HIV/AIDS: An American agenda—A report to the President*. Washington, DC: Office of National AIDS Policy, U.S. Executive Office of the President. 17 pp.

This report, prepared in response to a request by the president, examines the current status and future needs of adolescents and young adults with regard to HIV and AIDS. Current trends are assessed in risk; prevention; testing, treatment, and care; and research. The report identifies new initiatives the government can take to address the needs of young people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Contact: CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 6003, Rockville, MD 20849-6003. Telephone: (800) 458-5231; fax (301) 738-6003. E-mail: aidsinfo@cdnac.org; Web site: <http://www.dcdnac.org>. Single copies available at no charge.

MCH Policy Web Sites

The following is a selective list of sites on the World Wide Web that contain information useful to maternal and child health policy development.

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR)

<http://www.ahcpr.gov/>

Information to help consumers and their health care practitioners make informed health care decisions; research on what works best in health care; and other information on quality, cost-effectiveness, and delivery of health care services.

Alpha Center

<http://www.ac.org>

State health care reform materials and information from a health care financing and organization project.

Cato Institute

<http://w3.ag.uiuc.edu/liberty/cato/index.html>

Includes policy reports and a policy forum.

Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

<http://clasp.org>

Policy research papers and advocacy information associated with improving the economic conditions of low-income families and children.

Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucile Packard Foundation

<http://www.futureofchildren.org>

Reports related to children's well-being, with special emphasis on objective analysis and evaluation, translating existing knowledge into effective programs and policies, and promoting constructive institutional change.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

<http://www.cbpp.org>

Reports on the budget, welfare reform, living standards, and health policy.

Children Now

<http://www.dnai.com/~children>

Many issues related to children, including media issues, safety, education, child care, health, increasing children's access to preventive care, policy analysis to facilitate better systems of care for children, and trainings for local health care providers and policymakers to improve their capacity for planning and evaluating children's health services.

Children's Defense Fund

<http://www.tmn.com/cdf/index.html>

Commonwealth Fund

<http://www.cmwf.org>

Research on health and social policy issues, including programs, recent work, and publications.

Department of Health and Human Services

<http://phs.os.dhhs.gov>

Home page of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), with links to agencies within it. Includes access to the Health and Human Services Policy Information Center; DHHS research of an evaluative nature; and reports of relevance to the Department from the General Accounting Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Office of Technology Assessment.

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Families USA

<http://epn.org/families.html>

Information at the grassroots level for organizations and individuals to participate constructively in shaping health care policies in the public and private sectors.

Heritage Foundation

<http://www.heritage.org>

Information on one of the nation's largest public policy research and educational organizations whose mission is to formulate and promote conservative public policies.

Idea Central

<http://epn.org/health.htm>

Includes virtual magazines such as Welfare and Families and Health Policy. Links from this site include a variety of other policy sites.

Institute for Child Health Policy

<http://www.ichp.ufl.edu>

Provides assistance to lawmakers, health care providers, and families in the formulation and evaluation of health policies, programs, and systems, including reports and publications.

Intergovernmental Health Policy Project (IHPP) at NCSL

<http://www.ncsl.org/ihpp>

Library of Congress

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/homepage>

Legislative information, library catalog, special programs, and services, and as access to other libraries.

Marvel

<gopher://marvel.loc.gov:70/11/federal/fedinfo/by-agency>

The most comprehensive source of government information accessible by Gopher. It is more of a directory that points you toward other Gopher servers, rather than a repository for government information.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)

<http://www.os.dhhs.gov/hrsa/mchb>

MCHB fact sheets on various programs and projects, Federal Register notices pertaining to MCHB, and grants guidances and forms.



MCH-NetLink

<http://www.ichp.ufl.edu/MCH-NetLink>

Information about systems of care for children, especially children with special health needs.

National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health

<http://www.ncemch.org>

Information on Bright Futures and information resources for the MCH community and policymakers.

National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA)

http://www.public_policy.org/~ncpa

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Policy.com Community

<http://www.policy.com>

Aggregates the leading online policy content, divided into the following categories: think tanks, advocacy organizations, universities, associates, businesses, U.S. government, other governments, and the media.

Rand

<http://www.rand.org>

Research and analysis on problems of public policy.

StateSearch

<http://www.state.ky.us/nasire/NASIREhome.html>

Directory for state government information on the Web. Categories include: health, human services, and welfare; natural resources; employment services; governors' offices; and tourism.

Thomas

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

Information about U.S. laws and lawmakers. Includes full texts of bills from Congress; the House's Gopher system, which has directory information for lawmakers and committees, committee hearing schedules, House floor schedules, visitor information, and other materials.

U.S. Code

<http://www.pls.com:8001/his/usc.html>

Laws of the United States.

U.S. Government Printing Office

<http://www.access.gpo.gov>

Congressional bills, Federal Register, Congressional Record, GAO Reports, Congressional Directory, congressional calendars, U.S. Code, federal government information online, and documents printed by various government agencies and distributed by the Superintendent of Documents for printing and purchasing.

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<http://www.house.gov>

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<http://www.urban.org>

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH>

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Information about America's adolescents, youth research and policy, statistical profiles of adolescents, reports, and publications.

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