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Those of us in children's mental health services may gain additional insight into our field by reviewing issues discussed in the May, 2000 issue of the Journal of Community Psychology 28(3) Special issue on "Bridging the gap between research and practice in community-based substance abuse prevention." The papers in this issue were compiled by the National Center for the Advancement of Prevention (NCAP), and sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), SAMHSA. "A common feature of the articles is that they are all based on the state-of-the-art of community-based prevention research and/or practice, and their discussions are based on documented empirical or practical experience" (p. 238).

The articles included in this special issue are listed below. Electronic access to this journal is available from Wiley InterScience. While guest users can only view and print abstracts of the articles, individual or institutional subscribers can access the articles in their entirety, at www.interscience.wiley.com

Journal of Community Psychology 28(3)
1.   Bridging the gap between research and practice in community-based substance abuse prevention, by Shakeh Jackie Kaftarian, Abraham Wandersman.
2.   Bridging the gap between science and practice in drug abuse prevention through needs assessment and strategic community planning, by Michael W. Arthur, Caryn Blitz.
3.   Institutionalizing community-based prevention through policy change, by Mary Ann Pentz.
4.   Cultural sensitivity in substance use prevention, by Ken Resnicow, Robin Soler, Ronald L. Braithwaite, Jasjit S. Ahluwalia, Jacqueline Butler.
5.   Community readiness: Research to practice, by Ruth W. Edwards, Pamela Jumper-Thurman, Barbara A. Plested, Eugene R. Oetting, Louis Swanson.
6.   Bridging the gap in effective program implementation: From concept to application, by Robert M. Goodman.
7.   Using outcome data to evaluate community drug prevention initiatives: Pushing the State-Of-The-Art, by Robert K. Yin, Angela J. Ware.
8.   Methodological challenges in evaluating community partnerships & coalitions: Still crazy after all these years, by Roy M. Gabriel.
9.   Prevention program sustainability: The state's perspective, by Kathryn M. Akerlund.
10.   The failure of success: Challenges of disseminating effective substance abuse prevention programs, by Thomas E. Backer.

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