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This News brief alerts you to a new report from NIMH that may be of particular interest to those who work in the area of prevention. "Taking stock of risk factors for child/youth externalizing behavior problems," is the product of the NIMH Consortium on Child and Adolescent Research. The report reviews the first of three objectives of the NIMH "Taking stock" initiative: 1) identify and describe what is known about risk factors and processes that contribute to externalizing problems, 2) identify gaps in our knowledge about risk factors and processes, and 3) describe the kinds of research and research methodologies needed to advance the field.

"This report provides a summary of expert consensus and evaluation of what is currently known about the factors and processes that contribute to the initiation, enhancement, prevention, and termination of conduct problems in children and youth," and "provides an integrated overview of what experts in the field regard as the most well-studied factors and processes and further evaluates these factors in terms of their status as correlates, predictive risk factors, or causal risk factors" (p. 2).

This 132 page report can be retrieved at: http://www.nimh.nih.gov/childhp/publication.htm

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