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This News Brief alerts you to three policy papers, available on-line, at the links below.

1) THE EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Building Services and Systems to Support the Healthy Emotional Development of Young Children-An Action Guide for Policymakers, by Jane Knitzer, 2001

This policy paper paints a portrait of the kinds of young children and families who are in need of preventive, early intervention, or treatment services; and it highlights why policymakers, advocates, and other leaders should be paying attention to the emotional health of young children. The paper also addresses the challenge of designing and developing early childhood mental health services, and identifies 10 areas for states, communities, and the federal government to address in order to move this urgent agenda forward. Throughout the report, sidebars provide "Tips" based on the successful experiences of policymakers and leaders.

<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nccp/ProEmoPP1.pdf>

2) PROMOTING THE EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - Improving the Odds for the Healthy Development of Young Children in Foster Care, by Sheryl Dicker, Elysa Gordon, and Jane Knitzer, 2001

This policy paper is intended to be a wake-up call-to challenge communities all over the country to attend to the needs of children in or at risk of foster care placement. The paper discusses what child welfare agencies, courts, and other partners can do to improve the physical, developmental, and emotional health of young children in foster care. It highlights the special risks these children face and identifies strategies that service providers, courts, policymakers, and advocates can use to enhance the healthy development of young children in foster care and promote their prospects for permanency--whether that means reunification with their families or adoption.

<http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/nccp/ProEmoPP2.pdf>

3) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM, by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform(TFJJR), 2001

This monograph is intended to provide community leaders, policy-makers, community agencies, government agencies, legislators, service providers, professional organizations and child advocates with an overview of various areas in juvenile justice that require reform. The mission of the TFJJR is to "improve the juvenile justice system so that it will

become responsive to children and adolescents with mental disorders who are in the juvenile or adult justice system. It is imperative that a comprehensive continuum of medical and mental health services are accessible to this population, that the system be strongly community-based, family-centered, culturally-competent, developmentally-relevant and well integrated with other child system components including health, education, and child welfare" (p. 6).
<http://www.aacap.org/legislation/articles/everything6.PDF>

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