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This News brief alerts you to the recently released report, "The Well Being of our Nation: An Inter-Generational Vision of Effective Mental Health Services and Supports," by the National Council on Disability.

From the chapter, "Impact on Children and Youth": If all aspects of the system--from assessment to treatment--took into account the long-term needs of children, rather than episodic or crisis occurrence, children's needs would be described in terms of their underlying issues and in the context of their family and living situation instead of mere documentation of short-term behavior or services available. For some children, the system must be prepared to make a commitment to serve the child for their entire childhood, with easy entry and re-entry into the system. Outcome measures should reflect long-term goals--such as school attendance, living at home with family or independently, and working at a job.

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The report is available, online, at:

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