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This News brief alerts you to the following report, released December 2 2002, from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): "Report to Congress on the prevention and treatment of co-occurring substance abuse disorders and mental disorders."

Chapter 3 includes a section on prevention programs for children and adolescents, and chapter 4 includes a section on interventions for children and adolescents with co-occurring disorders.

Overall, the report identifies the need for various federal agencies, state agencies, providers of services, researchers, recovering persons, families and others to work together to create a system in which both disorders are addressed as primary and treated as such. It also outlines a five-year blueprint for action to improve the opportunity for recovery by increasing the availability of quality prevention, diagnosis, and treatment services for people with co-occurring disorders.

The complete report is available on-line, at  
[http://www.samhsa.gov/news/cl\\_congress2002.html](http://www.samhsa.gov/news/cl_congress2002.html)

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