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On April 3, 2003, the American Psychiatric Association released "A Vision for the Mental Health System," a report of an APA Task Force that was released to coincide with the work of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. The APA document addresses individuals of all ages. In discussing children, it does indicate that, "the crisis of access to child and adolescent mental health services is particularly acute."

The report can be accessed at

[http://www.psych.org/news\\_stand/visionreport040303.pdf](http://www.psych.org/news_stand/visionreport040303.pdf)

The President's New Freedom Commission, at its meeting in early April, identified several areas in which it will be making recommendations in its final report. A special focus is on early identification of children in need of services, and close collaboration with the schools. The summary of these can be found at their web-site

<http://www.mentalhealthcommission.gov/> The President's Commission has completed its meetings, and is currently preparing its final report, which should be sent to the President in the near future.

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