WHAT IS ENEWS? (for those who don't know)

This forum is another link for those concerned with enhancing policies, programs, and practices related to addressing barriers to student learning and promoting mental health in schools. It augments the other ways our Center shares information and facilitates interchange/networking.

FEEL FREE TO FORWARD THIS TO ANYONE.

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***EMERGING ISSUE***

>>>>>>School Takeovers<<<<<<<<<

Recent public school takeovers in Michigan, Illinois, California, and Maryland add to a growing list of low-performing school districts where control has been wrested from local officials. Supporters argue that takeovers are the only way to deal with alarmingly high failure rates because school boards refuse or are unable to respond to the problems. Critics say that states don't do any better in improving learning and that takeovers represent a thinly veiled attempt to reduce local control.

Do you have a perspective on this?

Let us hear from you, and we'll include responses in ENEWS and/or on our website.

E-mail: smhp@ucla.edu    OR
on web: http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu click on our net exchange page.    OR

Phone: (310) 825-3634    OR
Write: Center for Mental Health in Schools,
    Department of Psychology, UCLA
    Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563

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"If we want to bring...quality, equity, and new life to our system-
we must trust in a vision and a process of change."
    D. Allen
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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY**

>>>Mental Health in Schools -- Leadership "mini-summit"

The next few years appear destined to produce major mental health policy initiatives. With a view to further enhancing initiatives for mental health in schools, a meeting will be held for leaders in this arena. Those involved in the HRSA/MCHB initiative for mental health in schools had such a meeting a year ago, and several of the participants have asked for a similar, expanded leadership exchange. This "mini-summit" will take place in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, June 24th (from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and will focus specifically on policy and infrastructure concerns. Space is tight, but anyone interested and able to get to the meeting should contact the Center for Mental Health in Schools at 310/825-3634 or E Mail: smhp@ucla.edu

>>>Legislation Currently Under Debate

U.S. Senate (S254) -- The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act. One amendment under consideration is the Elementary School Counseling Demonstration Act. This amendment would add mental health professionals to expand MH services in schools. One easy source for more information on this is the American Psychological Association's Public Policy Office.

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Teacher: Do you understand the question?
Student: Sure. The questions are easy.
It's the answers that are hard to figure out.
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^^^^^^RECENT PUBLICATIONS^^^^^^

*VIOLENCE AND SCHOOL SAFETY<=<=<=*

Psychosocial, ecological, and community perspectives on disaster response.

>>1998 Annual Report on School Safety from the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice. Provides statistics and information on promising practices and current policies Derives its data from indicators of school crime and safety which can be found on the internet: http://nces.ed.gov or http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/ Contact either department for copies of the report..

>>American Youth Violence (1999) by Franklin Zimring. Published by Oxford University Press.
Funded by the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Social Justice. Examines adolescent violence in the US as both a social phenomenon and a policy problem. Analyzes juvenile violence statistics from 1980-1996 and explains how a serious misreading of these statistics has driven the nationwide trend toward much harsher approaches to juvenile justice than are necessary. Stressing "the prediction of a ‘coming storm of juvenile violence' is science fiction rather than social science."

Warning Signs, Co-published by American Psychological Association and M-TV, 1999. Teen guide to help young people recognize when a classmate or friend might be a potential danger to self or others. To order: www.helping.apa.org or call 1-800-268-0078.

*ADDRESSING POPULATIONS AT-RISK: Practice and Policy*


*PREVENTION*


Yes You Can: Establishing Mentoring Programs to Prepare Youth for College. Published by Partnership for Family Involvement in Education, 1999. Provides guidelines and effective practices for mentoring students to get on track for college. To order, call 1-877-4ED-PUBS.

*DIVERSITY & SPECIAL NEED POPULATIONS*

Systems of Care: Promising Practices in Children's Mental Health. Published by the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program. A seven volume series that highlights promising practices in training, wraparound service delivery, collaboration, school coordination, managed care, cultural competence, and roles for families. To order: www.air.org/cecp/promisingpractices or call Mark King at 1-888-457-1551.

What's Best for Matthew: Interactive CD-ROM Case Study for Learning to Develop IEP's. Published by Allyn and Bacon, 1999. This interactive CD-ROM helps preservice and inservice teachers develop their own IEP writing skills through the case study of Matthew, a nine year-old boy with autism. To order, call (781) 455-1250 or contact Brad Parkins: BparkinsAB@aol.com.

"For tens of thousands of urban youngsters, it's a kind of double jeopardy: The system failed to educate them adequately, and now it punishes them for not being educated.

-Ronald A. Wolk,
"Education's High-Stakes Gamble"

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS


Change the Focus: Success in Schools through Positive Behavioral Supports Conference June 24-25, 1999 in Post Falls, ID. Explores strategies for working with challenging youth and encouraging citizenship through school-wide and community support. Contact: Carol Cloud, Center on Disabilities and Human Development, 129 W. Third St., Moscow, ID 83843; Phone: (208) 885-3566; Email: ccloud@uidaho.edu, Website: www.ets.uidaho.edu/cdhd/pbs/ctf.htm.

Fourth Annual Summer Outcomes Institute- July 15-16, 1999 in Fullerton, CA. Sponsored by California State University, Fullerton School of Human Development and Community Service.
and the Center for Collaboration for Children. Focuses on outcome strategies and practical applications for family resource centers, schools, service providers, and community-based collaborative efforts. Contact: April Grogger, Phone: 714/278-3313; Email: agrogger@fullerton.edu.

>>Summer Leadership Institute 1999- July 18-23, 1999 in Clemson, SC. Will take a multidisciplinary approach to integrating education, health and wellness, and family and youth development in focusing on programs, practices, and collaborative strategies for working with at-risk youth. Contact: Jan Wright, National Dropout Prevention Center, College of Health, Education, and Human Development, Clemson University, 209 Martin St., Clemson, SC 29634-0726; Phone: (864) 656-2599; Email: ndpc@clemson.edu

>>School of the 21st Century Conference: Schools as Family and Community Resources, Preparing for the New Millenium- July 19-22, 1999 in New Haven, CT. Offers workshops on strategies for family involvement, technologies to enhance school-family links, tools to assess program quality, new funding opportunities, and the latest research on child development. Contact: Valerie Vergato Zielinski, Yale Bush Center in Child Development and Social Policy, 310 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06511-2188; Phone: (203) 432-9944; Fax: (203) 432-9945; Website: www.yale.edu/busccenter/21C.

>>Working with America's Youth Annual Conference: Your World of Possibilities July 25-28, 1999 in Minneapolis, MN. Features skill building workshops, program models, resource exhibits, and interdisciplinary networking. Contact: National Resource Center Youth Services, University of Oklahoma, College of Continuing Education, 202 W. 8th St., Tulsa, OK 74119-1419; Phone: (918) 585-2986.

FOR MORE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS, REFER TO OUR WEBSITE AT http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu (Go to "Contents" then click on "Upcoming Events of Interest").

Lest we forget:
**We are all unique, just like everyone else.
**Pain and suffering are inevitable but misery is optional.

^^^^^^CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND PAPERS^^^^^^^
comprises six general elements: School safety, Alcohol and other drug and violence prevention/early intervention programs, School and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services, Early childhood psychosocial and emotional development programs, Educational reform, and Safe school policies. The plan must be developed by a partnership comprising the LEA, local public mental health authority, local law enforcement agency, family members, students, and juvenile justice officials. Contact: Center for Mental Health Services Ph: 301/443-1333 or Safe & Drug Free Schools Program 202/260-9044. Due date: 6/1/99

>>>>>>U.S. Department of Education Grants<<

*Applications sought for Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program Funding<<


*Applications sought for Federal Activities Grant Program- Middle School Drug Prevention and School Safety Program<<

To qualify for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Funding, programs must provide models or proven effective practices and develop, implement, and disseminate new or improved approaches to creating safe and orderly learning environments in schools. For more information: www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/1999-2/041499c. Deadline: 6/1/99.

>>>>>>>National Institute of Health Grants for Research on Child Neglect<<

To stimulate the development of programs of child neglect research at institutions that currently have strong research programs in related areas. For more information: http://www.NIH.gov. Deadline: 9/14/99.

>>>>>>Call for Papers: Journal of Poverty<<

The Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities wants manuscripts that sensitize social scientists and practitioners to inequalities, new developments in cultural diversity, and interventions promoting equality and social justice. For more information: Journal of Poverty, P.O. Box 3613, Columbus, OH, 43210-3613; Phone: (614) 292-1811; Fax: (614) 292-6940; Website: www.csw.ohio-state.edu/JPOV/index.htm.

>>>>>>1999 McKee Award: Education Partnerships<<

Nominations requested for leaders who have developed partnerships that help students reach local, state, and/or national standards through systemic change. For more information: 1999 McKee Awards, Partners in Education, 901 North Pitt St., Ste. 320, Alexandria, VA 22314-1536; Phone: (703) 836-4880. Deadline: 6/25/99.

>>>>>>>>Publication Opportunity: Clinical Counseling in Schools<<
Book chapters focusing on Humanistic, Behavioral, and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies sought for Routledge publication: "Clinical Counseling in Schools." For more information: Nick Barwick, Editor. Email: Nick@barsmar.freeserve.co.uk. Deadline: June, 1999.

Thinking about School-Community Partnerships:
"Proposals for improving the level of learning of American students by reforming the schools leave out of consideration the undeniable fact that the schools cannot do it alone. It is either naive or irresponsible to ignore the connection between children's performance in school and their experiences with malnutrition, homelessness, lack of medical care, inadequate housing, racial and cultural discrimination, and other burdens..."
-Harold Howe II, "Thinking About Our Kids"

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Disaster Mental Health Institute<< http://www.usd.edu/dmhi/
Has resources, materials, and expertise with children's resources in multiple languages.

School Mental Health Site<< www.schoolnet.lij.edu
Sponsored by the School Mental Health Alliance and the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. When completed, will include descriptions of clinical/school-based programs; discussion forums for school staff and parents; and live online chats with staff.

Bureau For At-Risk Youth<< www.at-risk.com
Offers statistics that reflect the troubling issues facing young people today.

Youth Tree USA<< www.youthtreeusa.com
This comprehensive site offers parents, teachers, youth workers and kids centralized information about local and national youth programs and resources.

The Family Resource Coalition of America<< www.frca.org
Focused on helping children and families succeed, this site offers news and fact sheets on family support issues, success stories, plus the latest support legislation and policy alerts.

National Youth Development Information Center<< www.nydic.org
Comprehensive site for youth issues, sponsored by the National Collaboration for Youth, offers coverage of youth development programs with links to reports about effectiveness.

ASPIRA Association<< www.aspira.org
Dedicated to the betterment of Latino Youth -- provides information on activities at ASPIRA offices and public policy affecting Latino youth.

GrantSelect<< www.higheredconnect.com/grantselect
Online version of GRANTS DATABASE from Oryx Press; offers information on thousands of grant opportunities through a subject database.

>>Research Forum<< www.researchforum.org
  Dedicated to collaborative research and informed policy on welfare reform and child well-being; provides on-line data-base with up-to-date summaries of welfare research projects.

>>New CD-ROM Helps to Identify Troubled Teens<<
  Kaiser Permanente researchers have created an interactive CD-ROM called "Teen Challenge" to help identify adolescents at risk for mental health problems. Kaiser is making this health risk assessment tool available to schools and community clinics. For more information, Contact: Tom Debley, Lila Petersen or Ann Mosher at Kaiser Permanente, Phone: (510) 987-3900.

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YOU CAN LINK TO OTHER RELEVANT SITES FROM OUR WEBSITE
http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu

(From our home page, click on "Links to Other Sites")

(Haven't visited our site lately? Click on "What's New" -- we add new materials every week.)

If you have favorite sites you think others would find useful, let us know.

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^^^^^^^JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS^^^^^^^

>>>>Executive Director: Good Samaritan Family Resource Center<<<<
  Responsible for providing leadership and operations management for agency staff, board members, clients, and community representatives. Minimum 5 years of nonprofit management experience required. Contact: GSFRC Search, c/o The Fox Group, 319 Hillcrest Dr., Aptos, CA 95003; Fax: (831) 687-0604.

>>>>United Way: Research and Grant Manager<<<<
  Responsibilities include program evaluations, needs assessments, community planning for human services, and development of community standards for results-based accountability. Contact: Richard V. Carrick, Vice President for Community Building, United Way of Franklin County, 360 South Third St., Columbus, OH 43215; or Contact: Dave Julian: Phone: (614) 227-2750; Email: djulian@uwaycolumbus.org.

>>>>Director of Program Development: Girls Incorporated<<<<
  Responsibilities include identifying, developing and marketing new initiatives that complement current programs in science and math, health and sexuality, leadership and community action,
careers and life planning, and self-reliance and life skills. Minimum 8 years experience in education and program design. Contact: Lois Mirabella, Phone: (615) 759-5574.

^^^^^^INTERNSHIPS & POST DOCTORAL TRAINING^^^^^^^^

>>>>Clinical-Research Postdoctoral Positions<<<<
Yale School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, full-time working with Dr. Thomas McClashan in the PRIME Research Program (Prevention through Risk Identification, Management, and Education). Focus is on early identification and prevention of psychotic disorders. Fax or mail C.V. and letter of interest to Tandy J. Miller at 203/785-7855 or P.O. Box 208038, New Haven, CT. 06520-8030.

>>>>Mental Health Statistics Postdoctoral Training<<<<
At the Department of Psychology, New York University. 3-year fellowship in an NIMH-funded training program in statistics for mental health research. Appointments can begin as early as July 1, 1999. Contact: Prof. Patrick Shrout, Department of Psychology, New York University, 6 Washington Place #401, New York, NY 10003; Phone: (212) 998-7895; Fax: (212) 995-4866.

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There is absolutely no substitute
for a genuine lack of preparation.

***COMMENTS/REQUESTS/QUESTIONS***

>>Karen Greenwood, a school nurse from Georgia, wants to let everyone know about materials on eating disorders available on http://www.wellstar.org/news17.htm

>>Linda Freeman, Columbia University/Children's Aid Society tells us there will be a film on mental health services in community schools shown at the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry in Chicago -- October 1999. For more information, call Linda at 212/569-2859.

>> Donald Maciver writes: "I am an Occupational therapy student studying at Queen Margaret College in Edinburgh. As part of a project I have to design a method of promoting a non-judgemental and understanding attitude of mental illness to children aged 9+, this would be in a school setting, and take the form of a "pack" for teachers. The emphasis would be on discussion and I am currently working on a role play senario. I would be very grateful for any suggestions, as this is a very tricky subject." E Mail: ot8maci@student.com.qmced.ac.uk

>>National Assembly on School-Based Health Care: Bright Ideas
In an effort to increase Assembly members' networking opportunities, the Assembly is compiling "Bright Ideas," a collection of novel administrative and clinical practices in
school-based health care. Bright ideas of no more than a paragraph in length are sought for on-line and print publication. Email "Bright Ideas" to: jschlitt@mail.nasbhc.org. For more information, Contact: Sue Catchings, Phone: (225) 355-9759; or the Program Office, Phone: (888) 286-8727.

>>Request. Also from the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care, John Schlitt asks for any written descriptions of the role of social work professionals in school-based health care. If you can help, please contact John by Email: jschlitt@nasbhc.org or Fax: (202) 638-5879.

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You can respond directly when contact info is provided, or simply send us the information (smhp@ucla.edu) and we will forward it. If you send it directly, please also send us a copy so we can let others know the info.
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***NEWS FROM OUR CENTER AND OUR SISTER CENTER***

The CENTER for MENTAL HEALTH in SCHOOLS, UCLA:

####Check our website for WHAT'S NEW and for a list of Resources Available to you.
http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu

>>>Now Available for PDF downloading on our Website:

*** Introductory Packet: "Social and Interpersonal Problems Related to School Aged Youth"
This packet presents a discussion framed within the classification scheme developed by the American Pediatric Association. Classifying the problems is discussed with respect to environmental situations, social and emotional functioning, and learning disabilities. References, resources, and cadre members are also listed.

*** Resource Aid Packet: "Organizations with Resources Relevant to Addressing Barriers to Learning: A Catalogue of Clearinghouses, Technical Assistance Centers, and Other Agencies"
Categorizes and provides contact information on organizations focusing on children's mental health, education and schools, school-based and school-linked centers, and general concerns related to youth and other health related matters.

>>>On our Website

*** New Quick Find -- offers a fast way to access Center technical information and resources.
From our home page, click on "Contents" to find the Quick Find search box. From there, you can access Center responses to specific technical assistance requests we've received in the past; you can also access a variety of Center-developed materials.

*** New Gateway Links to Relevant Sites -- The Gateway Sites webpage provides a listing of major agency websites that offer access to other information and support relevant to the topics of mental health in schools and addressing barriers to student learning. From our home page, click on "Contents," then scroll down and click on "Links to other WWW sites of interest to the mental health community."

As fast as we can, we are adding our materials for Internet access (in PDF file format for easy downloading). Refer to the resources section of our web site for directions on downloading.


FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS, ALL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE CENTER.

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Write:  Center for Mental Health in Schools, Department of Psychology,  
      UCLA Box 951563   Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563

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^^^^NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CENTER  
-- The Center for School Mental Health Assistance (CSMHA)  
at the University of Maryland at Baltimore

The Center wants to remind users that they can request articles and resource materials from a list of current documents developed by the Center. Please see their website for details:  
http://csmha.ab.umd.edu

>>Upcoming from CSMHA:

*Annual Conference (Sept. 16-18, 1999 in Denver, CO).  
For information call the Center.

* Call for Regional School Mental Health Programs --  
Please submit information about regional school mental health programs to include in CSMHA's revised directory,
due for distribution in the Spring of 1999. The format for this submission is on the website (http://csmha.ab.umd.edu) or can be mailed or faxed by calling (888/706-0980).

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For those who wish to be on their mailing list, please contact:
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http://csmha.ab.umd.edu

The Center for School Mental Health Assistance (CSMHA) at the University of Maryland at Baltimore, Dept. of Psychiatry, is a national training and technical assistance center designed to promote the expansion and improvement of mental health services for school-aged children and youth. The CSMHA is directed by Mark Weist, Ph.D. and Olga Acosta, Ph.D. is the Program Coordinator.

Like our center, the CSMHA is supported by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Office of Adolescent Health, Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

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IS THERE ANYTHING YOU’D LIKE US TO INCLUDE IN THE NEXT ISSUE?
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THIS IS THE END OF THIS ISSUE OF ENEWS
Below is a brief description of our Center.

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WHO ARE WE?

Under the auspices of the School Mental Health Project in the Department of Psychology at UCLA, we have established a Center for Mental Health in Schools. The Project and Center are co-directed by Howard Adelman and Linda Taylor.
Our group at UCLA approaches mental health and psychosocial concerns from the broad perspective of addressing barriers to learning and promoting healthy development. Specific attention is given policies and strategies that can counter fragmentation and enhance collaboration between school and community programs.

We are involved in model development and implementation, training and technical assistance, and policy analysis. Our activities include gathering and disseminating information, materials development, direct assistance, and facilitating networking and exchanges of ideas.

For more information about the Center or about ENEWS, contact Perry Nelson, Howard Adelman, or Linda Taylor at

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