

Dear Friends,

The National Resource Center for Family Centered Practice at the University of Iowa School of Social Work is pleased to launch the first electronic edition of our newsletter, The Prevention Report. After many years of producing and mailing this newsletter to thousands of readers across the country, we have now joined the ranks of those who use the Internet to disseminate publications such as this one. This is both a cost-saving measure and a means to distribute The Prevention Report to an ever-growing audience.

The feature article in this issue, "Measuring Strengths in Community Collaboratives," applies social network analysis to evaluation of community-based programs and illustrates this approach using an example from our work with the South Santa Clara County Wraparound Project for Latino Children and Youth. We also would like to draw your attention to the NRC's upcoming conference: Investing in Iowa's Youth, Investing in Iowa's Future: The Third Annual Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference and preconference training institute, to be held in Des Moines December 1-3, 2004. This conference focuses on strategies for reducing the overrepresentation of minority children and youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems and features a variety of notable speakers from the juvenile justice and child welfare fields.

We invite you to share The Prevention Report with colleagues and to visit the NRC website at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~nrcfcp> for more information about the NRC's programs and services.

Sincerely,

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