

## **Evidence-based Practice Clearinghouses (United States)**

### **CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED CLEARINGHOUSE (CEBC) FOR CHILD WELFARE**

*(Topic Area Search – Prevention (Secondary))*

<http://www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/search/topical-area/16>

The CEBC site identifies and evaluates evidence-based practices programs and practices within child welfare. For each program, the site provides a critique research methodology, summary of research findings, overview of program practices, and links relevant resources. Under the topic area *Prevention (Secondary)*, the CEBC lists and reviews 8 programs identified as either “Well Supported by Research Evidence” or “Promising Research Evidence.”

### **NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES (NREPP)**

<http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/index.asp>

The NREPP serves as a searchable database of independently-reviewed mental health and substance abuse interventions. The site contains descriptive information regarding interventions and target outcomes, reviews the quality and rigor of associated research, list the body of materials submitted for review and researcher contact information. As of April, 2009, the site reviewed two interventions with an explicit outcome of child maltreatment prevention: Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and Nurse Family Partnership.

## **Evidence-based Practice Web Resources (Internationally-hosted)**

### **PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT: FINDINGS FROM AN AUSTRALIAN AUDIT OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

#### **National Child Protection Clearinghouse**

Adam M. Tomison & Liz Poole

Australian Institute of Family Studies, 2000, Melbourne, Australia

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/reports/audit2001/auditreport.html>

*Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect* provides a detailed snapshot of child maltreatment prevention programs in Australia in the year 2000. The age of the study may render much of the information out-of-date. However, due to the detailed nature of the site, it may prove to be a fruitful starting point for those who seek to explore preventative interventions within a specific subcategory. The site divides interventions into the following categories: community education programs, personal safety or protective behaviours

programs, family support programs, child-focused programs, child and family centers, offender populations, and special populations.

The site also provides a superficial overview of evidence-based interventions. The "Program evaluation section" discusses broad trends in program evaluation and lists specific programs that have undergone scientifically rigorous evaluation.

***THE HIDDEN HURT: FINAL REPORT***  
**Canadian Red Cross (March 2005)**

Ken Barter, PhD., Judi Fairhold, M Ed., Michael Ungar, PhD., Leslie M. Tuttle, PhD., & Sheri M. McConnell, MSW

[http://www.redcross.ca/cmslib/general/hidden\\_hurt\\_finalreport.pdf](http://www.redcross.ca/cmslib/general/hidden_hurt_finalreport.pdf)

*The Hidden Hurt: Final Report* evaluates two Canadian Red Cross primary prevention programs: *It's Not Your Fault* and *What's Love Got to Do With It?* The study sought to identify underreported trends and emerging issues in child abuse/maltreatment and relationship violence in Canada. The study further sought to identify best practices and reliable assessment tools for maltreatment prevention interventions. The second half of the study (p.72) provides a detailed qualitative analysis of study results and outlines implications for the development of best practices. The study may offer valuable insight for future program development; however may be critiqued as insufficiently rigorous to be regarded as evidence-based practice.

**FAMILY HELP TRUST: EVALUATION OF NEW START AND SAFER FAMILIES HOME VISIT PROGRAMS**

**New Zealand Family Violence Clearinghouse**

<http://www.nzfvc.org.nz/goodpracticeprogram.aspx?prog=4>

The Family Help Trust administers home visit programs for families at high risk of engaging in child abuse or maltreatment. This site provides program overviews, summarizes key evaluation efforts and findings, and includes links to full text study reports, related journal articles, and web resources.

**Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**

**Triple P empowers parents to cope with difficult behaviors and high risk situations through education and behavioral interventions in order to prevent child maltreatment.**

**REVIEW OF TRIPLE P**

**National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices**

[http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/programfulldetails.asp?PROGRAM\\_ID=218](http://www.nrepp.samhsa.gov/programfulldetails.asp?PROGRAM_ID=218)

This site consolidates the results of multiple Triple P evaluative studies into user-friendly tables. Three primary outcomes are reviewed: 1) Negative and disruptive child behaviors, (2) Negative parenting practices as a risk for later child behavior problems, & (3) Positive parenting programs as a protective

factor for later child behavior problems. The site further reviews the quality of research underlying each outcome. The site also includes active links to full text versions of relevant studies.

### **TRIPLE P- DETAILED REPORT**

#### **California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare**

<http://www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/program/88/detailed>

Report includes program overview, recommendations of appropriate clinical settings and client populations and a detailed annotated bibliography of related peer-reviewed research (received rating of "1-Well Supported by Research Evidence" by the CEBC on Scientific Rating Scale).

### **POPULATIONS-BASED PREVENTION OF CHILD MALTREATMENT: THE U.S. TRIPLE P SYSTEM POPULATION TRIAL**

#### **Centers for Disease Control (U.S.) – January, 2009**

Ronald J. Prinz, Mathew R. Sanders, Cheri J. Shapiro, Daniel J. Whitaker, and John R. Lutzker

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/a737l8k76218j7k2/fulltext.pdf>

This CDC report outlines the quantitative analysis of an 18-county randomized control trial. Triple P demonstrated preventative effects for the three population indicators under study: substantiated child maltreatment, child out-of-home placements, and child maltreatment injuries.

### **SOUTH CAROLINA TRIPLE P HOMEPAGE**

<http://tpinfo.sc.edu/index.html>

South Carolina Triple P programs served as the laboratory for the CDC study listed above.

### **CHILD TRENDS – ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF QUANTITATIVE STUDIES OF TRIPLE P**

<http://www.childtrends.org/Lifecourse/programs/TripleP-PositiveParentingProgram.htm>

Outlines design and key results of Triple P evaluation studies conducted in Australia and Hong Kong (1997-2003).

### **TRIPLE P AMERICA**

<http://www.triplep-america.com/>

This website promotes and sells Triple P program materials and trainings. Materials are tailored to organizations, individual practitioners, and parents. Materials are available in English and Spanish.

## **Family Connections**

**Family Connections seeks to prevent child maltreatment and neglect through connecting families with concrete resources, therapeutic services, and positive neighborhood-based relationships.**

### **FAMILY CONNECTIONS - DETAILED REPORT**

#### **California Evidence-Based Clearing House**

<http://www.cachildwelfareclearinghouse.org/program/84/detailed>

Report includes program overview, recommendations of appropriate clinical settings and client populations, and a detailed annotated bibliography of related peer-reviewed research (received rating of "3-Promising Research" by the CEBC on Scientific Rating Scale).

### **HELPING FAMILIES PREVENT CHILD NEGLECT FINAL REPORT: 5-YEAR EVALUATION OF THE FAMILY CONNECTIONS PILOT PROJECT**

#### **University of Maryland School of Social Work**

[http://www.family.umaryland.edu/ryc\\_research\\_and\\_evaluation/community\\_school\\_based\\_research\\_files/hfpm10-07.htm](http://www.family.umaryland.edu/ryc_research_and_evaluation/community_school_based_research_files/hfpm10-07.htm)

This report provides a detailed outline program rational, objectives, and study design/results. The study found positive outcomes related to reduction of risk factors, increase in protective factors, increase in child wellbeing, and increase in child safety.

### **FAMILY CONNECTIONS: A PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING CHILD NEGLECT**

Diane DePanfilis & Howard Dubowitz

*Child Maltreatment* (October, 2005)

<http://cmx.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/10/2/108>

This journal article outlines findings from the evaluation of the 5-year Family Connections pilot program. The article succinctly presents information pertaining to study design and quantitative analysis.

### **FAMILY CONNECTIONS HOMEPAGE**

#### **University of Maryland School of Social Work - Ruth H. Young Center for Families and Children**

[http://www.family.umaryland.edu/ryc\\_best\\_practice\\_services/family\\_connections.htm](http://www.family.umaryland.edu/ryc_best_practice_services/family_connections.htm)

Site includes information regarding Family Connections services within West Baltimore, the program's home city, as well as links and information regarding expansion pilot programs sponsored by the Children's Bureau. Results from these expansion programs are due to be published, however are not available on this site. (The site appears to have not been updated since 2007. Therefore, information may be out of date.) Contact names (i.e.

researchers and program coordinators) listed on the site may prove to be a helpful starting point for further investigation.