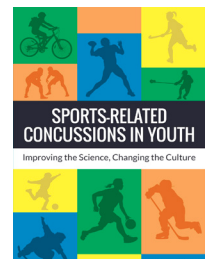


Impact Highlights

Board on Children, Youth, and Families

Inspiring Action

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) convened a task force in March 2014 to discuss implementation of the 6th recommendation from *Sports-Related Concussions in Youth: Improving the Science, Changing the Culture* (2013). The Inter-Association Task Force to Address Institute of Medicine (IOM) Concussion Study Report Recommendation 6: Culture Change will involve all organizations identified in the recommendation about education and culture change—the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Federation of State High School Associations, the CDC, HRSA, NATA, ED, and DoD.



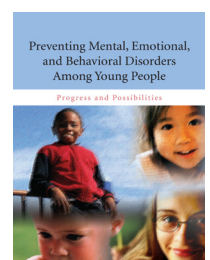
Senators Tom Udall and Jay Rockefeller introduced the Youth Sports Concussion Act on May 22, 2013 to help ensure that safety standards for sports equipment are backed by the latest science and discourage misleading injury prevention claims from being used to sell athletic gear. In April 2014, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation passed the bill. In addition, the Concussion Education and Awareness Act of 2014 was introduced by Representative Joyce Beatty on January 28, 2014. The bill cites *Sports-Related Concussions in Youth* (2013) in the findings section and includes multiple provisions in line with the report's recommendations.

The Children's Bureau at the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families announced two RFPs in April 2014 that build on *New Directions in Child Abuse and Neglect Research* (2013). One RFP is to support innovative approaches to child maltreatment research, and the other is to increase the field and pipeline of well-trained researchers in child abuse and neglect.

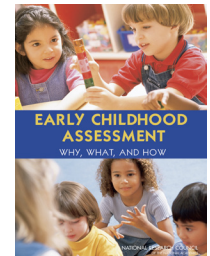


Senator Bernie Sanders introduced the Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2012 on June 7, 2012, which would expand coverage and access to dental care while bolstering the oral health care workforce. The bill is directly aligned with recommendations from *Improving Access to Oral Health Care for Vulnerable and Underserved Populations* (2011) and *Advancing Oral Health in America* (2011), both of which are cited in the bill's findings section.

The Administrator of SAMHSA, Pamela S. Hyde, made prevention of substance abuse and mental illness the #1 priority in a list of 10 strategic initiatives for the agency. Hyde cited *Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People: Progress and Possibilities* (2009) as support for this priority in an April 2010 presentation on SAMHSA Challenges and Opportunities: 10 Strategic Initiatives.



The Departments of Education and Health and Human Services launched a new competition, “Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge” (RTT-ELC) in May 2011, to spur states to improve the quality of early learning programs. Among other competition requirements, states are challenged to increase the number of low-income and disadvantaged children enrolled in early learning programs and align any assessments with recommendations from *Early Childhood Assessment: Why, What, and How?* (2008) Approximately \$500 million from Race to the Top FY 2011 funding was designated to support RTT-ELC.



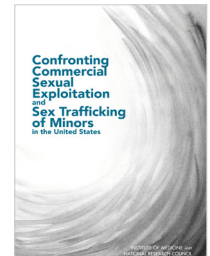
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention announced the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program in April 2014 and issued an RFP based on recommendations from *Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States* (2013). The RFP invites applications for innovative research and evaluation to inform policies, programs, and legislation that would respond to the needs of minors who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.

Receiving Recognition

Several statements were issued in support of *Confronting Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States* (2013) immediately following its release:

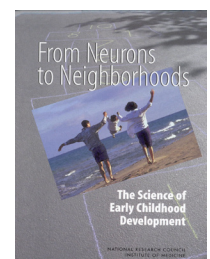
- Senator Richard Blumenthal applauded the report and included a list of its key findings. He emphasized his commitment to the issue and noted that he had introduced The Child Sex Trafficking Data and Response Act in June 2013.
- Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro pledged to introduce a resolution to raise awareness, in line with a recommendation from the IOM report to develop public awareness campaigns.

In addition, the White House issued a progress report, “The Obama Administration’s Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking at Home and Abroad,” and mentioned the release of the IOM report as a key milestone.



Informing the Field

From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development (2000) greatly influenced the understanding and research direction in the field of childhood development. The report has served as a valuable resource for multiple efforts at the local, state, and national levels in designing child care and early education programs for preschool children. October 2010 marked the ten-year anniversary of the release of the report, and an anniversary conference was held to reflect on the report’s impact and to discuss ways to continue progress.



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