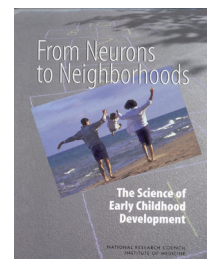


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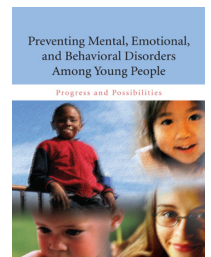
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### Informing the Field

***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 a special anniversary conference was held to reflect on the report's impact and to discuss ways to continue progress.

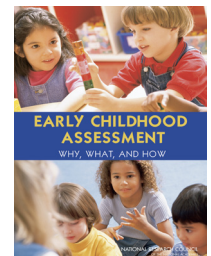


**A set of three articles featured in the *American Psychologist*** (May-June 2012) elaborated on themes for prevention presented in *Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People: Progress and Possibilities* (2009). The articles provided a framework for research and action around promoting nurturing environments and reviewed strategies for preventing two risk factors for development, depression and poverty.

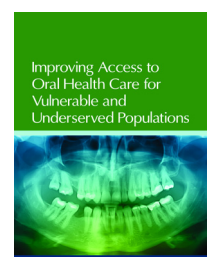


### Inspiring Action

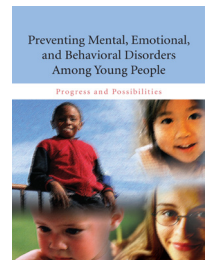
**The Departments of Education and Health and Human Services launched** a new competition, "Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge" (RTT-ELC) on May 25, 2011, to spur states to improve the quality of early learning programs. Among other competition requirements, states are challenged to increase the 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 will support RTT-ELC.



**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.

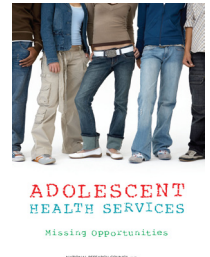


**The Administrator of SAMHSA, Pamela S. Hyde, made prevention of substance abuse and mental illness the #1 priority in a list of 10 strategic initiatives for the agency.** Hyde cited *Preventing Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders Among Young People: Progress and Possibilities* (2009) as support for this priority in an April 5, 2010 presentation on SAMHSA Challenges and Opportunities: 10 Strategic Initiatives.



## Receiving Recognition

**A video produced to accompany *Adolescent Health Services: Missing Opportunities* (2008)** was entered into a prestigious film competition known as the Freddie Awards: International Health and Medical Media Awards. The video was selected as a finalist in August and won first place in the category of adolescent health on September 21, 2009.

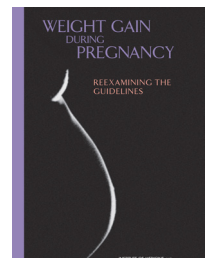


## Effecting Change

**Health Canada announced the adoption of the recommendations from *Weight Gain During Pregnancy: Reexamining the Guidelines* (2009)** for gestational weight gain for singleton pregnancies on November 23, 2009. Health Canada's website provides a link to the report and includes information on:

- the differences between its previous guidelines and the IOM's recommendations;
- the process by which Health Canada re-evaluated its guidelines and chose to adopt the IOM's recommendations; and
- implementation strategies such as web-based tools and resources for pregnant women.

*Weight Gain During Pregnancy* was a collaborative project of the IOM's Food and Nutrition Board and the IOM/NRC Board on Children, Youth, and Families.



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