

Board on Children, Youth, and Families

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— ANGELA DIAZ, CHAIR

Projects in Development

- Study on Summertime Experiences and Child and Adolescent Health, and Safety
- Study on the Wellbeing of Military Families
- Study on Preschool Expulsion
- Study on Timely and Legal Permanence for Children in the Foster Care System
- Study on Abusive Head Trauma
- Workshop on Informing Future Policy Concerning Nonmedical Exemptions For Childhood Immunizations
- Workshop on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Prenatal Cannabis Exposure

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Recent Reports

- Promoting the Education Success of Children and Youth Learning English: Promising Futures (2017)
- Implementing Evidence-Based Prevention by Communities to Promote Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Health in Children: Proceedings of a Workshop (2017)
- Advancing the Power of Economic Evidence to Inform Investments in Children, Youth, and Families (2016)
- Parenting Matters: Supporting Parents of Children Ages 0-8 (2016)
- Preventing Bullying Through Science, Policy, and Practice (2016)
- Summertime Opportunities to Promote Healthy Child and Adolescent Development: Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief (2016)
- Ensuring Quality and Accessible Care for Children with Disabilities and Complex Health and Educational Needs: Proceedings of a Workshop (2016)
- Identifying Opportunities for Prevention and Intervention in the Youth Depression Cascade: Workshop—in Brief

Recent Reports (continued)

- Workforce Development to Enhance the Cognitive, Affective, and Behavioral Health of Children and Youth: Opportunities and Barriers in Child Health Care Training: Discussion Paper (2016)
- Health Care Reform and Programs that Provide Opportunities to Promote Children's Behavioral Health: Discussion Paper (2016)

Current Projects

- Forum on Promoting Children's Cognitive, Affective and Behavioral Health
- Study on Reducing Child Poverty
- Study on Financing Early Care and Education With a Highly Qualified Workforce
- Study on Promoting Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Health

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