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WHAT IS ENEWS? (for those who don't know)
This forum is another link for those concerned with enhancing policies, programs, and practices related to addressing barriers to student learning and promoting mental health in schools. It augments the other ways our Center shares information and facilitates interchange/networking.

WHAT'S HERE THIS MONTH

- **Emerging Issue
 They Don't Call it "High Stakes" Testing for Nothing!
- **News from around the Country
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 (including fellowships and scholarships)
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EMERGING ISSUE

They Don't Call it "High Stakes" Testing for Nothing!

A variety of negative consequences have been identified in connection with high stakes testing. For example, noting a study released in September by the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, an Associated Press article begins"The pressure to pass the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) exam to graduate from high school could force an increasing number of minority students to drop out of school." The center estimates that as many as 50 percent more could drop out than presently is the case. A quote from Director Monty Neil states"There is already a sense of hopelessness in schools. School is becoming increasingly about test preparation for a test they don't think they'll pass." On the other side of the issue, James Peyser, head of the Pioneer Institute (a conservative think-tank) is cited as saying the students will adjust to the testing pressure over time and drop out rates will decline. Clearly, this is an issue that has major mental health and other societal implications, and these issues warrant considerably more attention than they are receiving in the ongoing rush to institutionalize high stakes testing. The American Psychological Association, for instance, recommended that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act be amended to provide up to \$5 million for an evaluation on the impact on students, teachers, schools, curricula, and districts.

From a mental health perspective, what's your take on this?

To post your response directly on our website's Net Exchange page for others to read and respond to, go to http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu

Or you can send it to E-mailsmhp@ucla.edu Phone(310) 825-3634 WriteCenter for Mental Health in Schools, Department of Psychology, UCLA Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563

Herbert Kohl notes"According to a recent report by the Children's Defense Fund, across the country every day nearly 3,000 students drop out of school, 5,000 children are arrested and 17,000 public school students are suspended, and close to one-third of these students live in poverty."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY

>>National Indicators of Well-BeingSome improvements, continued Racial Group Disparities<<

"America's ChildrenKey National Indicators of Well-Being 2000," a report from the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, indicates improvements in some indicators, but disparities between racial groups in health care access. For a free copy, call 703/356-1964 or download at

http://childstats.gov For more on the condition of children and families, see the Children's Defense Fund's "Children in the States 2000," a state-by-state review of each state's success in protecting children. http://www.childrensdefense.org/release000912.htm

>>New Program to Help Youth Address Racism<<
The W.K. Kellogg Foundation has announced a new programYouth
Engagement Strategy (YES!), 14 organizations will implement youth-led
programs that seek to bridge racial barriers in their communities. See
http://fdncenter.org/pnd/20000829/003602.html

>>More Substance Abuse Prevention Programs Funded<<
SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention announced \$8.1 million in grants to support five regional Centers for Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPTs). Also announced were \$3 million in family-strengthening grants awarded to 32 research-based parenting and family support service programs focused on reducing substance abuse. See http://www.samhsa.gov

>>Another Initiative for Childhood Violence Prevention<<

The Advertising Council, Inc. is working with the American Psychological Association and the National Association for the Education of Young Children to teach parents, teachers and other caregivers that their own aggressive behavior can lead to the same behavior in children. Workshops will translate the message into community action. ContactJacquelyn Gentry, 202/336-6036, jgentry@apa.org

>>Positive Findings for Class Size Reduction<<

According to a new Education Department report, "The Class-Size Reduction ProgramBoosting Student Achievement in Schools Across the Nation," smaller classes are contributing to high academic achievement and fewer discipline problems. See

http://www.ed.gov/PressReleases/09-2000/0907.html or call 877/4ED-PUBS.

>>New Coordinated School Health Program Initiatives<< CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health announced funding of five additional states to build infrastructure for coordinated school health programs. Recipients are state departments of education in Massachusetts, Montana, Oregon, Tennessee, and Vermont. They join Arkansas, California, Florida, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wisconsin as funded projects.

>>Vouchers Not Seen as Raising Achievement<<

A new policy research brief published by National School Boards Association examines studies on voucher programs and concludes that "there is little evidence to suggest that choice has significantly raised the performance of students participating in these programs."

http://www.nsba.org/sbn/00-aug/080800-7.htm

Whitney's Rule of School Districts
Good Students move away.

New students come from schools that do not teach anything.

^^^^^RECENT PUBLICATIONS^^^^^

*CHILDREN'S MENTAL & PHYSICAL HEALTH<=<=<=

"Utility of Psychosocial Screening at a School-Based Health Center" by G. Gall et al., Journal of School Health, No. 7, Vol. 70, September (2000). Evaluates the extent to which identification of psychosocial dysfunction and referral to mental health services improved academic functioning.

"DraftGoals and Objectives of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy" from the U.S. Surgeon General (2000). Provides guidance for organizations, associations, and individuals involved in suicide prevention. Download http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/calltoaction/strategyintro.htm

"Reconciling Empirical Knowledge and Clinical ExperienceThe Art and Science of Psychotherapy" by S. Soldz & L. McCullough (2000). See http://www.apa.org.

"From Neurons to NeighborhoodsThe Science of Early Childhood Development" from the Committee on Integrating the Science of Early Childhood Development (2000). ContactMary Graham, 202/334-2998; http://national-academies.org

"Health-Related Disorders in Children and AdolescentsA Guidebook for Understanding and Educating" edited by LeAdelle Phelps (2000). Contact 800/374-2721; http://www.apa.org/books/

"Who is Speaking for Children and Adolescents and for their Health at the Policy Level" by A. Aynsley-Green et al., British Medical Journal, Vol. 321, July (2000). Advocates for a strategy for integrating within the health service and between sectors. See http://www.bmj.com.

"Promoting HealthIntervention Strategies from Social and Behavioral Research" from the Institute of Medicine (2000). Includes school health recommendations. Go to http://books.nap.edu/catalog/9939.html

*DELINQUENCY, VIOLENCE, & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION<=<=<=<

"Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance United States, 1999" by L. Kann et al., Journal of School Health, No. 7, Vol. 70, September (2000). Summarizes results from a national school-based survey of high school students conducted by the CDC in 1999. Se e http://www.asha.org.

"Annual National Household Survey" from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (2000). State-by-state data shows drug use varies 8% to 18.3% of teens in lowest and highest ranking states. Findings available http://www.samhsa.gov

"Working with Parents of Aggressive ChildrenA Practitioner's Guide" by Timothy A. Cavell (2000). Contact800/374-2721; http://www.apa.org/books/

"Less Hype, More Help" from American Youth Policy Forum (2000). Describes what America must do to meet the youth crime challenge. Free at http://www.aypf.org/mendel

"Preventing Problems Related to Alcohol AvailabilityEnvironmental Approaches" from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (2000). Approaches to strengthen the role of communities in reducing alcohol availability. Go to http://www.samhsa.gov, click on Clearinghouses, click on NCADI, then type govpubs/PHD822/acc.htm

"Youth DevelopmentIssues, Challenges, and Directions" from the Youth Development Directions Project (2000). Seehttp://www.ppv.org

*FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND SCHOOLS<=<=<

"Empowered Families, Successful ChildrenEarly Intervention Programs that Work" by Susan Epps and Barbara J. Jackson (2000). Contact800/374-2721; http://www.apa.org/books/

"Eager to LearnEducating Our Preschoolers" from the National Research Council (2000). See http://books.nap.edu/books/0309068363/html/1.html#pagetop.

"School Involvement in Early Childhood" from the U. S. Department of Education (2000). See http://www.ed.gov/pubs/schoolinvolvement

"What to Look for in a Preschool" by Naomi Karp, National Institute on Early Childhood Development and Education (2000). Available online through Community Update http://www.ed.gov/G2K/community/00-09.pdf

"Child Welfare Outcomes Report" From the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (2000). Contains data on the welfare of children, which will be used to hold states accountable for services to at-risk children. Download http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/news

"Enhancing Relationships Between Children and Teachers" by Robert C. Pianta (2000). Contact800/374-2721; http://www.apa.org/books/

"Survival Guide for New TeachersHow New Teachers Can Work Effectively With Veteran Teachers, Parents, Principals, and Teacher Educators" by Amy DePaul (2000), published by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). See http://www.ed.gov/pubs/survivalguide/

"High Schools of the Millennium" from American Youth Policy Forum (2000). Available http://www.aypf.org

"Early Implementation of the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program" from the U. S. Department of Education (2000). A report on research-based, whole-school reform. See http://www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/eval/elem.html#Miscl

>>Brief on Educational Progress 1992-2000<<

A recently released White House report examines the nation's progress over the last 8 years in standards and accountability, student performance and closing the achievement gap.

http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/New/html/edprogress_report.html

>>Another Report on Educational Progress<<

According to a Brookings Institution study, students' reading skills have remained steady since the 1970s and basic math skills are only slightly better than a generation ago. See the report http://www.brookings.edu/GS/brown/bc report/BC Report hp.htm

http://www.brookings.cdd/Go/brown/bc_report_bo_rteport_hp.htm

"Federal Support for Education Fiscal Years 1980-2000" from the National Center for Education Statistics (2000). A picture of federal financial support for education since FY 1980. See http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2000068

"Special Issue Acceptability Research in School Psychology" in School Psychology Quarterly, Vol. 15, No. 2 (Summer, 2000). Features

"Acceptability Research in School Psychology"

"Using Organizational Change Procedures to Promote the

Acceptability of Prereferral Intervention Services"

"The Participatory Intervention ModelA Framework for

Conceptualizing and Promoting Intervention and Acceptability"

"Empirically Supported Interventions and School Psychology"

"Resilience is not absolute Some settings overwhelm human capacities."

-James Garbarino

^^^UPCOMING INITIATIVES, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS^^^^

Partnerships for Preventing Violence -- Satellite Downlink Training, October 20, 2000. Theme Bringing the Elements TogetherEnding the Cycle of Violence. To register http://www.walcoff.com/partnerships or call877/778-4774

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Conference, October 24-29, 2000 in New York, NY. Features school-based mental health clinical practicum. See http://www.aacap.org/meeting/Annual/2000/index.htm

American School Health Association National School Health Conference, October 25-29, 2000 in New Orleans, LA. ThemeSchools and Communities Partners for Children's Health. Contact330/678-1601 x127, http://www.ashaweb.org

The Hamilton Fish Institute Teleconference, October 25, 2000 from 100 230 pm. Focuses on comprehensive framework for school violence. Contact Becky Ritchey, Project Director, 859/622-6163; ekutrc@aol.com

Center for Social and Emotional Education Workshops, October 28, 2000. See http://216.117.161.83/index.html

Coalition for Community Schools, National Conference. ThemeBuilding the Movement for Community Schools. October 29-31, 2000 in Kansas City, Mo. See http://www.communityschools.org

National Middle School Association Annual Conference, November 2-4, 2000 in St. Louis, MO. Contact800/528-NMSA; http://www.NMSA.org

National Multicultural Institute Conference, November 2-5, 2000, in New York, NY. ThemeBuilding Personal and Professional Competence in a Multicultural Society ContactPh202/483-5233; Fax202/483-5233; Email nmci@nmci.org; http://www.nmci.org

The Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum, November 9-11, 2000 in Providence, RI. Contact510/433-1415; Emailcorozco@essentialschools.org; http://www.essentialschools.org

Temple University Center for Intergenerational Learning Conference, November 10-11, 2000 in Philadelphia, PA. ThemeConnecting Generations Strengthening Communities. Contact215/204-6970; http://www.temple.edu/cil

National Association of Partners in Education, November 12-17, 2000 in Houston, TX. ThemeNavigating Partnerships for Student Success. Contact 703/836-4880; http://www.partnersineducation.org

Healthy Children Teleconference Series, November 16, 2000 (Lost Boys From Childhood Sadness to Adolescent Violence) and December 21, 2000 (Thriving in SchoolHealthy Kids Learn Better). Website http://www.nysacho.org, click on T2B2-for Third Tuesday Breakfast Broadcasts.

National Community Education Association Conference, November 29-December 2, 2000, in Reno, NV. ThemeTurn on the Lights! Make Every School a Community School. ContactNCEA at 703/359-8973

The Safe Schools Coalition, Inc. Joint National Conference, January 11-13, 2000 in Kissimmee, FL. ThemeAlternatives to Expulsion, Suspension, and Dropping Out of School. Contact941/778-6652; Email 102630.2245@compuserve.com

FOR MORE CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS, REFER TO OUR WEBSITE AT http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu (Go to "Contents" then click on "Upcoming Events of Interest".)

Einstein on Success
If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x, y is play, and z is keeping your mouth shut.

^^^^CALLS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS/PAPERS *Papers

** Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action invites proposal submissions at http://www.gsu.edu/scrabiennial. Due November 17. (Conferences is June 7-10 in Atlanta.)

**Hartman National Conference on Children and their Families invites proposals for May 23-25 conference on Promoting Creativity Across the Life Course. The Journal of Primary Prevention, The Journal of Early Adolescence, and the Journal of Adolescent Research will consider all relevant submitted papers. To request a proposal packet email CHILDANDFAMILY@CFAPRESS.ORG or call (860)443-2896 ext 1403.

**National Conference on Hispanic/Latino Pediatric Behavioral Health Care invites proposals for it's July conference. Contact ramos@unt.edu or phone (940)565-2671.

*Grants

++Funding Information

"Federal Funding for Early Childhood Supports and Services A Guide to Sources and Strategies" by H. Fisher, C. Cohen, & M. Flynn of the Finance Group (2000).

"Financing After-School Programs" by R. Halpern, S. Deich, and C. Dohen of the Finance Project (2000). To order202/628-4200; http://www.financeproject.org

++The U. S. Department of Education posted it "grants forecast" for fiscal year 2001. See http://ocfo.ed.gov/grntinfo/forecast/forecast.htm. Relevant grants includeCFDA#84.184L Safe Schools/Health Students

CFDA#84.215.E. Elementary School Counseling CFDA#84.215.L Smaller learning communities CFDA#84.287A. 21st Century Community Learning Centers CFDA#84.328C Community Parent Resource Centers CFDA#84.328M Parent Information Centers

++Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing is accepting proposals from community-based organizations. DeadlineNovember 10. Contact Vera Miao (212)213-2113 Ext. 24.

++Juvenille Mentoring Programs funds one to one support for at risk youth. See http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jump/oview.html.

NOTE If you want to surf the internet for funds, go to http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu and click on What's New; scroll to "Links to the Latest News on Mental Health Issues" and click on "Surfin' for Funds."

Also noteCFDA is the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs http://aspe.hhs.gov/cfda/index.htm This compendium covers all 1,425 Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public.

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"More than one out of five children in the United States lives in a stressful family environment."
-K. Moore & S. Vandivere Urban Institute (6/2000)

^^^^OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES^^^^^

>>Mental Health/Substance Abuse

##Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Treatment
Improvement Exchange (TIE) web site provides information
and resources.. See http://www.samhsa.gov clearinghouses.

Also online is SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention national dissemination system for science based model drug use prevention programs. See http://www.samhsa.gov/csap/modelprograms.

Funding source for substance abuse prevention http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/funding/funding.html

>>Government resources

First-ever U. S. Government web site with one-stop access to all federal government on-line informal and services http://www.firstgov.gov/

>>Prevention and Best Practices for Schools Website explores using the internet for counseling http://cybercounsel.uncg.edu

Online continuing education information through the American Counseling Association http://seminarnetwork.net/aca2000/

Searchable website from the National Guidelines Clearinghouse. http://www.guidelines.gov

>>Parents and Community Involvement

National Health Law Program website provides information on health care law affecting low-income people. Http://www.healthlaw.org.

>>Policy and Statistics

Papers from the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health conference are on line at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph.html

Mental Health Statistics Improvement Programs site http://www.mhsip.org

^^^^TRAINING & JOB OPPORTUNITIES (including fellowships and scholarships)^^^^^^

Fellowships

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies for Ph.D. DeadlineDec. 7,2000. S ee http://www.woodrow.org/mellon

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program for graduate study in arts, humanities, or social sciences. Deadline November 17,2000. Also Graduate assistance in areas of national need. Deadline December 15, 2000. For both see http://www.ed.gov/MailingLists/EDInfo/msg00565.html.

To see just the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, click on http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/annoucements and go to July-Sept. 2000.

Jobs

>>Communities in Schools Positions<<

CIS has four positions available Associate Director, Director of Evaluation, Program Specialist, and Community Development Specialist. Fax703/837-4597; Emailjobs@cisnet.org

>>Youth Initiatives Coordinator<<

The Illinois Center for Violence Prevention seeks coordinator to provide oversight for all of the organization's youth initiatives. M.A. required. ContactDebbie Bretag, Executive Director; Fax312/922-2277; http://www.violence-prevention.com

>>Healthy Start Coordinator<<

Jefferson Elementary School in Berkeley, CA seeks Coordinator. Contact Vikki Davis, vikkid@aol.com

>>Program Assistant<<

The American Youth Policy Forum seeks assistant to manage Access database, organize forums, and develop reports. ContactProgram Assistant Search (code DB&W), Fax202/775-9733; Emailaypf@aypf.org

>>Research Director<<

The National Institute on Out-of-School Time at the Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College seeks Research Director. working@wellesley.edu

>>Director of Research and Evaluation<<

The Institute for Social and Economic Development seeks director for research, evaluation, and planning projects. ContactTed Webb, twebb@fordwebb.com website http://www.ISED.org

>>Assistant Professor<<

The Department of Psychology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell

offers tenure-track position in Social Psychology, Cultural Diversity or Ethnic and Minority Issues. DeadlineNovember 15, 2000. ContactDr. Charlotte Mandell, Chair, Dept. of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Lowell, 870 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854.

>>Assistant/Associate Professor<<

The Department of Psychology at Portland State University has a tenure-track opening for applied social or social/community psychologist with research program on cultural issues. ContactChair, Applied Social or Social/Community Search Committee, Dept. of Psychology-PSY, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751.

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REQUESTS/INFORMATION/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD

**ReFidelity of Implementation or Meaningful Adaptation. Ed Pfenninger recommends seeing Lisbeth B. Schorr, Common Purpose, for an excellent treatment of the problem of replicating programs from demonstration to mass movement.

**ReLinking school based providers, a colleague reminds us"I think it will be critical for us to not solely limit our focus on disciplines that are currently considered 'mental health' providers. In fact, there other services and providers that have critical knowledge and expertise to offer and contribute to a comprehensive and collaborative plan to meet children's needs. These include occupational therapy (OT) services whose focus on children's ability to engage in/participate in daily life activities can help round out the perspectives and efforts of other team members..."

**ReCommenting on the issue of systems change, a community partner states "...The question is how willing are systems to truly accept partnership and leadership from parents and youth? We talk system change and it seems like we have the green light to spend money on training and meetings of professionals but the reality is that the community truly expects that there will be change based on their commitment of time and effort..."

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NEWS FROM OUR CENTER AND OUR SISTER CENTER

^^UPDATES from the CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS, UCLA

*DID YOU RECEIVE?

- **The Summer, 2000, issue of our Newsletter "Addressing Barriers to Learning." The feature article is "Substance Abuse Prevention Toward Comprehensive, Multifaceted Approaches."
- **The Executive Summary from the recent meeting on "Pioneer Initiatives to Reform Education Support Programs."

If you haven't received these, send us a note (smhp@ucla.edu) or you can go to our web site http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu and download them.

*The task group of the Policy Leadership Cadre for Mental Health in Schools working on mapping resources has a draft of a web map available. We will send a "draft" for comments and also post it on our web site (http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/policy.htm).

You will also find posted there the workgroup topics and the names of all who have volunteered to work on one or more topics.

*Haven't visited our website in a while? Check out our NEW Feature. News Item(s) of the Week.

Go to http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu and click on What's New?

- *Also on the web site, NEW and updated Quick Finds (easy access to information on a variety of topics)
 - >Cultural Competence
 - >Hate-groupshelping students and preventing hate crimes
 - >IDEA Accommodations /inclusion
 - >Statistical resources

Go to http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu/websrch.htm

- * New PacketA technical Assistance Sampler onSexual Minority Students. Reviews issues facing sexual minority students and staff, includingviolence, homophobia and prejudice, social and psychological issues and info about programs for sexual minority students, school policy and educational issues, and so forth. Contact us for a copy. It will also be on the web soon.
- * Just RevisedTwo Center Introductory Packets
 - >Dropout Prevention
 - >Evaluation and AccountabilityGetting Credit For All You do

These packets can be ordered from the Center or downloaded from our web site.

NOTEIf you want internet access to surfin' for funds, go to http://smhp.psych.ucla.edu and click on What's New; scroll to "New Materials" click on "Surfin' for Funds."

FOR THOSE WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS, ALL RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE BY CONTACTING THE CENTER.

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Or Contact the Center at

School Mental Health Project/ Center for Mental Health in Schools UCLA Dept. of Psychology Los Angeles, CA 90095-1563 (310) 825-3634 / Fax(310) 206- 5895

^^^FROM OUR SISTER CENTER in Maryland (Mark Weist, Director)

The 5th national conference, Advancing School-Based Mental Health Programs held in Atlanta, Georgia will be pursing various post conference activities. For information about these, contactMark Weist, Director Center for School Mental Health Assistance University of Maryland at Baltimore, Dept. of Psychiatry 680 West Lexington St., 10th fl., Baltimore, MD 21201 Ph888/706-0980 Emailcsmha@umpsy.umaryland.edu http//csmha.umaryland.edu

WHO ARE WE?

Under the auspices of the School Mental Health Project in the Department of Psychology at UCLA, we established a Center for Mental Health in Schools in 1995. The Project and Center are codirected by Howard Adelman and Linda Taylor.

Our group at UCLA approaches mental health and psychosocial concerns from the broad perspective of addressing barriers to learning and promoting healthy development. Specific attention is given policies and strategies that can counter fragmentation and enhance collaboration between school and community programs.

We are involved in model development and implementation, training and technical assistance, and policy analysis. Our activities include gathering and disseminating information, materials development, direct assistance, and facilitating networking and exchanges of ideas.

For more information about the Center or about ENEWS, contact Center Coordinator Perry Nelson or Center Co-Directors Howard Adelman, or Linda Taylor at UCLA School Mental Health Project/Center for Mental Health in Schools Voice(310) 825-3634 Fax(310) 206- 5895
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