



Promising Practices Network on Children, Families and Communities

Fact Sheet

What is the Promising Practices Network (PPN) on Children, Families and Communities? A Web site that presents easy-to-understand evidence-based information about what works to improve outcomes for children and families.

Where can I find the Web site? <http://www.promisingpractices.net/>

What are the major content areas of the site? The information on the site is organized around four sections:

- **Programs that Work.** PPN programs are organized by four major outcome areas—Healthy and Safe Children, Children Ready for School, Children Succeeding in School, and Strong Families—and sub-categorized by indicators within each outcome area. Programs are listed under either "proven" or "promising" evidence levels and also by topic area.
- **Research in Brief.** A collection of recent research summaries, carefully reviewed and selected to provide objective, high-quality evidence that is concise and easy to understand.
- **Service Delivery.** An introduction to topics such as service integration and program evaluation, monitoring, and implementation, including lists of resources for more in-depth information.
- **Partner Pages.** Collections of research and information based on state- and organization-specific priority areas related to children, families, and communities.

Who runs the Promising Practices Network? This project is operated by the [RAND Corporation](#), a nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization, and was founded by a [partnership](#) between four state-level intermediary organizations. The [Network](#) now includes additional organizations and individuals dedicated to providing quality evidence-based information about what works to improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.

There are other Web sites about children, families, and communities. What makes this one special? PPN is unique in a number of ways:

- RAND researchers screen all the information on the site for scientific credibility and only post items that contain objective, high-quality information.
- All the information on the site is presented in short, easy-to-understand summaries, but those summaries also include links to longer reports if you want to know more.
- PPN presents information from a wide variety of reliable sources, not just information from the Network members.
- The site is not just about one narrow topic, such as school readiness or juvenile justice. It covers a range of subjects relating to children and families and is organized by outcomes and indicators.
- PPN's target audience is policymakers, service providers, and other decisionmakers who care about improving outcomes for children and families.
- The site is continuously updated so that it always contains new information.

How do I contact PPN?

- Visit the Web site and click on "Contact Us."
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