

# Partnerships for Families

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## A collaborative research project

### THE PROJECT CONTINUES...

With spring 2007 just around the corner, the project continues to advance rapidly.

The mid-consultation meetings with clinicians, managers, and supervisors in the Existing Treatment group are now completed.

Over 100 clinicians and supervisors are now involved in the project. Participants at Every Child, Family Links, Family Pathways, Family Resources, and WPIC have completed consultations and post-assessments. Family Pathways and Family Resources have begun piloting

family recruitment procedures. Project staff are working to follow up with participants who have changed agencies so they can complete the post-assessments.

Training workshops are scheduled for March and April. Thank you to Every Child and Northshore Community Alliance for hosting these trainings.

For the second wave of the project (beginning in late March early April), there will be project orientations and assessments scheduled.

## COLLABORATING AGENCIES

### AUBERLE

[WWW.AUBERLE.ORG](http://WWW.AUBERLE.ORG)

### EVERY CHILD

[WWW.EVERYCHILDINC.ORG](http://WWW.EVERYCHILDINC.ORG)

### FAMILY LINKS

[WWW.FAMILYLINKS.ORG](http://WWW.FAMILYLINKS.ORG)

### FAMILY PATHWAYS

[WWW.FAMILYPATHWAYS.NET](http://WWW.FAMILYPATHWAYS.NET)

### FAMILY RESOURCES

[WWW.FAMILYRESOURCESOFPA.ORG](http://WWW.FAMILYRESOURCESOFPA.ORG)

### RANKIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

[WWW.RANKINCHRISTIANCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.RANKINCHRISTIANCENTER.ORG)

### NORTHSHORE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

[WWW.NCA-PGH.ORG](http://WWW.NCA-PGH.ORG)

### WPIC

[WPIC.UPMC.COM/CLINCLINICALSVCS.HTM](http://WPIC.UPMC.COM/CLINCLINICALSVCS.HTM)

## STUDY AIMS

The goal of the research study is to better understand the effectiveness of AF-CBT in community settings.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

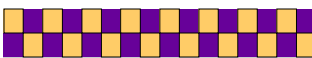
The past Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings focused on family recruitment.

Screening procedures were set up and the intake processes have been determined for each agency. All children between ages 5-15 will be considered for the project. If families agree to be contacted, a research assistant (Carol or Dawn) will call to provide the family with more information and assess their final project eligibility.

Updated flyers are now available for the families and can be distributed to each new family with an age qualifying child. This flyer is also a permission to contact form for those families interested in learning more about the study.

Additionally, as suggested by the CAB members, a meeting was conducted with the Allegheny County CYF Resource coordinators to give them information about the project.

The Next CAB meeting is May 3rd at Every Child from 9:30AM-11:00AM.



"Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

Charles R. Swindoll

## NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC STRESS NETWORK

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) is a valuable resource. It provides access to continuing education trainings, reference articles geared towards mental health professionals, and user-friendly information sources for families.

The crucial role of parents and caregivers in helping children recover from their traumatic experiences is no secret. Resources can empower families, negating feelings of isolation

and increasing knowledge of the effects traumatic experiences may have on their families. Articles such as "Parenting in a Challenging World," "What is Traumatic Stress," and "Treatments That Work" are just a few of the many online articles available to families. These articles, respectively, offer stories of other families experiencing traumatic stress, definitions of traumatic stress how to overcome its' obstacles, and suc-

cessful treatment options.

Clinicians can also stay informed of continuing education opportunities through classes and seminars. The NCTSN recognizes how busy professionals are. They offer frequent nation wide trainings with live-speakers and web-based formats.

The ease and readiness of information makes the NCTSN a "one-stop-shop" for the clever and busy service provider.

For further information about the NCTSN or their numerous resources and training opportunities, please visit [www.nctsn.org](http://www.nctsn.org)

*Dr. Kolko is one of the program innovators and trainers affiliated with the NCTSN, and will share more details of this experience soon!*

## EVERY CHILD

Every Child Incorporated in Pittsburgh, PA offers a host of individualized services and specialized approaches for families and children of all ages. Their staff and services are focused on supporting and strengthening families. Their goal is that no child will be left behind due to the failure of the system to provide care for them.

The mission of Every Child is: *"That decisions regarding a child's future should be timely, competent, and result in relationships that meet the holistic needs of the child. We believe that every child, no matter their age, race, culture, or seriousness of disability or medical condition, deserves the opportunity to grow up in a loving, lasting family."*

The agency started in 1997, as a home-based business venture with a few friends, and has now has grown to a staff of over 70 members.

Their current services include the following:

- Pre and Post Adoption
- Foster Care Services
- Mental Health Services

- Family Focused Solution-Based Services
- Family Preservation and Reunification
- Medically-Related Wrap-Around
- Healthy Infant Training

For more information, please visit [www.everychildinc.org](http://www.everychildinc.org)

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