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UACF Vision Statement

Inspire Hope and Courage

UACF Mission Statement

Promote the emotional, behavioral and social well-being of children, youth and families through transformational leadership.

Seven Principles That Guide Our Work:

- Family Driven, Hope Centered and Youth Guided
- Full Domain and Environment of the Child
- Community Based Support Services
- Culturally and Linguistically Competent
- Prevention and Early Intervention

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Oscar Wright

A New Partnership: Family Members and Healthcare Professionals

The door of effective and efficient service delivery for families, children and youth has two locks on it. Family members and Healthcare Professionals each have a key, but neither can open this door of opportunity without the other's key. I would venture so far as to say that the healthcare family movement in [California](#), and across the nation, will not witness the vaulted transformation in [mental health systems](#) if these two critical elements are not in synchronization.

The case for family members can easily be made! There is a widely held belief that healthcare professionals are ill prepared to deal with the nuances of reality that family members face every day in what appears to be an endless effort to bring a quality of life to their children. On the other hand, healthcare professionals have a valid point of view when they are restricted to unwarranted bureaucratic regulations, tight budgets, insufficient resources and training, and a caseload that increases disproportional to their capacity to service. So, whose right and whose wrong? The answer is that both are right! A more compelling case can be made for a new and dynamic paradigm shift that accentuates the strengths of both systems; families and professionals.

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Bullying Affects Children's Mental Health

Study: Prospective Study of Peer Victimization in Childhood and Psychotic Symptoms in a Nonclinical Population at Age 12 Years.



Study Shows that bullying is a predictor of psychotic symptoms in adolescence and of long-term [mental health problems](#).

If you're worried about the effects bullying may have on your child, the results of a recent study suggest they could be even worse than you suspect. Children who are persistently bullied are more likely to develop psychotic symptoms in early adolescence, according to a

- Strength based Intervention
- Interagency Collaboration

Our Goals are:

- To Provide a Voice for Family Members
- Empower Family Members and Healthcare Professionals Through Training and Technical Assistance
- To Form Strategic Partnerships to Leverage Local and Statewide Resources.

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report in the May issue of the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

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Public Policy & AB3632



Plan to keep mental health service to children: Temporary measure includes transfer to different program. Published Nov. 03, 2010

Local mental health and education officials have conjured a temporary plan to continue to offer mental health services to school children with emotional issues in Merced County.

Early last month, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used his line-item veto authority to eliminate \$133 million to fund the statewide AB 3632 program. The 25-year-old program is meant to provide mental health services to disabled students.

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Up Close and Personal

The Stigma of Mental Illness

A word to the wise: If you see Glenn Close in the security line at the airport, don't approach her and say in a small, almost mousy voice: "Excuse me, are you who I think you are?"



It's not that she doesn't like to meet fans of the many movies in which she's appeared- *The Big Chill*, *Fatal Attraction* and *101 Dalmations* among others. Something tells me she's more than gracious about such things. No, the problem is, the question sends her into paroxysms of fear and uncertainty as it inevitably raises another, existentially loaded one: namely, "Who does this person think I am?"

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