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# the Parenting Network

... Developing practical products  
for those who nurture children



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Child Survival  
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*The Parenting Network unites knowledge  
from research with wisdom from experience  
to design practical products that will  
advance child well-being.*

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... working together to improve  
the well-being of children.

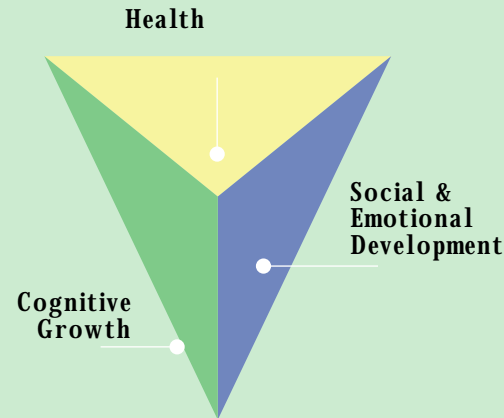
**The Center for Child Well-being** is a program of The Task Force for Child Survival and Development and is funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. From its inception in 1999, the Center has recognized that the healthy development of children is not simply a result of eliminating health problems that occur in childhood. Healthy development requires proactive nurturing of strengths and positive behaviors, skills, and characteristics. This strengths-based strategy promotes health, cognitive growth, and social and emotional development at the same time it helps to prevent deficits, disorders, and disabilities.

### **The Parenting Network**

Encouraging strengths in children is every parent's priority, yet finding resources to nurture a child's positive development is often time-consuming and difficult.

The Parenting Network values the parents' roles and is dedicated to providing parents with the supports they need to improve well-being in children.

## *Child Well-being*



*Well-being in children is more than the absence of disease and other dysfunctions. Child well-being results from nurturing strengths and positive behaviors, skills, and characteristics that promote health and adaptive functioning.*

### **What Is the Parenting Network?**

- » The Parenting Network is a group of experts from diverse backgrounds and disciplines committed to supporting parents in their efforts to foster positive development in children.
- » The Network will develop and make available products for parents as well as professionals and policy-makers who work to support parents through programs, services, or policies in communities.

### **How Does the Network Function?**

- » Communication among Network members takes place over the Internet, on a password-protected network (ChildLink), and through occasional face-to-face meetings.

### **Who Are the Members?**

- » Members of the Network are geographically dispersed and represent a wide array of organizations, disciplines, professions, sectors of society, perspectives, and beliefs.
- » Network members are parents, scientists, practitioners, and advocates who are committed to helping parents establish settings that offer children opportunities to flourish.