

# *Family Futures*

## **Introduction:**

*Family Futures* is a national magazine that provides cutting-edge information about family policies, programs, and research to practitioners, policymakers, and concerned citizens who are interested in child and family issues. The publication is a magazine, not a traditional journal, that shows the care in scholarship that a topic deserves but does so in a brief, easily accessible form.

*Family Futures* examines the many contexts in which family concerns arise. Each issue focuses on a different topic. Given the special significance of family relationships for child development, many articles address topics pertaining to children. However, our approach is explicitly intergenerational. Many issues of *Family Futures* contain topics that cross the lifespan. Regardless of the domain or age range addressed, we begin with a fundamental assumption: Strong families build strong communities, and vice versa.

## **Audience:**

The magazine reaches a broad audience consisting of three types of readers.

**Practitioners** in professions serving children, youth, and families such as professionals in health, mental health, education, social services, and law.

**Policymakers** such as state legislators, county council members, foundation executives, judges, and federal, state, and local agency administrators.

**Concerned citizens** such as members of child advocacy organizations, PTAs, Junior League, League of Women Voters, religious organizations, and other groups concerned with the welfare of children and their families.

## **Collaborating Organizations:**

*Family Futures* is co-sponsored by the Institute for Families in Society at the University of South Carolina; the Center on Children, Families, and the Law at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and the Family Life Development Center at Cornell University. Directors of these centers serve as editors of *Family Futures*. They are Drs. Gary Melton (USC), James Garbarino (Cornell), and Brian Wilcox (Nebraska).

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