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FROM: James M. Hmurovich
President & CEO

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Interim Director, Research Division

Effective December 16, 2007 Kathryn Harding Cortright will serve as Interim Director of the Research Division. Kathryn holds an M.A. in Clinical / Community Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to her work at Prevent Child Abuse America, she directed a National Institute of mental health study on resilience and risk among inner-city Chicago adolescents.

Since joining Prevent Child Abuse America in 1995, she has worked closely with the Healthy Families America (HFA) home visiting program, expanding the HFA Research Network in 1999 to include practice leaders through a four-year project funded by the Packard and Gerber Foundations. In addition, she worked with national survey projects on public awareness and the incidence of child maltreatment, and other projects. Recent publications include a chapter on prevention efforts for the *Handbook for Mandated Reporters, 4th Edition* (forthcoming from G.W. Medical Publishing, Inc.) and a comprehensive review of HFA outcomes in the *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community* (2008).

Kathryn's assignments as Interim Director include a new project on tribal youth funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, facilitating a national research agenda for HFA and working with internal and external stakeholders to assess the role of the Research Division in context of the strategic plan and emerging trends.

Please join me in congratulating Kathryn on this interim assignment.

