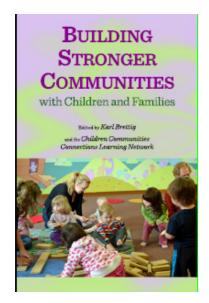
## **Building Stronger Communities with Children and Families**



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Building Stronger Communities with Children and Families clearly highlights the need for a collective response in the development of lasting social change given the complexities of modern life. This publication provides us with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the efficacy of whole of community, coordinated and collective approaches to build family friendly communities. I commend the authors of this book in the documenting of the practice journeys of a number of organisations and services in the early intervention/prevention arena as a valuable tool which shares learnings, practice wisdom and evidence to support the critical importance of "working together" to improve outcomes for communities and the families and children who reside in them.

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Over many years as a licensed family therapist, I have become increasingly concerned about the breakdown of family and community and am convinced that this is the source of many personal and social problems. I have read this publication with interest and excitement. I see in this book a real working blueprint to build healthier families and communities. I especially like the emphasis of diverse groups within the community working together as a team. This can make things happen by using the 'power of we'. Our children need this!

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