Hello from the TSS Group! This month, our Update features an important study with children.

Clinicians, educators, and researchers have long recognized that maltreated children are at risk for both academic and peer problems. We are studying how violence exposure relates to children’s performance on neuropsychological tasks that are critical to their ability to learn and navigate social situations. The Children’s Attention Research (CAR) Project examines links between children’s exposure to violence, psychological distress, and neuropsychological performance (e.g., attention, memory). We will use this research to identify conditions under which traumatized children can best succeed in school. Parents and children (ages 9-12) are invited to participate in this 2-session study. Parents receive $50 and children receive age-appropriate toys. Click here for a study flyer.

Please consider posting a CAR flyer (available through links above or attached to this email) to help get the word out about this important study. Thank you!

DePrince Receives Public Advocacy Award

TSS Group Director, Anne DePrince, received the 2005 Public Advocacy Award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) for “outstanding and fundamental contributions to advancing the social understanding of trauma”. DePrince received the award at the ISTSS Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada in November.

Research-Sharing Event Leads to New Web Resource

More than 120 people joined us for the TSS Group’s 3rd research-sharing event in October. With the support of our community partner, Victim Services Network, the event was generously funded by a grant from the University of Denver Public Good Fund.

Thank you to speakers who donated their time: Steve Siegel (Victim Services Network), Gizane Indart (Denver Children’s Advocacy Center), Anne DePrince and Ann Chu (TSS Group, University of Denver), Jerry Yager (Denver Children’s Home), Heather Taussig (Kempe Center for Children), Stephen Shirk and Daniel McIntosh (Psychology Department, University of Denver). Colleagues from the TSS Group, Colorado Social Research Associates, Arapahoe House, and University of Colorado-Colorado Springs shared research during an interactive and informative poster session.

As a follow-up to the fall event, we will soon launch a new internet site designed to promote research-sharing with the community. The site was designed based on input from conference attendees. Look for information about this new site in the coming weeks.

Thank you for making our 3rd research-sharing event a success!

As always, thank you for all that you do to address trauma and violence.