

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

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Throughout my career in public health and family violence, I have straddled the overlapping worlds of research and practice and have always wanted *more*. What I wanted more of is timely information about what other colleagues are doing with pilot and demonstration projects, preliminary data, exploratory research, and ideas that challenge us to think in new directions. Brief, serendipitous conversations with scientists, policymakers, and practitioners have germinated in my mind and led me to explore my work from a different angle with more possibilities. I have found valuable information in students' research papers and dissertations and wondered if others have made similar discoveries. Regrettably, much of the data from smaller projects and the insightful experiences of our colleagues do not make it into print. Biomedical journals are inundated with manuscripts, often have lengthy timelines for publication, and usually focus on more advanced research. The Family Violence Prevention Fund has established the electronic journal *Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice* to address this persistent gap in the literature.

We believe this journal can make a difference by looking at the bigger picture of family violence over the lifespan and creating a new forum to exchange data, ideas, and perspectives on current challenges that we face in advancing the field of family violence. We encourage researchers, policymakers, health care providers, domestic violence advocates, and other service providers to submit articles. Our journal will feature a special section for students to publish their work. Your work inspires us. Information is powerful. We look forward to your comments, your feedback, and your contributions to this journal.