

*Young children's healthy social and emotional development is critical to school readiness and positive long-term outcomes.*

*From National Research Council & Institute of Medicine, 2000;  
Raver & Knitzer, 2002; Thompson & Raikes, 2007*

## Facts About Challenging Behaviors

- ◆ High risk of school failure and lives characterized by violence, abuse, loneliness, and anxiety
- ◆ Early appearing behavior problems in a child's preschool career are the single best predictor of delinquency in adolescence, gang membership, and adult incarceration
- ◆ If challenging behaviors are not altered by the end of the third grade, it appears that they challenging behaviors will continue and lead to more expensive treatment and interventions
- ◆ More likely to lead to expulsion from pre-school
- ◆ Leads to early and persistent peer rejection
- ◆ Relationships with teachers become strained, conflicted and punitive
- ◆ Family interactions are unpleasant for all involved
- ◆ High risk of school failure
- ◆ Higher risk of fatal accidents, substance abuse, divorce, unemployment, psychiatric illness, and early death
- ◆ For more information, find this article at the Technical Assistance Center for Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children at [http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/facts\\_about\\_sheet.pdf](http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/do/resources/documents/facts_about_sheet.pdf)
- ◆ *For support in developing social and emotional skills in your child, please contact us at:*

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