

**Advances in Culture and Diversity in
Prevention Science Award**



Gene Brody, PhD

*The **Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award** is given for contributions to the field of prevention science in the area of community and culture.*

This year, we are pleased to present the **Advances in Culture and Diversity in Prevention Science Award** to **Dr. Gene Brody** and **The Center for Family Research**. Dr. Brody is Research Professor of Child and Family Development at the University of Georgia, and director at The Center for Family Research.

During the first half of his career, his research focused on the contributions of parental psychological functioning, parenting practices and sibling relationships to the emotional and behavioral well-being of children and adolescents. These studies laid a foundation for the research that Dr. Brody has conducted during the second half of his career. This work has followed rural African-American families over time in an attempt to identify family and community processes that forecast academic, emotional and behavioral competence in children and adolescents living in conditions of environmental stress. The results of this research have informed the development of a prevention program, The Strong African-American Families (SAAF) Program, for rural families with early adolescent children. The effectiveness of this program in preventing alcohol and substance use and early onset sexual behavior is now being tested in a randomized prevention trial.

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