

## **Introduction to Resources for Parents and Children Facing Removal**

In this section, we first review studies that may serve as resources for parents faced with removal of their children or related domestic disputes. Such resources include studies focused on identifying healthy and effective parenting techniques, potential avenues by which a separated biological parent may at least be able to obtain visitation rights, and the effective use of mental health and other social services. Also discussed are resources advocating for kinship placement—i.e., in the event of removal, the children are placed with a relative. Studies show that placement with a relative results in more positive outcomes than does placement into foster care. Thus, even if a court were to find that removal from the parental home is appropriate, the parents could argue that the child should be placed with close relatives with whom they already have a relationship, rather than with a stranger.