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**MANAGING FAMILY VIOLENCE ISSUES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
PERCEPTIONS OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL**

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There has been growing awareness concerning the management of family violence issues in the public school systems. The purpose of this project was to determine: 1) the knowledge of school personnel about family violence, 2) the current procedures in the schools for reporting and assisting with family violence concerns, and 3) the support available for students involved in family violence situations. Therefore, in cooperation with the School/Education Committee of the Family Violence Prevention Council (11th Judicial Circuit), a questionnaire was developed to survey school personnel in two counties as to their knowledge regarding these concerns. Results indicate that school faculty and staff need education in recognizing family violence and assistance in developing a procedure for reporting and dealing with these situations. The counties involved are now planning programs to address these issues.