

Special Issue

Contact between Parents and Children in Child Welfare Care

Message from the Guest Editors

Assessments and decisions related to visitation and contact between children in public care and their parents and siblings have crucial consequences for children and their families. However, limited research exists on this topic. In this Special Issue, we welcome contributions that illuminate, and offer new knowledge to, this field of research. We welcome both theoretical and empirical contributions. Key questions for this Special Issue include, but not limited to: How do employees and executive authorities assess and justify the framework for, and extent of, visitation and contact between children, siblings, and parents following care orders? What are the child's opinions on visits? How are we to understand the child's reactions to visitation? How is visitation used in line with the goal of reunification? How are parents, children, and foster parents supported before, during, and after visitation? How do visits and contact with biological parents affect the child's everyday life? This Special Issue invites established and early-career researchers to share their knowledge and research in the research field of visitation between parents and children under public care.

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