

## Special Issue

# Decision-Making in Contexts of Child Vulnerability: Perspectives of Professionals, Families, and Children

### Message from the Guest Editors

Decision-making in child abuse and neglect cases requires professionals including social workers, healthcare providers, educators, and law enforcement to navigate uncertainty, cultural contexts, and the delicate balance between protecting children and preserving families. This Special Issue will explore how child welfare practitioners identify, assess, and respond to suspected maltreatment, with attention to the interplay between risk factors and protective factors. We seek contributions that investigate decision-making models in child welfare in different cultural and populations. The focus will also include evidence-based interventions, cross-sector collaboration, and the role of training and supervision in strengthening decision quality. A central aim is to advance strategies that not only ensure safety but also promote the overall well-being and healthy development of children. Submissions using qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods, or systematic/scoping reviews are welcome, offering diverse, research-informed perspectives that guide ethical, timely, and effective action.

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