

Special Issue

Parental Participation in Child Protection

Message from the Guest Editors

The overarching aim of child protection and child welfare systems should be to support parents and families in the care of their children and to enable children to grow up in safe, loving, and nurturing families. Nevertheless, child welfare systems throughout the world too often fail to protect children, focusing on parental blame rather than family need, and they often do not provide the support families need, with increasing numbers of separated and, in some cases, harmed children in their care. Given this background, this Special Issue aims to extend the evidence base and provide a space to hear parents' accounts of the impact of increasing parent participation through parent advocacy in child welfare decision-making at the case, programme, and policy levels. We would value papers examining the opportunities and challenges parent advocacy creates; lessons learnt across different settings, countries, and contexts; and evidence of the benefits of supporting such engagement in system transformation.

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