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International Conference

Assessing the "Evidence-base" of Intervention for Vulnerable Children and Their Families

Cross National Perspectives and Challenges for Research, Practice and Policy



European Scientific Association on Residential and
Foster Care for Children and Adolescents



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Goal

To start the critical examination of the existing cross-national research bases of both child and family client characteristics and service outcomes in order to identify future directions for enlightened public policy, effective service programming and improved empirical outcome research. A closely related goal is to explore the latest in “evidence-based” approaches to effective child, youth and family interventions.

Themes

- Evidence-based research and practice
- Approaches to foster care
- Children and youth in care
- Adolescents at risk and prevention approaches
- Children with mental health problems and disabilities
- European and international perspectives
- Residential care and intensive treatment alternatives
- Effective strategies for parental engagement
- Children and family voices
- Ethnic minorities

Keynote speakers



Professor Hans Grietens, Belgium



Professor Erik Knorth, The Netherlands



Professor Colette McAuley, UK



Professor Augusto Palmonari, Italy



Professor Peter Pecora, Usa



Professor June Thoburn, UK



Dr. Tiziano Vecchiato, Italy



Professor James Whittaker, Usa

To date, over 190 papers and poster presentations on major conference themes have been accepted representing multi-disciplinary expertise from 23 countries. A conference digest of all abstracts including contact information for presenters will be available to delegates on registration. Special issues of two international journals - *International Journal of Child & Family Welfare* and *Child & Family Social Work* - will further explore the major themes of the conference.

Conference Venue

Conference is hosted by the University of Padova and the Municipality of Padova. All conference rooms are located in the historical centre of the town. The beautiful university city of Padova is situated only 30 minutes by rail to Venice.

Information

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