

CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Child and Family Journal of Innovative Practice and Research* (CFJ) aims to build a platform for sharing innovative ideas in child and family welfare. We invite both scholars and practitioners to submit manuscripts, practice notes, case studies, teaching/educational notes, stories, personal or professional reflections, and other innovative works that share clinical experiences in child and family services. The CFJ loves to hear experiences from the field to share with the audience to advocate for our clients, clinicians, workers, and families.

Upcoming issues will center around the following topics:

Volume IV, Issue 2: Privatization of child welfare. Previous CFJ issues have examined the Children Without Placement (CWOP) issues in Texas. Continuing this theme, the CFJ would like to examine the impact of the privatization of child welfare practices on children and families throughout the country. A hope for this issue is to include many aspects of this complex topic. Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Experiences of children and families through the privatization process
- Impact of this transition on child welfare workers
- Experiences of public child welfare workers working with children without placement
- Works from policy professionals advocating for the protection of children without placement during these transitions
- Pieces from workers in states that have already transitioned to privatization and what they are learning

Volume V, Issue 1: Impact of secondary trauma. We invite anyone interested in this topic to share their stories, specifically child welfare employees or clinicians who have experienced the effects of secondary trauma, alongside professionals who have an academic viewpoint. Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Differentiating between secondary trauma, compassion fatigue, and burnout
- Healthy ways to process and cope with secondary trauma
- A review of the literature surrounding the physiological effects of secondary trauma on social workers
- How child welfare agencies can support both their clients and employees

We invite short articles (within 1-3 single-spaced pages) involving the above topics to be submitted for future issues. To be given priority for **Volume IV, Issue 2**, please submit articles and content by **April 15, 2024**.

The *Submission Guidelines for Authors* are [here](#) or on the journal [webpage](#).