



ISPCAN CONGRESS 2025

5–9 October, 2025
Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva
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PROGRAM BOOK



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YOUTH FORUM PROJECT

Survey

In May–June of this year, a survey was conducted with 1,165 children aged 10–18. The results provide valuable insights into the emotional well-being of young people today. On average, respondents rated their emotional well-being at 6.8 out of 10. Many children expressed a desire to experience self-confidence, calmness, and joy more often, while also highlighting challenges in coping with anger, sadness, anxiety, and feelings of inadequacy.

When describing how adults support them in difficult moments, children most often mentioned the importance of attentive listening, comfort and reassurance, presence, kind words, and gestures of care such as hugging, as well as acceptance of their emotions. At the same time, they emphasized what should be avoided: shouting, anger, blame, comparisons with others, or dismissive phrases like **“it’s nothing”** or **“stop crying.”**

In addition to these findings, the children generously shared many of their own personal stories and experiences, giving further depth to the survey.

Installation



To bring these voices to life, the project will feature an installation of 12 life-sized figures of children (ranging from 134–180 cm in height). A part of the installation will be displayed at the Congress venue on 6 October. From 7 October onward, the complete installation will be open to the public at Vokiečių St. 4 in Vilnius Old Town, where participants are warmly invited to experience it in full.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE LOCATION

Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva

Konstitucijos pr. 20
Vilnius, 09308, Lithuania

REGISTRATION

The Registration desk is located on the **1st floor** of the **Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Congress Center**.

Registration desk opening hours:

Sunday, 5 October	07:30–17:00
Monday, 6 October	07:30–18:30
Tuesday, 7 October	07:15–17:00
Wednesday, 8 October	07:15–17:30
Thursday, 9 October	08:00–17:30

Certificate of attendance

All registered delegates present on-site are entitled to receive a Certificate of Attendance. The certificate can be downloaded from the [Online Portal](#) after the Conference.

Lunches and Coffee Breaks

Lunches and coffee breaks are provided during the main Conference days to all registered delegates in the lobby of the Congress Center, Radisson Blu Lietuva.

PRESENTATION UPLOAD

Presentation uploads will be available in the speaker ready room, next to the registration desk, with following opening hours:

Sunday, 5 October 2025	07:30–17:00
Monday, 6 October 2025	07:30–17:00
Tuesday, 7 October 2025	07:15–17:00
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	07:15–17:30
Thursday, 9 October 2025	08:15–17:00

SPONSORS AREA

The sponsors area is located on the 1st floor Congress center lobby.

Exhibition Opening Hours

Monday, 6 October 2025	10:00–17:00
Tuesday, 7 October 2025	10:00–17:00
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	10:00–17:30
Thursday, 9 October 2025	10:00–17:00

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Welcome Reception

When: 6 October 2025, 17:00
Where: Radisson Blu, Congress lobby
Tickets: Included in the registration fee

Networking Event

When: 7 October 2025, 18:30
Where: Senatoriu Pasazas, Dominikonų g. 11, Vilnius, 01131 Vilniaus m. sav., Litva
Transportation: NOT PROVIDED
Tickets: 50 EUR (to be purchased in the registration portal)

Please note, that the tickets cannot be purchased at the registration desk based on the capacity of the venue.

All participants are asked to bring their conference badge to the dinner, as it will serve as a ticket.

Massages

Enjoy complimentary massages at the Sky Bar on the 22nd floor of the venue. Service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Operating hours

Monday	10:00–16:00
Tuesday	10:00–16:00
Wednesday	10:00–16:00

Postcards of Joy

Color a postcard for the children of Barnahus Lithuania up in the Sky Bar on the 22nd floor of the venue. Postcards and coloring tools will be available. Relax and color. The postcards will be delivered to Barnahus after the congress.

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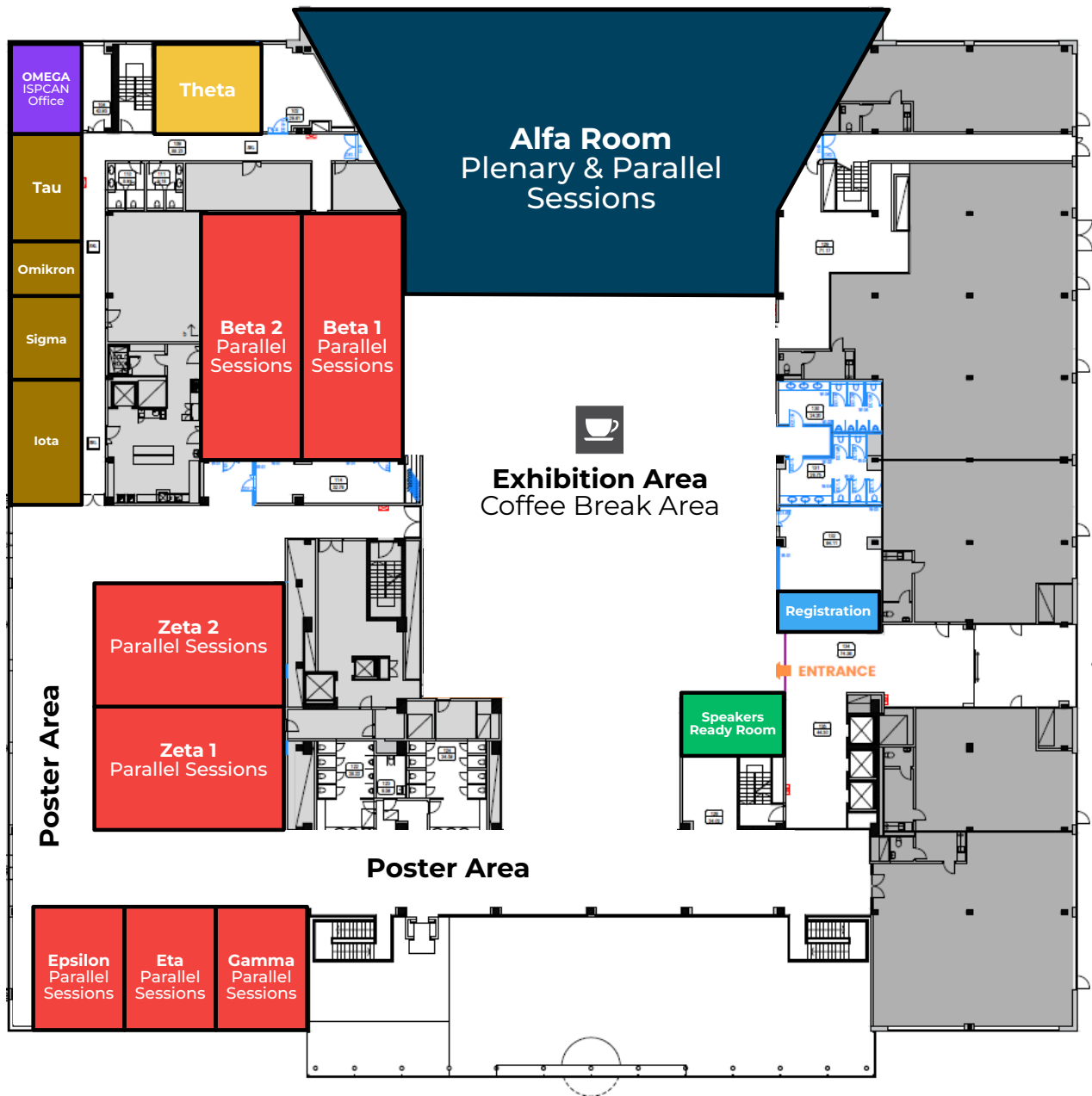
Fun Run

Start your day with a morning run on October 7 at 7:00 through the heart of Vilnius! Limited spots available—don't forget to sign up at the registration desk!

Emergency phone number:

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FLOORPLAN



- Registration Desk
- Plenary & Parallel Sessions
- Parallel Sessions
- Speakers Ready Room
- Exhibition & Coffee Break Area
- Poster Area

SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025

WORKING GROUPS

Time / Session / Room

08:30–12:40	WG: ISPCAN Next Chairs: Elizabeth W. Perry, Christina Thurston, Virgina Klimukienė, Monika Kvedaraitė	Epsilon
08:30–12:30	WG: Child Safeguarding Chairs: Maryam Ehsani, Rocco Briganti Ieva Braškienė, Laura Vitkauskaitė-Sirunavičė	Beta 2
09:00–12:00	WG: Trauma Informed Care / Mental Health Chairs: Brooks Keeshin, Jessica Griffin, Neringa Grigutyte	Zeta 2
09:00–12:00	WG: Parenting and Scale Up Chairs: Saara Thakur, Kristina Stepanova, Inga Kudinavičiūtė-Michailovienė	Beta 1
09:30–15:30	WG: Child Maltreatment Data Collection Chairs: Franziska Meinck, Andreas Jud, Paulina Želvienė	Zeta 1
10:30–11:30	Coffee break	Lobby
12:00–13:00	Lunch	Lobby
13:00–16:30	WG: Multidisciplinary Collaborative Response Practice Chairs: Abbie Newman, Diahann Gordon Harris, Ieva Daniūnaitė, Linas Slušnys	Zeta 2
13:00–16:30	WG: Child Death Review Chairs: Fujiko Yamada, Vaidotas Gurskis	Gamma

MEETINGS

13:00–15:00	Side Meeting: Applying Safe Behaviours: Preventing and Responding to Peer Violence and Gender-Based Violence Amongst Vulnerable Children and Young People Regional Working Group on peer violence amongst children Chairs: Evelyn Vrouwenfelder, Florence Treyvaud Nemtsov	Tau
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MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2025

Time / Session / Room

08:30–09:00	OPENING CEREMONY	Plenary Hall Alfa
	<p>Abigail Casas-Muñoz Chair of the Board of ISPCAN 2025 Welcome to Members</p> <p>Pragathi Tummala CEO Introduction to ISPCAN 2025</p> <p>Edita Žiobienė Local Chair of ISPCAN 2025</p> <p>Greetings from Lithuanian State Officials: Juozas Olekas, the Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</p> <p>“Save the Children” Project Introduction</p>	
09:00–09:30	KEYNOTE SESSION 01—Agnes von Maravić Children’s rights during war—Voices of children of Ukraine Keynote Speaker: Agnes von Maravić Chair: Roma Jusienė	Plenary Hall Alfa
09:30–10:00	KEYNOTE SESSION 02—Rimantas Kėvalas Helping abused children: Changes and challenges Keynote Speaker: Rimantas Kėvalas Chair: Roma Jusienė	Plenary Hall Alfa
10:00–10:30	Coffee break & Poster viewing	Lobby
Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services		
10:30–12:30	MASTER CLASS MS 001 The ISPCAN huddle: A model for case-based, multidisciplinary collaboration Speaker: Antonia Chiesa Chair: Abigail Casas-Muñoz	Plenary Hall Alfa
11:30–12:30	WORKSHOP WS 008 The Journey of Handling Child Sexual Abuse in Saudi Arabia from Social, Medical and Legal Speaker: Hanan Alshaikh Chair: Laura Milčienė	Zeta 2

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 01

Gamma

Balancing justice, support and well-being in child abuse and neglect cases: best practices for effective collaborative integration of legal, child rights protection and support systems, interdisciplinary and multi-agency collaboration models, etc.

Chair: Agnė Marčiukaitienė

O 001: Understanding non-compulsory arrangements in the accommodation of children and young people: The influence and interpretation of legal principles

Robert Porter

O 002: A qualitative study of multidisciplinary team decision-making in recurrent child abuse and neglect cases: Taking a systems approach

Cassidy Biener

O 003: Congregate Care and Risk of Delinquency: A Reexamination Accounting For Preexisting Youth Behavioral Risk

Dylan Jones

Discussion

O 004: Child maltreatment risk and service responses during and after COVID-19: A mixed-methods study

Liwei Zhang

O 005: “It’s respect and trust in each other’s expertise” Successful collaboration in cases of violence against children. Insights from an ethnographic evaluation of the Barnhaus model in Germany

Rosemarie Schwenker

O 006: The First 72 hours after Child Sexual Assault: Reporting Children, Young People and Mother’s experiences of police, hospital and psychosocial care

Caroline Whitehouse

Discussion

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 02

Eta

Children in family crises (violence, abuse, maltreatment, divorces, etc.)

Chair: Franziska Meinck

O 007: What are the mechanisms underpinning intergenerational transmission of violence perpetration? A realist review

Franziska Meinck

O 008: Managing safeguarding concerns in children after adoption or in kinship care

Julie Taylor

O 009: Constructions of parenting in highly conflictual divorces: Improving support by understanding parents’ experiences and representations

Silvia Fargion

Discussion

O 010: Are child brides and orphaned girls who are affected by drought at higher risk of violence exposure? Findings from the Violence Against Children Surveys in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Lesotho

Bothaina Eltigani

O 011: Protecting Children and Preventing Child-Family Separation in Emergency Contexts: The Case of Lebanon

Joumana S Yeretian

O 094: What are the mechanisms underpinning intergenerational transmission of violence victimisation? A realist review

Mengyao Lu

Discussion

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

10:30–11:30	WORKSHOP WS 001 Implementing the Child’s Access to Justice: Critical Review of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, General Comment 27 Speaker: Tom Rawlings Chair: Diahann Gordon Harrison	Beta 1
10:30–11:30	WORKSHOP WS 002 Case reports unlocked: Applying RAG-Prompting methods and large language models to advance research on child maltreatment Speaker: Dragan Stoll Chair: Lisa Ann Thompson	Beta 2
10:30–11:30	WORKSHOP WS 003 Addressing complex overlapping mental health and developmental consequences of adversity with the Hope for Children and Families program, a library of effective forms of intervention Speaker: Arnon Bentovim Chair: Maria Roth	Zeta 1
11:30–12:30	WORKSHOP WS 005 Amal for Children: Using animation sessions to help those working with children and young people who have suffered trauma, depression or anxiety having been displaced from their home through conflict Speaker: Jenny Gray Chair: Diahann Gordon Harrison	Beta 1
11:30–12:30	WORKSHOP WS 006 From data to action: Implementing the embedded researcher model to improve child and family outcomes Speaker: Bengianni Halil-Pizzirani Chair: Lisa Ann Thompson	Beta 2

11:30–12:30

WORKSHOP WS 007

Zeta 1

Advancing the understanding and application of implementation science to scale and sustain violence against children prevention in low- and middle-income countries

Speaker: Kathryn Falb

Chair: Maria Roth

Safeguarding children through education and prevention

10:30–11:30

WORKSHOP WS 004

Zeta 2

Catch them young: A preventative model for raising responsible boys and promoting emotional well-being to counter toxic masculinity and gender-based violences

Speaker: Rohit Pahade

Chair: Laura Milčienė

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 03

Epsilon

Adverse childhood experiences

Chair: Shanta Dube

O 013: Sibling victimization in Canada: Associations between adverse childhood experiences, substance use, and self-rated physical and mental health

Lauren Macgowan

O 014: Household challenges adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and poor health and substance use outcomes in Canada

Samantha Salmon

O 015: The Effect of the Co-occurrences of Different Forms of Childhood Abuse

Faustas Antanitis

O 016: The impact of climate change on child exploitation risks: insights from pastoralist communities along the Kenya-Ethiopia border

Isabella Lanza Turner

O 017: Salivary cortisol & child abuse and neglect: Clinical profile of more than 100 cases

Elita Zamperetti

O 018: Patterns of poly-victimisation: Risk profiles and co-occurrence of online and offline child maltreatment

Katrin Chauviré-Geib

O 019: Exploring prosocial and aggressive behavior between siblings exposed and not exposed to intimate partner violence

Caroline Piotrowski

Discussion

12:30–13:30

Side meeting: ISPCAN NEXT Lunch

Delta

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 01

Plenary Hall Alfa

What does it take to achieve transformational change? Learning from Scotland's Children's Services Reform Research study

Chair: Heather Ottaway

S 001: Micky Anderson

S 002: Nadine Fowler

S 003: Alexander Mctier

S 004: Robert Porter

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 07

Eta

Circle of support for child and family and accountability of stake holders

Chair: Catherine Mbengue

O 033: Help-seeking behavior among adolescent girls is hindered by low awareness, stigma, and mistrust. Culturally relevant, evidence-based services are vital to curb childhood sexual violence in Uganda

Linda Kairaba

O 034: Child protection in de facto countries and the challenges of accessing local and international protection mechanisms: An example from Northern Cyprus

Can Azer

Discussion

O 035: Family workers' involvement with children from the perspective of parents and children

Anu-Riina Svenlin

O 036: Clashing Realities: Perspectives of Ugandan children and caregivers on the definition of a child. Implications for child protection programming

Alex Alinaitwe

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 02

Beta 2

Empowering trauma-exposed children & families: Strategies and examples from barnahus, primary care, foster care, and trauma therapy settings

Chair: Brooks Keeshin

S 005: Brooks Keeshin

S 006: Lindsay Abdulahad

S 007: Shannon Chaplo

S 008: Heather Forkey

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 06

Gamma

Children's ethical, safe and meaningful participation in research

Chair: Maryam Ehsani

O 028: Fostering child agency for child protection: Insights from Uganda's engaged scholarship

Timothy Opobo

O 029: Inclusion of young children in violence research: Findings from a high-income context & implications regarding ethics review and gatekeeping around young children's participation

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen

O 030: Conducting ethical research violence research with young children: Key considerations and takeaways from methodology and engagement

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen

O 031: Through youthful eyes: Exploring the perception of parental medical neglect among Palestinian youth of East Jerusalem

Mayada Karjawally

O 032: Evaluation of independent children's advocates in Japan: Insights from children's perceptions in a quantitative study

Satomi Eidome

Discussion

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 03

Zeta 1

Parenting in Crisis: Strengthening Parents to Protect Children in An Age of Increasing Wars, Displacements, and Crises

Chair: Sydney Tucker

S 009: Stephanie Eagling-Peche

S 010: Nicole Baldonado

S 011: Sydney Tucker

S 012: Camilla Fabbri

S 013: Francisco Calderon

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 04

Epsilon

Municipal Child Welfare Managers' Access to and Use of Management Information

Chair: Erik Skjeggstad

S 014: Svein Arild Vis

S 015: Torill Moe

S 016: Heidi Linnerud

S 017: Gro Sannes

S 018: Erik Skjeggstad

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 04

Beta 1

Prevention: primary (before happening), secondary (early detection and treatment), tertiary (preventing replication)

Chair: Andreas Jud

O 020: Save PEPFAR! Lessons learned from 5 years of working with PEPFAR partners to scale evidence-based child sexual violence prevention in 12 countries

Kirk Friedrich

O 021: Nurturing community ownership and children's sense of protection: Cross country learnings from a Community-led Child Protection Approach

Juan Castellanos

Discussion

O 022: Together for Childhood: A place-based community approach to the prevention of child abuse in the UK

Kandazi Sisyá

O 023: Social scope: A data-driven approach to benchmarking and continuous improvement in the social and family welfare sector

Bengianni Halil-Pizzirani

Discussion

Child safety in a digital environment

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 05

Zeta 2

Research questions, solutions and studies to understand and anticipate harms

Chair: Ugnė Klingerė

O 024: What drives online child sexual abuse offending? Results from an anonymous survey of online offenders to understand motivations, facilitators, situational factors, and barriers

Tegan Insoll

O 025: Problematic media use in preschool children: Investigation of correlations with parental stress and problematic media use by parents and testing of a short questionnaire for early detection

Silke Pawils

Discussion

O 026: The correlation between high parental conflict, experiences of abuse of parents, with social isolation and digital addiction of adolescents

Olivia Pagano

O 027: What organisations owe to young people in online youth councils: A case study from Australia

Oliver White

Discussion

15:00–15:30

Coffee break & Poster viewing

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 05

Plenary Hall Alfa

From childhood to early adulthood: Understanding trauma and adaptation of justice-involved youth and young adults

Chair: Anne-Marie Ducharme
S 019: Catherine Laurier
S 020: Anne-Marie Ducharme
S 021: Isabelle F.-Dufour
S 022: Mathilde Moffet-Bourassa
S 023: Julie Marcotte

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 07

Zeta 2

Beyond The Binary: Holistic Longitudinal Approaches to the Lives and Mental Health and Educational Outcomes of Care-experienced Children and Young People

Chair: Laura Cowley
S 029: Bethan Carter
S 030: Emily Lowthian
S 031: Robert Porter
S 032: Lisa Holmes

Child safety in a digital environment

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 08

Beta 1

Child's exploitation online (AI, child trafficking, grooming, sextortion, etc.)

Chair: Neringa Grigutyte

O 037: deSHAME Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro: Harmful contacts and Self-generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (SG-CSAM) among high school students

Lucija Vejmelka

O 038: Integrating prevention of online sexual abuse into national parenting programs

Shallen Lusinga

O 039: VOICE-Identity: Navigating intersectionality in tech-facilitated sexual exploitation of children

Isabella Lanza Turner

O 040: The growing threat of artificial intelligence-generated image-based child sexual abuse: Difficulties in combatting and preventing its online dissemination

Anthony Minnaar

O 041: Presentation of research findings and program implementation: Preventing sexual violence by working with children and youth who have exhibited harmful behaviors in disadvantaged contexts

José Fernando García

Discussion

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 09

Beta 2

The intersection between systems: Roles, responsibilities, barriers and solutions

Chair: Inga Kudinavičiūtė-Michailovienė

O 042: National protocol for responding to cases of child sexual abuse in Greece

Georgios Nikolaidis

O 043: The Case for a Statutory Child Death Review Mechanism in Ireland

Colm Leonard

Discussion

O 044: Understanding the role of the third sector in providing the support that children, young people and families need: Lessons from the Children's Services Reform Research study

Nadine Fowler

O 045: Social and legal interactions in child welfare: the challenges of professional cohabitation

Doris Chateauneuf

Discussion

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 06

Zeta 1

Implementation Science and the Formation of a Differential Response System

Chair: Anita Barbee

S 024: John Fluke

S 025: Andreana Bridges

S 026: Becky Antle

S 027: John Fluke

S 028: Gabriel Otterman

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 012

Epsilon

Research gaps and challenges

Chair: Fujiko Yamada

O 055: Is it better to leave, or worse to stay? Examining child welfare worker wellbeing and intent to leave

Kristen Lwin

O 056: Power and control dynamics in U.S. domestic sex trafficking of youth and young adults: The cycle of objectification, fragmentation, and consumption

Linda-Jeanne Mack on behalf on Allison Howard

Discussion

O 057: Exploring the Link between Child Welfare Worker Wellbeing and Organizational Influences in Ontario, Canada

Kristen Lwin

O 058: Child abuse and perceived need for care and help-seeking behaviours in Canada and the potential moderating effects of sex and sexual identity

Ashley Stewart-Tufescu

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 010

Gamma

Ensuring the rights, needs and well-being of child victim, witness (seeing, hearing, understanding, recognizing, responding, guiding)

Chair: Barbara Fallon

O 046: Creating a tool to capture the experiences of children and young people who have been engaged with the criminal justice system following sexual abuse in the UK

Sara Lakin

O 047: Exploring the Ontario child welfare system's response to exposure to intimate partner violence: Factors influencing child protection decisions

Barbara Fallon

O 048: Exploring care leavers' perspectives on state intervention in family life: A pilot study on out-of-home placement decisions

Diletta Mauri

O 049: Beyond basic needs: Empowering survivors of childhood sexual violence through holistic interventions

Maria Ndibalekera

O 050: Children learn their rights through the Storyline

Artemis Papadimitriou

Discussion

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 011

Eta

Extra-vulnerable groups: Children in foster care, LGBTQI+, children with disabilities, special needs, minority groups, street children, children on the move, runaway, etc.

Chair: Rocco Briganti

O 051: Insights from Child Helpline Data on the needs of nonbinary children and young people around mental health and violence

Anastasia Shuster

O 052: RESPIRO—Breath—Supporting Special Orphan—victims of domestic violence and femicide

Rocco Briganti

Discussion

O 053: Recognising and supporting children with disabilities in Victoria's foster care system

Madeleine Dowling

O 054: Unpacking constraints and enablers of disability inclusion in universal parenting programmes to reduce violence against children and improve early childhood development in Uganda

Aya Fujita

Discussion

17:00–18:30

Welcome reception

Lobby

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2025

Time / Session / Room

08:00–08:30 **KEYNOTE SESSION 03—Richard Krugman** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
After a half century of effort, is it time for a “reboot”?
Keynote speaker: Richard Krugman
Chair: Abigail Casas-Munoz

08:30–09:00 **KEYNOTE SESSION 04—John Carr** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
A long and winding road: The internet and threats to children
Keynote Speaker: John Carr
Chair: Abigail Casas-Muñoz

Child safety in a digital environment

09:00–10:00 **ORALS O 013** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
Children preparedness to respond to risks (cyber bullying, sexting, etc.)
Chair: Rima Breidokienė

O 059: Building an evidence base for online safety education: An evaluation of the common sense media digital citizenship curriculum for middle school students
Lisa Jones

O 060: Young People’s Ideas to Respond to Peer-to-Peer Online Sexual Violence in Kenya, Albania and Canada
Kathleen Manion

O 061: Safeguarding children in the digital world through technology integrated tools and resources
Shalini Arvindan

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

09:00–10:00 **MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION MU 001** **Beta 1**
Co-designing, implementing and promoting an organizational ombuds approach for and with children in sensitive contexts: A journey on empowerment and social innovation
Speaker: Pierre Cazenave
Chair: Agnė Marčiukaitienė

09:00–10:00 **WORKSHOP WS 011** **Gamma**
Beyond tokenism: radical listening to young survivors of sexual violence on their vision for real systemic change. The value of meaningfully including child and youth survivors in societal research
Speaker: Karen Hand
Chair: Ugnė Klingerė

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 009

Bluestar Pretrial Support—Working in pre-trial therapy and support services with young people who have presented with harmful sexual behaviour

Speaker: Emma Harewood
Chair: Rimantas Kėvalas

Beta 2

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 012

Using direct and indirect advocacy strategies to improve outcomes for vulnerable young people in the child intervention and youth justice systems

Speaker: Terri Pelton
Chair: Diahann Gordon Harrison

Eta

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 010

Setting the Table: Concepts and Methods for Cross-National Comparisons of Child Maltreatment Administrative Data—Part I

Speaker: John Fluke
Chair: John Fluke

Zeta 1

Safeguarding children through education and prevention

09:00–10:00

ORALS O 014

Children in formal education settings

Chair: Ieva Daniunaite

O 062: Movement building to prevent violence against children: A case study of raising voices' opinion infrastructure

Hope Wambi

O 063: Love Bites: The principles, design, and outcomes of an Australian respectful relationships education program

Alice Dolin

O 064: The Effectiveness of the 'We Are Safe' Program: Improvement of Adolescents' Violence-Related Knowledge

Ieva Daniunaite

Discussion

Zeta 2

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

09:00–10:00

Orals O 015

Epsilon

Adverse childhood experiences

Chair: Agniete Kairyte

O 065: The Trajectory of Behavioral and Emotional Problems Among Children Experiencing Child Maltreatment: Early Childhood Experiences and Family Characteristics

Tzu-Hsin Huang

O 066: Traumatic Experiences, Dissociative Symptoms, Post-Traumatic Stress, and Cognitions of Lithuanian Children in Clinical and Non-Clinical Samples

Ugne Kundrotiene

O 067: The risk and resilience factors of trauma exposure and stress-related disorders: The findings of a large-scale longitudinal research project “Stress and Resilience in Adolescence” in Lithuania

Agniete Kairyte

Discussion

10:00–10:30

Coffee break & Poster viewing

Lobby

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

10:30–12:30

MASTER CLASS MS 002

Plenary Hall Alfa

Practical application of a trauma-informed, rights-based approach to working with children and families: Going beyond theory to implementation in challenging situations

Speaker: Jordan Greenbaum

Chair: Jordan Greenbaum

10:30–12:30

MASTER CLASS MS 003

Zeta 1

INSPIRE 7 Strategies to prevent violence against children; moving from Data to Action

Speaker: Stephanie Burrows

Chair: Rimantas Kėvalas

10:30–11:30

WORKSHOP WS 014

Zeta 2

Bridging research gaps in childhood sexual violence prevention: Unlocking the power of practice-based knowledge

Speaker: Arti Mohan

Chair: Kristina Stepanova

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 16

Beta 2

Prevention: primary (before happening), secondary (early detection and treatment), tertiary (preventing replication)

Chair: Jamie Lachman

O 068: Evaluation of a school-based child sexual abuse prevention program: Preliminary results from a rigorous evaluation study of the Healthy Relationships Project in Washington, DC, USA

Beth Molnar

O 069: Building hope and protecting children in crisis: Randomised controlled trial results of a psychosocial, mental health, parenting, and violence prevention support group among Ukrainian families

Sydney Tucker

O 151: Child maltreatment in Italy: The National updated research (2023) on the phenomenon by Cismai and Terre des Hommes Italia

Rocco Briganti

Discussion

O 071: The virtual reality intervention to stop parental emotional child maltreatment—results from pilots with professionals

Pia Keiski

O 072: Scaling digital parenting support to prevent violence against children: A large-scale randomised controlled trial of Parenting for Lifelong Health's ParentText chatbot in South Africa

Jamie Lachman

O 073: Building capacity for trauma-informed practice across child protective, law enforcement, and health services to realise the vision of Barnahus Ireland

Maria Lotty

Discussion

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

10:30–11:30

WORKSHOP WS 013

Beta 1

Balancing justice, support and well-being in child abuse and neglect cases: best practices for effective collaborative integration of legal, child rights protection and support systems, interdisciplinary and multi-agency collaboration models, etc.

Chair: Myriam Caranzano-Maitre

Developing an interprofessional education activity to promote equitable mandated reporting: Findings from a pilot

Speaker: Lacey Jenkins

Safeguarding children through education and prevention

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 17

Gamma

Children in formal education settings

Chair: Fujiko Yamada

O 074: Child protection training matters: Training quality and mode of delivery impact the work of Designated Liaison Persons in Irish primary schools

Mia Treacy

O 075: Training professionals in participatory practices for supporting care leavers

Elisabetta Biffi

O 076: Breaking the cycle: How cultural norms perpetuate violence against children in schools—A case of Pastoral Karamoja in Uganda

Timothy Opobo

Discussion

O 077: Strengthening child protection through the whole school approach: Informing national guidelines on school safety

Sabrina Majikata

O 078: Understanding educational neglect using data from the Ontario Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect

Barbara Fallon

O 079: Adapting the Good School Toolkit Agile (GST Agile) for scale up in Ugandan schools

Hassan Muluusi Tinkamanyire

Discussion

11:30–12:30

WORKSHOP WS 016

Zeta 2

The development and implementation of preservation programming into child welfare is critical to evolving reactive responses to substance usage into the preservation of substance-affected families

Speaker: Melissa Wilkinson

Chair: Kristina Stepanova

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 18

Eta

Mental health outcomes in survivors of violence (addictions, self-harm, etc.)

Chair: Brooks Keeshin

O 080: Pathways through which violence against mothers and children effect mental health of children in adolescence: Analysis of MINIMat longitudinal cohort data from rural Bangladesh (2001–2020)

Ruchira Tabassum Naved

O 081: Symptom structure and correlates of PTSD for a child welfare sample in Singapore: A cross-cultural validation study

Xiang Ling Ong

O 082: Complex trauma of young mothers formerly in care: How do functioning disruptions evolve through their motherhood experience?

Madeleine Prévost-Lemire

Discussion

O 083: Children's experiences of, feelings on, and mental health associations with violence: A quantitative study from a sample of young children and adolescents in South Africa

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen

O 084: The association between spanking and subjective well-being, self-rated health, and alcohol and drug use among generational cohorts in Canada

Lauren Macgowan

O 085: Psychological and Emotional Harms of Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in children under the age of 18: A Systematic Review of the Evidence

Sabrina Page

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 19

Epsilon

Extra-vulnerable groups: Children in foster care, LGBTQI+, children with disabilities, special needs, minority groups, street children, children on the move, runaway, etc.

Chair: Kevin Lalor

O 086: Caring for aboriginal children with disabilities in out of home care: The needs and perspectives of Aboriginal Kinship carers

Jocelyn Jones

O 087: Early childhood care and education of children of prisoners living inside the prison

Anukriti Sharma

O 088: Immigration is Trauma: Societal and political responses to immigration can ameliorate or exacerbate the trauma experience for children on the move. How should stakeholders intervene?

Ron Gutierrez

Discussion

O 089: Identity crisis, coping strategies, and help-seeking among Arab-Palestinian adolescents in Israel amid the ongoing war since October 7, 2023

Hanin Mordi

O 090: Empowering collaborative and cooperative skills of children living in care: Qualitative insights from a community music program

Yiannis Litos

O 091: Implementing diversity-oriented collaborative care model in child welfare: A practical approach

Sayed Mawismi Sayed Mohamad Mustar

Discussion

11:30–12:30

WORKSHOP WS 015

How to ethically, safely and meaningfully co-design research with children: tips and tricks from a child rights organisation

Speaker: Kimberley Anderson

Chair: Myriam Caranzano-Maitre

Beta 1

Side meetings

10:30–13:30

Precision in Prevention: Advancing the Science of Outcome Measurement in Child Sexual Violence Prevention

co-hosted by SVRI and the Oak Foundation

Theta

12:30–13:30

Side meeting: ISPCAN Country Partners Lunch

Delta

12:30–13:30

Lunch Break & Poster viewing

Lobby

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 08

Understanding the intergenerational transmission of violence: a three-generational mixed-methods longitudinal study in South Africa

Chair: Franziska Meinck

S 033: Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen

S 034: Mpho Silima

S 035: Nicola Christofides

S 036: Franziska Meinck

S 037: Christina Thurston

Plenary Hall Alfa

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 11

Filicide associated with parental alienation claims in family courts

Chair: David Corwin

S 050: Jean Mercer

S 051: Leah Moses

S 052: Sonja Ayeb-Karlsson

Eta

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 20

Beta 1

Children in family crises (violence, abuse, maltreatment, divorces, etc.)

Chair: Roberta Avramenko

O 092: Parental conflict and adolescents' bullying perpetration: A moderated mediation model of mental health problems and teacher support

Keyu Chen

O 093: Clashing realities: Parental roles in violence against children—Insights from Uganda's SAUTI 116 Child Helpline Data 2021–2024

Maria Ndibalekera

O 095: Meeting families where they are: building trust and resilience in rural areas of Lithuania through Multidimensional Family Therapy

Roberta Avramenko

O 096: The best interests of the child: An empirical study on the effectiveness of co-parenting support group for divorced/separated families in Taiwan

Ting-Yu Cheng

O 012: Bridging service gaps and overcoming coordination challenges: A holistic child protection case management model for family reintegration in Kenya

Beatrice Nyakwaka Ogutu

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 09

Beta 2

Voices of survivors of child maltreatment: A multi-country contribution to research on childhood violence

Chair: Maria Roth

S 038: Shiran Reichenberg

S 039: Eva Laszlo

S 040: Wafaa Sowan

S 041: Imola Antal

S 042: Aikaterini Kyriakou

S 044: Pia Rockhold

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 22

Gamma

Realizing the right to participate and be heard for child victim/survivor

Chair: Julija Eidukevičiūtė

O 102: The challenge of ensuring the best interests of the child: "I didn't believe that somewhere I could live safely"

Julija Eidukevičiūtė

O 103: Including children and young people in decisions about their own safety with Family Group Conferencing

Lorna Stabler

O 104: Co-designing the foster care journey with diverse expertise and evidence

Melissa Kaltner

O 105: The Generational Context of Child Maltreatment: Children's Perceptions of Physical and Emotional Abuse

Ayelet Noam Rosenthal

O 106: Bridging the Gaps: Building intersectoral approaches in health and social services for adolescent mothers in violent contexts

Janina Jochim

Discussion

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 10

School-based interventions to address violence against children

Chair: Tobias Hecker

S 045: Tobias Hecker

S 046: Janella Nelson

S 047: Helen Baker-Henningham

S 048: Florian Scharpf

S 049: Shanaaz Mathews

Zeta 2

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 21

Prevention: primary (before happening), secondary (early detection and treatment), tertiary (preventing replication)

Chair: Abigail Casas-Muñoz

O 097: Disclosure of child physical abuse: A comparative study on prevalence and disclosure patterns in Switzerland and Vietnam

Meret Sophie Wallimann

O 098: Combining attachment- and trauma informed therapy for young children and their parents after intimate partner violence

Willemien Van den Dorpel

O 099: A U.S. early childhood mental health intervention: Strengthening protective factors for prevention

Rebecca Gomez

O 100: Building preventative communities: A place-based approach to the prevention of child sexual abuse

Kandazi Sisyá

O 101: Strategies for Improving Retention in Casework: Recommendations Based on a Systematic Review of the Literature

Charles Jacob

Zeta 1

Discussion

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 23

Research gaps and challenges

Chair: Monika Kvedaraitė

O 107: Developing a practice-based research agenda on child exploitation

Kimberley Anderson, Sabrina Page

O 108: Review of extreme child abuse and violence cases across decades

Rainer Hermann Kurz

O 109: The role of Kinship Care as a pathway to prevent and respond to the risk of Violence Against Children

Blessing Kumbirai Mutama

O 110: Improving collaboration and knowledge-sharing to address adolescent violence in the home in Australia

Vivienne Interrigi

O 111: Establishing a minimum dataset for child and youth advocacy centres in a Canadian province

Janine Elenko

Discussion

Epsilon

15:00–15:30

Coffee break & Poster viewing

Lobby

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 12

Empowering newcomer families: A 10-year journey from shared insights on unmet parental needs from diverse stakeholders to an evidence-based program to prevent child maltreatment

Chair: Sarah Dufour

S 053: Sarah Dufour

S 054: Chantal Lavergne

S 055: Isabelle Laurin

S 056: Laurent Bélanger

Plenary Hall Alfa

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 13

Understanding the Global Prevalence and Nature of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA) through Data Indicators

Chair: Elena Martellozzo

S 057: Mengyao Lu

S 058: Sabrina Page

S 059: Diala Nseir

S 060: Elena Martellozzo

Beta 2

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 14

A strategy that works: How Family Resource Centers around the world prevent child abuse and neglect

Chair: Andrew Russo

S 061: Fergal Landy

S 062: Ellen Duggan

S 063: Maria Kruse

S 064: Martina Larsson

Zeta 1

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 25

Zeta 2

Quality improvement, system change, and capacity building in child protective services systems

Chair: Abbie Newman

O 117: Exploring the space between child welfare reform and abolition

Jennifer Hedges

O 119: Examining the influences of Child Welfare Worker and Organizational Characteristics on decision making

Kristen Lwin

O 120: Uneven Landscapes: Exploring the Nonlinear Relationship Between Child Population Density and Child Protection Involvement in Canada

Tonino Esposito

O 121: The FAIR system for child maltreatment substantiation determinations: An evaluation of Alaska's statewide implementation

Amy Smith Slep

Discussion

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 24

Beta 1

Other short and long term outcomes of violence and abuse (health, socioeconomic, etc.)

Chair: Svein Arild Vis

O 112: Disentangling the harmful effects of psychological maltreatment: Contributions of the dimensional model of adversity and psychopathology

Meret Sophie Wallimann

O 113: Prevalence of Mental, Behavioral, and Developmental Disorders among Children Involved in Child Protective Services in the U.S.

Tzu-Hsin Huang

O 114: Flourishing in early adulthood among victimised children: A longitudinal cohort study

Flora Blangis

O 115: Gender gap in subjective well-being (SWB) outcomes among adolescents with a history of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in Canada

Ana Osorio

O 116: Long-term neurological consequences of paediatric traumatic brain injury and abusive head trauma: A systematic review

Michelle Stadelhofer

Discussion

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 27

Eta

Understanding the impact of different forms of violence and abuse on child and family—the role of the interdisciplinary approach

Chair: Jordan Greenbaum

O 126: The role of alexithymia on facial mimicry and a history of maltreatment

Marguerite Martel

O 127: Beyond Comorbidity: A Syndemic Analysis of Intimate Partner Violence, Mental Health, and HIV and their influence on parental use of violence among women in South Africa

Mpho Silima

O 128: A multidisciplinary, longitudinal follow-up clinic for abusive head trauma

Antonia Chiesa

O 129: Effects of timing and chronicity of child maltreatment on adolescent health outcomes in Taiwan: A nationally representative longitudinal study

Jui-Ying Feng

O 130: Understanding Medical Neglect in Children: Risks, Challenges, and Interventions

Hanan Alshaikh

Discussion

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 26

Gamma

The intersection between systems: Roles, responsibilities, barriers and solutions

Chair: Tufail Muhammad

O 122: Navigating the Blame Game: Media Reporting on the Belgrade School Shooting and Its Implications for Intersectoral Cooperation

Luka Stanić

O 123: Not a straight line: Influences on institutional commitment to a multi-agency response to child sexual abuse in Perth, Western Australia

James Herbert

Discussion

O 125: Voluntary departures of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors from reception facilities In Italy: The role of social work

Anna Dal Ben

Discussion

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 28

Collaboration of sectors and building capacity of child protective services, law enforcement and other systems

Chair: Catherine Mbengue

O 131: The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child protection services through the lens of administrative data: A systematic review

Nicole Eicher

O 132: Integrating health systems for children in out-of-home care in rural Australia

Corina Modderman

Discussion

O 133: Examining disclosure of childhood sexual abuse via a social model: Interrogating resilience, vulnerability, and the role of the state

Joseph Mooney

O 134: Comparative study of barriers and enablers for delivering and accessing health and social care services for children who experienced maltreatment in Denmark, France, and Wales

Ulugbek Nurmatov

Discussion

Epsilon

18:30–20:30

Networking Event

Senatoriu
Pasazas

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2025

Time / Session / Room

08:00–08:30 **KEYNOTE SESSION 05—Jeremy Shiffman** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
National priority for and capacity to address child sexual abuse: Findings from a six-country research project
Keynote Speaker: Jeremy Shiffman
Chair: Abigail Casas-Muñoz

08:30–09:00 **KEYNOTE SESSION 06—Jennie Noll** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
Preventing and addressing child abuse in this age of shrinking resources and support; A message of HOPE through science
Keynote Speaker: Jennie Noll
Chair: Roma Jusienė

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

09:00–10:00 **WORKSHOP WS 017** **Plenary Hall Alfa**
The non-clinician's guide to teaching coping skills to trauma-exposed children and families: Practical strategies from the Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPM-PTS)
Speaker: Brooks Keeshin
Chair: Brooks Keeshin

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

09:00–10:00 **WORKSHOP WS 018** **Beta 1**
Child torture, a new arm of child abuse, with little science on tortured children within a family unit. Criteria development for recognition and early intervention is critical to save lives
Speaker: Lisa Wahl
Chair: Jorūnė Vyšniauskytė-Rimkienė

09:00–10:00 **ORALS O 30** **Epsilon**
Collaboration of sectors and building capacity of child protective services, law enforcement and other systems
Chair: Virginija Klimukienė

O 138: Beyond the prison visit: What children of incarcerated parents tell us about their safeguarding needs?
Virginija Klimukienė

O 139: Teachers' decision-making processes in cases of alleged child abuse and neglect
Eran Melkman

O 140: Rehabilitation of Children in Need of Care and Protection through Aftercare: Experience of Children from New Delhi, India

Anukriti Sharma

Discussion

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 019

Setting the Table: Concepts and Methods for Cross-National Comparisons of Child Maltreatment Administrative Data—Part II

Speaker: John Fluke

Chair: John Fluke

Beta 2

Child safety in a digital environment

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 020

From reactive to proactive: The parenting upgrade every digital-age family needs

Speaker: Nusrat Khan

Chair: Rima Breidokienė

Zeta 1

09:00–10:00

WORKSHOP WS 021

Multidisciplinary response for the specific needs of children after Online child sexual abuse

Speaker: Sibylle Maria Winter

Chair: Ieva Daniunaite

Zeta 2

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

09:00–10:00

MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION MU 002

Exploring and developing the need for a widely adopted and accessible public health framework to address child sexual abuse in the UK

Speaker: Pat Branigan

Chair: Myriam Caranzano-Maitre

Gamma

09:00–10:00

ORALS O 29

Innovative, effective and evidence-based solutions to mental health and other outcomes of violence and abuse

Chair: Paulina Želvienė

Eta

O 135: Building resilience and family violence prevention: A digital mindfulness coaching platform for caregivers

Yi-Ting Chen

O 136: Impact of guaranteed income for young adults aging out of foster care

Bridgette Lery

O 137: Creating a Continuum of Recovery: A Cross-European Study of Barnahus Therapeutic Models for Child Sexual Abuse Victims

Emma Harewood

Discussion

10:00–10:30

Coffee break & Poster viewing

Lobby

Safeguarding children through education and prevention

10:30–12:30

MASTER CLASS MS 004

Plenary Hall Alfa

Scaling Up Parenting Interventions: A Practical Framework from WHO's Handbook for Decision-makers and Implementers

Speaker: Saara Thakur

Chair: Roma Jusienė

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 35

Epsilon

Safeguarding—Parenting and scale up of prevention programs

Chair: Laura Milčienė

O 165: Accelerated integrated solutions achieving better outcomes for children and families: A case study of combining parenting, cash transfers, and nutrition in Kilifi Kenya

Moureen Ochieng

O 166: Lack of recommendations for the management of crying infants received by women who gave birth in France: Frequency and determinants in a national population-based study

Martin Chalumeau

O 167: Strengthening family well-being to proactively prevent violence: innovative practices and outcomes

Yi-Ting Chen

O 168: Child sexual abuse: Training needs of school teachers for preventive education program

Nabiha Fatima

O 169: Implementation and process evaluation findings from a pilot feasibility study testing an adapted family-focused intervention for adolescents and their caregivers

Swetha Sampathkumar

O 170: Adapting, implementing and evaluating psychosocial, mental health, and violence prevention programming in crisis settings: Insights from the Hope Groups model

Nicole Baldonado

O 171: Adapting the ISPCAN collaborative response framework for child sexual abuse in the Palestinian communities in Israel: Initial insights

Afnan Attrash-Najjar

Discussion

Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

10:30–11:30

WORKSHOP WS 022

Beta 2

The Safeguarding Together Network, a rigorous process, fosters collaboration, accountability, and sustainability. It equips practitioners with tools to create rigorous, adaptive, long-term solutions

Speaker: Avi Versanov
Chair: Ulugbek Nurmatov

Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 31

Beta 1

Examining the structures in place for child protective services system efficiency and effectiveness (government, NGOs, UN, etc.)

Chair: Lori Frasier

O 141: A multi-stage collaboration journey: Scaling evidence-based parenting programmes embedded within the public health system in Thailand
Amalee Mccoy

O 142: Rethinking Child Protection Outcomes for Children and Families: Trends and Reform Insights from System Responsiveness Index Analysis
Melissa Kaltner

O 143: “I’m not being a social worker to the children; I’m being a social worker to the files.” Tackling administrative burden in South African child protection services using a mixed methods study
Julie Orme

Discussion

O 144: Shining a light on an effective Reunification Service- Connecting Families in South Australia has been operating for over 20 years and consistently achieves successful, safe Reunifications
Sally Rhodes

O 145: “Without them, many children would suffer in silence”—The role of Child Protection Volunteers in strengthening child safeguarding systems in Kwale County, Kenya. A qualitative study
Norah Kathambi

O 146: Evaluation of youth center program conducted with children at risk of being involved in the justice system: Youth Re-autonomy Foundation of Turkey
Dilek Celik

Discussion

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 32

Zeta 1

Prevention: primary (before happening), secondary (early detection and treatment), tertiary (preventing replication)

Chair: Tracie Afifi

O 147: Child neglect- parental factors versus environmental factors. The importance of communities and collaboration

Frances Gunn

O 148: The provision of material assistance as an important component of child welfare prevention efforts

Barbara Fallon

O 149: Policing Intimate Partner Violence: Curbing Abuse or Shifting it?

Smriti Ganapathi

Discussion

O 150: Understanding current practices in the prevention of Child Sexual Abuse: Findings from two scoping reviews,

Kieran Mccartan

O 070: DON'T SHAKE THE BABY! First study on the cases of children victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome (AHT) in Italy

Federica Giannotta

O 152: Prevalence and beliefs about spanking in Canada

Tracie Afifi

Discussion

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 33

Gamma

Measurement (tools and instruments, prevalence and epidemiology, etc.)

Chair: Troels Græsholt-Knudsen

O 153: Rethinking Violence Against Children: Moving Beyond Monolithic Constructs to a Behavior-Specific Approach

Sophia Backhaus

O 154: Cultural adaptation and validation of the ICAST-R questionnaire on child maltreatment

Troels Græsholt-Knudsen

O 155: Developing an instrument for systematic identification of dental neglect in children and adolescents: A Delphi study

Adrienne Alayli

O 156: Child abuse and mental health outcomes in Canada and the potential moderating effects of physical health, sex, and sexual identity

Julie-Anne McCarthy

O 157: Pathways through which violence against women and violence against children influence self-harm among children

Ruchira Tabassum Naved

O 158: Building the practice-research bridge: Integrating trauma- and violence-informed principles into research with young people

Melissa Kimber

Discussion

10:30–12:30

ORALS O 34

Reporting, surveillance, evaluation of programs and outcome measurements

Chair: Kevin Lalor

Eta

O 159: When states can't: Protection from child sexual abuse beyond state capacity and will

Sacha Bechara

O 160: Reclaiming childhood and recovery. A case of a restorative approach to survivors of childhood sexual violence in a resource-constrained setting in Uganda code-named the 3RT model

Maria Ndibalekera

O 161: Environmental exposure to drugs and chemicals (chemical abuse) in 0 to 4 age victims: Clinical experience on more than 150 cases of a hospital-based CAN unit in Italy

Elita Zamperetti

Discussion

O 162: Exploring the longer-term impacts of the gender-transformative Bandebereho intervention on positive parenting, violence prevention, and child development outcomes: a six-year follow-up to an RCT

Ruti Levtov

O 163: An evaluation of the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting, a child protection and family support initiative of the Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority in the United Arab Emirates

Ashley Stewart-Tufescu

O 164: Evaluating Early Intervention Models: Reducing out-of-home care and child protection involvement

David Poynter

Discussion

11:30–12:30

WORKSHOP WS 023

Concepts of Systematic Reviews and Evidence Synthesis in CAN ISPCAN 2025 Congress Vilnius, Lithuania, 6–9 October 2025

Speaker: Ulugbek Nurmatov

Beta 2

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

10:30–12:30	MASTER CLASS MS 005 How to work with non-offending parents/carers of children who have experienced sexual abuse, to enable them to better support themselves and their child Speaker: Candice Harris Chair: Jenny Gray	Zeta 2
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Side meetings

10:30–12:30	It's time we talked—about preventing pornography's harms to children	Theta
12:30–13:30	Side meeting: Working Group Lunch— The Intersection of Schools and Child Protection	Iota
12:30–13:30	Lunch break & Poster viewing	Lobby

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

13:30–15:00	SYMPOSIUM 15 The hidden costs of childhood adversity and emotional violence: Global evidence and pathways to resilience Chair: Elizabeth Perry S 065: Xiangming Fang S 066: Janina Jochim S 067: Shanta Dube S 068: Franziska Meinck S 069: Elizabeth Perry	Plenary Hall Alfa
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13:30–15:00	SYMPOSIUM 17 Emerging findings on the 3-D Theory of Polyvictimization Chair: Clifton Emery S 074: Xiaoyuan Han S 075: Utku Beyazit S 076: Aynur Bütün Ayhan S 077: Kewen Wang S 078: Yiqiu Mia Huang S 079: Clifton Emery	Beta 2
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Child and Families lost between and within sectors and services

13:30–15:00	SYMPOSIUM 16 Whose Responsibility Is This? Interconnected and Contested Roles of Child Protection, Informal Networks, Education, and Health Care Systems Chair: Sarah Font S 070: Tenesha Littleton S 071: Lindsey Palmer S 072: Kierra Sattler S 073: Dylan Jones	Beta 1
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Evidence based approaches to prevent child abuse, neglect, and violence

13:30–15:00

SYMPOSIUM 18

Zeta 1

First Evaluation Results of Barnahus Model in Germany called “Childhood-Haus” (CHH)

Chair: Sibylle Maria Winter
S 080: Astrid Helling-Bakki
S 081: Freia de Bock
S 082: Gina-Melissa Semrau
S 083: Silke Pawils

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 36

Zeta 2

Measurement (tools and instruments, prevalence and epidemiology, etc.)

Chair: Monika Kvedaraitė

O 172: Virtual reality-based training for structured parent interviews to assess psychological child abuse: A prototype featuring onboarding, immersive VR training, and AI-driven feedback

Julia Quehenberger

O 174: Development and validation of the resistance to recruitment (R2R) scale: A novel measurement tool for prevention of child recruitment into armed groups in Central African Republic

Alexandra Blackwell

O 175: Early identification of child maltreatment in the context of family violence: Family-based computation of prevalence

Edward Chan

O 176: Child sexual abuse in Canada

Samantha Salmon

Discussion

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 37

Gamma

Prevention/education

Chair: Jorūnė Vyšniauskytė-Rimkienė

O 177: Preventing child maltreatment using a parenting support chatbot in routine health service delivery in South Africa: The SWIFT study of ParentText

Catherine Ward

O 178: Video Interaction Guidance (VIG): the use of technology to support positive parenting in social work

Olga Del Guercio

O 179: Introducing the Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting, a violence prevention parenting program contextualized for the United Arab Emirates

Ashley Stewart-Tufescu

O 180: Towards a Coordinated and Cooperative Effort for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at a European level—Specific Action “Prevent CSA@EU”

Sakis Ntinapogias

O 181: Relationships & sex education: Early prevention/detection of abuse & harmful sexual behaviour. Findings from a study of 13–18 year olds sexual behaviours.

Sophie King-Hill

Discussion

13:30–15:00

ORALS O 39

Epsilon

Reporting, surveillance, evaluation of programs and outcome measurements

Chair: Roma Jusienė

O 187: Building safe futures: evidence from low- and middle-income countries on what works to prevent childhood sexual violence

Nicolas Makharashvili

O 188: Transforming education: Enhancing evidence-based holistic mental health programs to cultivate resilience and enhance well-being in Uganda’s schools

Joanitah Kajoba

O 189: Hospitalisations for physical abuse in infants and children less than 5 years, 2013–2021: A multinational cohort study using administrative data from five European countries

Laura Cowley

O 190: The In-Home Recovery Program—An Innovative Approach to Supporting Infants and Young Children whose Parents Use Substances

Emily Bosk

O 191: Supporting the Educational Success of Children in Foster Care: The Educational Advocacy Program

Tzu-Hsin Huang

Discussion

Empowerment of child victim / survivor

13:30–15:00

Orals O 38

Eta

Resilience and positive childhood experiences

Chair: Georgios Nikolaidis

O 182: Psychometric properties of Benevolent Childhood Experiences Scale-Revised (BCEs-Revised) in Turkish

Öznur Bayar

O 183: An arts in health intervention: Artistic musical co-creation in a therapy group of adolescents victims of sexual abuse

Andrea Salvat San Agustin

O 184: Enhancing postsecondary educational outcomes for transition-age youth in foster care: Penn State University's Fostering Lions Program

Christian Connell

O 185: Childhood Abuse Disclosure in South Africa: A Quantitative Exploration of Prevalence, Barriers and Facilitators

Kopano Monaisa

O 186: Developing a day center for treatment of children victims of abuse or neglect in Greece: challenges and dilemmas

Georgios Nikolaidis

Discussion

15:00–15:30

Coffee break & Poster viewing

Lobby

Child safety in a digital environment

15:30–17:00

SYMPOSIUM 19

Challenges in a digital world: Online child sexual abuse and vulnerabilities in a digital context

Chair: Jelena Gerke

S 084: Katrin Chauviré-Geib

S 085: Lia Ferschmann

S 086: Olivia Dimitrijevic

S 087: Jelena Gerke

Plenary Hall Alfa

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 044

Digital childhood

Chair: Maryam Ehsani

O 210: The artificial intelligence research gap in children's social care: an urgent need for research evidence

Verity Bennett

O 211: Digital Bonds: Harnessing technology for normalcy, relationship resilience, and health equity in foster youth

Rebecca Gomez

O 212: Staying Ahead of the Curve: How Policymakers Can Safeguard Children in the Age of AI

Maryam Ehsani

O 213: Personal beliefs and professional realities: Child sexual abuse frontline workers' nuanced perspectives on pornography

Jennifer Johnson

O 214: It's time we talked: Working to prevent pornography's harms to children

Maree Crabbe

Discussion

Eta

Rethinking outcomes in victims / survivors of violence

15:30–17:00

ORALS O 040

Beta 1

Outcomes

Chair: Diogo Lamela

O 192: Standardization in the multidisciplinary care of childhood violence in an emergency department of a tertiary Hospital

Anna Fabregas Martori

O 193: Developmental health for preschool-age youth: The influence of specific adversity exposure types over time

Yo Jackson

O 194: Intimate partner violence in the perinatal period, maternal mental health problems, and potential of infant abuse: A developmental cascade model of infant regulatory and developmental problems

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S 089: Bridgette Lery
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John McLennan

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Bengianni Halil-Pizzirani

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Emma Harewood

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ISPCAN 2026—Introduction

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2025

RISE UP POLICY FORUM

Time / Session / Room

09:00–10:00

Rise Up Policy Forum High-Level Launch

Plenary Hall Alfa

- Welcome word by Jūratė Zailskienė, the Minister of Social Security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania
- Government champions and children's voices open the forum
- Welcome to your new community of practice and learning
- Framing the day: pursuing accelerated and sustained progress through a public health and system strengthening approach, highlighting the CPSS Framework for Action
- An interactive townhall session using open space and IT technology to crowdsource audience perspective and identify priorities in advancing the 'how' of child protection globally to locally
- Child protection public health and system strengthening pillars speed dating!

Chair: Pragathi Tummala

HOLISTIC CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

10:00–11:00

Child Protection System Strengthening Framework for Action, and Uganda's 'Whole Government' approach to ending violence against children

Beta 1

Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development

Government of Uganda

Lydia Najjemba Wasula—Government of Uganda

Ministry of Gender, Labour, and Social Development,
Kampala, Uganda

Chair: Birgithe Lund-Henriksen

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A social determinants framework for implementing the INSPIRE package for ending violence against children

Beta 2

World Health Organization and Public Health Wales

Speakers:

Stephanie Burrows

Karen Hughes

Sara Wood

10:00–11:00

Alumbra: Knowledge and Practice Community for the Prevention of Child Sexual Violence The Early Institute, Mexico

Eta

Speakers:

Annayancy Varas

Renata Díaz

Abigail Casas-Muñoz

10:00–11:00	<p>Cultivating change in advancing child protection systems in Somalia through collaborative efforts and coordinated actions</p> <p>Child Rights Department, Government of Somalia, Save the Children Somalia and SOS Somalia</p> <p>Chair: Catherine Ward</p> <p>Speakers: Mohamed Abdi Ali, Zahra Dahir</p>	Epsilon
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DATA & EVIDENCE

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Chrissy Hart
Moses Mara'anga
Nicolas Makarashvili
Constanza Ginestra
Michelle Duffy
Dr. Lina Digolo

Beta 1

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Sector Strategies to Align Evidence, Technology, and Policy

Speakers:

Bengianni Halil-Pizzirani
Deborah Tsorbaris
Janise Mitchell
David Poynter
Nicole Artico

Eta

PREVENTION

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A paradigm shift in preventing child sexual exploitation: transformative preventative policing strategies

ECPAT and country law enforcement partners

Chair: Sendrine Constant

Speakers:

Brigjen Pol
Nurul Azizah
Anchana Chailert

Beta 2

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Emerging lessons for strengthening parenting programs at scale to address violence against children and their mothers

The Prevention Collaborative & ICS-SP Kenya

Speakers:

Ruti Levtov
Moureen Ochieng

Gamma

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Family Resource Centers: A low cost, high impact, upstream policy strategy for ensuring children & families thrive

International Association of Family Support Networks, Irish Govt and partners

Chair: Andrew Russo

Speaker: Fergal Landy

Epsilon

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CHILD, SURVIVOR AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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Bridging the Gap: How Governments Can Lead with Vision, Evidence, and Practice to End Childhood Sexual Violence

Beta 2

To Zero, Safe Futures Hub & Government of Kenya

Speakers:

Emilia Ismael

Nicolas Makarashvili

Lina Digolo

Moses Mara'anga

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The Case for Missingness of Children and Adolescents as an Adverse Childhood Experience

Eta

Missing Children Europe, European Commission and European country partner

Speakers:

Lisa-Marie Schaumburg

Eugenia Yumi Miyashita

Miina Kokoi

15:45–16:45

Bridging Commitments and Implementation: Lessons in Scaling Parenting Support

Epsilon

Global Initiative to Support Parents and implementing countries in Asia and Africa

Speakers:

Isang Awah

Cassia Carvalho

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- The challenges, opportunities and priorities—where to now?
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- Our collective pledge

Speaker: Pragathi Tummala

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