

CALL FOR PAPERS

INSTITUTIONALISED CHILDREN EXPLORATION AND BEYOND (ICB)

ICB is an international, multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal on Alternative Care for out-of-home-care (OHC) children and youth, focused on the South Asia region. Along with addressing issues that can influence policy reforms, decision-making and improve practices and standards of care, *ICB, in proud partnership with Sage publications*, aspires to strengthen research, knowledge and counselling practices currently prevalent in the region. ICB serves as a forum for studies, discussions, debates and research on issues that would lead to better practices of care, improve mental health, and encourage the integration of OHC children and young persons, including the differently-abled, into the mainstream and thus to their inclusion in civil society. Published electronically and in print version, twice a year (March and September), every issue of ICB presents original research papers, good models of care practices, comprehensive desk review papers, editorial and foreword, expert opinions, important reprints, interviews, and book and movie reviews.

We are presently receiving manuscripts for our September 2021, March 2022 and September 2022 issues, which aim to include research contributions along the following sub-themes, among other relevant subjects within Alternative Care in South Asia.

September 2021 - A Special Issue on "Alternative Care for Children and Young Persons with Different Abilities"

- Challenges and Process of Disability Inclusion
- HIV and Disability: Acceptance and Treatment
- Transition preparation mechanisms at the family and community levels
- Case studies of Differently abled children in Alternative Care
- Vulnerabilities and challenges of affected children in care
- Specialized training needs of caregivers
- Community-based services and support

March 2022- A General Issue on Alternative Care for out-of-home-care (OHC) children and youth

- Existing Alternative Care Models
- Policies and practices with regard to alternative care
- Adoption, Kinship Care and Sponsorship
- Transition from Childcare Institutions to Adulthood
- Mental Health Needs of OHC children

September 2022 - Child Trafficking and Family Strengthening

- Vulnerabilities and structural defects in alternative care increasing risk of trafficking
- Judicial frameworks and policies addressing trafficking of orphaned and abandoned children, and OHC children and youth
- Commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor in alternative care systems- major focus on impact of COVID-19
- Care, support and rehabilitation programs for victimized children
- Various Family Strengthening Techniques
- Role of sponsorship in preventing family separation and making families self-reliant

TIMELINES

ISSUE	SEPTEMBER 2021	MARCH 2022	SEPTEMBER 2022
Abstract submission	20 th November, 2020	31 st December, 2021	15 th February, 2021
Final paper submission	31 st January, 2021	28 th February, 2021	30 th April, 2021
Approval post peer review	28 th February, 2021	31 st March, 2021	31 st May, 2021

We welcome original research articles that raise important, new and relevant research questions, from academicians, researchers, practitioners, social workers, policy-makers, mental health experts, managers, activists, and students working in the field of Alternative Care of OHC children. We also invite legal and human rights-based perspectives, policy frameworks, opinion pieces, and good practices/models along with research around COVID-19 and its impact on alternative care spaces.

Please refer to the Submission Guidelines closely, which can be found at <https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/manuscript-submission-guidelines>

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