

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 March 2022, September 2022 and March 2023** issues, which aim to include research contributions along the following sub-themes, among other relevant subjects within Alternative Care in South Asia.

The March 2022 edition is a Special Issue on ‘Alternative Care for Children and Young Persons with Different Abilities’ with focus on the following themes:

- Challenges and process of disability inclusion
- HIV and disability: Acceptance and treatment
- Aftercare and disability
- Gender, disability and alternative care
- 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
- Good practices on community-based services and support

The September 2022 issue is focused on the issue of Leaving Care and Care Leavers and has the following thematic areas to cover:

- Transition from childcare to aftercare: Defining successful transition
- Good practices that empower Care Leavers
- Policy and legal framework on Care Leaving
- The impact of COVID-19 on Care Leavers and the way forward
- Participatory Care Leavers research

- Platforms and voices of Care Leavers: Care Leavers Networks
- Strength based models of supporting Care Leavers
- Community engagement and contribution to society that support Care Leavers
- The role of donors in supporting Care Leaving process and Care Leavers

The March 2023 edition is again a Special Issue on ‘Child Trafficking and Family Strengthening’ with focus on the below themes:

- 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 labour in alternative care systems: Major focus on impact of COVID-19
- Care, support and rehabilitation programmes for victimized children and their families
- Various family strengthening models
- Various factors contributing to trafficking and innovative solutions in practice
- Government schemes and linkages in preventing family separation and making families self-reliant
- Various models of kinship care

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 and post-COVID planning.

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