

**Institutionalised Children: Explorations and Beyond (ICEB):
An International Journal on Alternative Care**

CALL FOR PAPER

ICEB SEPTEMBER 2019 SPECIAL EDITION ISSUE ON

'CAREGIVERS'



ICEB is an international, multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed academic journal on **Alternative Care for out-of-home-care (OHC) children and young persons, focused on the South Asia region**. Along with addressing issues that can influence policy reforms, decision-making and improve practices and standards of care, the content of ICEB also addresses limitations in research, knowledge and counselling practices currently prevalent in the region. In essence, ICEB serves as a forum for studies, discussions, debates and research on issues that would lead to better practices of care, improving mental health issues, 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. The scope includes encouraging studies on these issues by universities and hospitals, together with clinics, young professionals and those in the field of care giving, especially in the non-governmental not-for-profit-sector. The belief is that such education and sharing of knowledge and experiences would lead to more dynamic prevention models as well as rehabilitation models.

Published electronically and in print version, twice a year (**March and September**), every issue of ICEB presents the following: original research papers and good models of care practices, comprehensive desk review papers, editorial and foreword, expert opinions, important reprints, interviews, and book and movie reviews.

Our next issue is due in **September 2019**. **We are presently receiving manuscripts for this issue. This Special Edition issue has a focus on 'Caregivers'**. Caregivers play an unparalleled role in Alternative Care, taking responsibility for the physical and emotional health and well-being of children, ensuring their proper care, protection and guidance, nurturing their talents and strengths, and overseeing all the requirements for children to grow and develop well, including their education, accommodation, food, social interactions and life skills. They are essentially the mother, father, friend and guide to the children, all rolled into one. **ICEB's September 2019 issue is dedicated to the phenomenal caregivers and the tremendous role they play in Alternative care, the impact of the work they do, and the often unacknowledged need to ensure caregivers' well-being, which directly informs the quality of the support extended by them.**

This issue aims to include research contributions along the following sub-themes, among other such relevant subjects, under the main topic of Caregivers in Alternative Care in South Asia;

- **The role of caregivers in community development**
- **Caregiver relationship with children, other staff and the organisation**
- **Balancing personal life with care giving responsibilities**
- **Socio-cultural challenges faced by caregivers**
- **Importance of peer support for caregivers**
- **Defining the responsibilities of the caregiver in alternative child care**
- **Caregiver burnout: ways to mitigate the issue**
- **Mental health and psychosocial well-being of caregivers**

- **Essentials in continuous professional development training for caregivers**
- **Financial considerations and professional incentives towards positive caregiver participation**
- **Fundamentals in recruitment of care staff**
- **Challenges faced by caregivers in dealing with complex care situations**

YOU can contribute. We invite research studies, legal and human rights-based perspectives, mental health frameworks, and innovative practices in support, training and development for caregivers in alternative care settings, as well as good practices/models in the South Asian region. Submissions should critically examine and analyse the situation of caregivers in Alternative Care as well as reflect on the social norms and practices prevalent in different nations. Contributions should document the current debates around this issue of child and youth care, be reflective in nature and cover the key dilemmas that protect or fail to protect and uphold rights of children in Alternative Care.

Timeline

Tasks	Important Dates
Submission of Abstract (500 words)	15th April 2019
Full Paper Submission	30th May 2019
Final approval post Peer Review	1st August 2019

Criteria for Submission

We welcome **original research articles**, as long as their research questions are important, new, and relevant to our reader-base consisting of academics, researchers, practitioners, social workers, policy-makers, mental health experts, managers, activists, students working in the field of alternative care of out-of-home children. We also invite **legal and human rights-based perspectives, policy frameworks, opinion pieces** and **book** and **movie reviews** as well as **good practices/models**.

We invite all academics from social science, child and youth development experts, practitioners, managers, researchers, policy makers, young student, research scholars and activists having experience of child and youth care systems.

Please follow the below **Contributor Guidelines** closely before submitting abstracts and full papers:

- Abstracts must be original, without any prior publication
- All contributions should be in English only

- All contributions should be in the best interest of child rights and show respect for their rights
- All contributions must follow the APA guidelines (see at <http://www.apastyle.org/>)
- Spelling must be consistent within an article and use British English whereas spelling in references should follow the original
- All contributions should be carefully proof-read before submission
- The Editorial Board reserve the right to reject without review poorly proofed articles with errors
- The Editorial Board takes the final decision on publications and edit the final manuscript
- All contributions based on research should comply with ethical principles and appropriate ethical procedures
- Contributions must be word processed, preferably using Microsoft Word.
- All contributions should be submitted in word format, using times roman font size 12 and mention title of article / paper, authors' names and affiliations, brief biographical details, corresponding author's contact details, four keywords and an abstract

Authors are invited to **submit papers** online at
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Subsequent Special Edition Issue on 'Deinstitutionalisation', March 2020

ICEB's **March 2020** publication will be a Special Edition issue on '**Deinstitutionalisation Strategy and Implications: South Asia**'. We are presently receiving manuscripts for this issue.

The process of deinstitutionalisation of the child care system refers to a shift in provision of services from institutional to community based care, focusing on the integration of children into communities and the wider society, to avoid segregation and social exclusion. Receiving community-based services provides an opportunity to have adequate individual support that institutional care often cannot provide, and as a consequence, a better quality of life and the right to independent living. There is a growing recognition to reduce reliance on residential care for children and encourage states to develop strategies towards deinstitutionalisation. ICEB's March 2020 issue is aimed to explore and better comprehend deinstitutionalisation, with respect to strategies, implementation models, benefits and challenges. **Last date for submission of abstracts is 31st July, 2019.**