Call for papers

Workshop on Children in out-of-home care

3 – 4 June 2020 at University of Copenhagen

We are happy to announce an interdisciplinary workshop on children in out of home care. The aim of this workshop is to bring together researchers working with children and youth in out-of-home care. The conference will be held at University of Copenhagen and is part of the research program on “Effective interventions for children in out-of-home care: Explaining the impact of decisions and types of treatment” funded by the Danish foundation TrygFonden.

Out-of-home care is one of the most intrusive interventions by the welfare state with large consequences for both the family and the child. Studies have demonstrated that long-term outcomes for children in out-of-home care are considerably poorer than for other children in terms of e.g. education, health and criminal record. The discouraging results for children in care have led to a renewed interest in the types of placements that are in use and the contents of interventions. This workshop invites researchers from across disciplines to share their work to jointly improve our knowledge base on the effectiveness of out-of-home interventions.

Practical information:

The workshop, which will last for two days, will be organized with two parallel sessions: One quantitative session and one qualitative session. The keynote lectures will be held as joint lectures for all. The number of participants is limited to 50, with around 20 contributed papers.

The workshop program, travel and accommodation assistance will be provided through the workshop website. Participation is free of charge and includes registration, breakfast, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Participants are expected to cover their own transportation and accommodation costs.

Keynotes:

Professor Nina Biehal, University of York

Associate Professor Gabriella Conti, University College London
Local organisers: Tea Bengtsson (VIVE), Stine Luckow (VIVE), Petra Cavalca (University of Copenhagen), Mette Gørtz (University of Copenhagen) and Mette Ejrnæs (University of Copenhagen)

Submissions:

We invite submissions from disciplines such as sociology, social work, public administration and economics including both quantitative and qualitative research. The papers should focus on children in out-of-home care. Preference will be given to papers that are well developed yet can still benefit from group discussion. Researchers interested in presenting their work should upload an extended abstract or preferably a full paper.

Please submit your paper via the sign up form at the workshop website.

Important dates:

- Deadline for submission: 15 March
- Notification of acceptance: 1 April
- Deadline for registration: 1 May
- Workshop: 3 – 4 June 2020 (two full days)

Short CVs for keynotes

Professor Nina Biehal, University of York research centre on vulnerable children and young people and their families, in particular children who experience abuse and neglect and looked after children. She is currently directing a number of studies, including a study of pathways and outcomes for abused and neglected children and an international study of child protection policies systems and practice in England, Germany and the Netherlands.

Associate Professor Gabriella Conti, the Department of Economics and in the Department of Social Science at University College London. Her research draws on both the biomedical and the social sciences with the aim of understanding the developmental origins of health inequalities, and the behavioral and biological pathways through which early life conditions affect well-being throughout the lifecourse. Furthermore, she has study the economic cost of maltreatment and neglect of children.

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