

Centre for Child, Youth, and Family Welfare

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ABOUT US

We are an inter-disciplinary Centre committed to developing new insights into the lives of children, young people, and families and the promotion of improved welfare outcomes and enhanced wellbeing. Our members are primarily drawn from the disciplines of social work, psychology, law, education, and health and are closely connected with several international Research Centres focused on the welfare of children, young people, and families.

For information on how to join us in the Centre, please contact either Dr Mandi MacDonald (m.macdonald@qub.ac.uk) or Professor Davy Hayes (d.hayes@qub.ac.uk).

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Aims:

- To develop new insights into the lives of children, young people, and families
- To achieve better welfare outcomes and improve wellbeing

To pursue these aims we will...

Objectives



Research and Evaluation

UNDERTAKING AND
DISSEMINATING HIGH
QUALITY RESEARCH



Influencing Policy and Practice

ENHANCING SERVICES AND
IMPROVING OUTCOMES



Education and Training

RESEARCH-INFORMED
TEACHING AND
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Scope

- Conducting research and evaluation, educating and training professionals and students (undergraduate and postgraduate), and engaging with leaders and decision-makers to influence policy and practice
- Work will span the continuum of services to children, young people, and families including early intervention, family support, child safeguarding and protection, out of home care, leaving and after care, and adoption
- Research activity will draw on members' expertise across a range of research methods, including secondary data analysis using large, administrative databases, primary data collection through surveys, ethnography, focus groups, interviews, and innovative, co-produced participatory approaches, testing programmes using randomised control trials, small-scale case studies, audits and record reviews, focused literature reviews and policy analyses, and implementation evaluations
- Focus on children, young people, parents, family members, and professionals

Give 5 keywords that describe your research interests and skills
(single or hyphenated words)

60 responses

