

Subject: Special journal issue on the economic causes and consequences of child maltreatment

Dear Colleagues:

Please consider submitting to this planned special issue of *Children and Youth Services Review* focusing on the "Economic Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment," and guest-edited by Kristen Slack, Lawrence Berger, and Jennifer Noyes (University of Wisconsin-Madison). The articles included in this issue should empirically address one of three areas: (1) the causal role of income and material resources in child maltreatment behaviors or involvement in the child welfare system at any level; (2) the role of prevention in mediating the effects of poverty on child maltreatment behaviors or involvement with child welfare services; or (3) the effects of maltreatment, child protective services involvement, and/or foster care placement on later educational, employment, and other economic outcomes.

The goal of the special issue is to bring together the most current research on the link between poverty and child maltreatment. Empirically rigorous analyses that move beyond descriptive and correlational findings are encouraged. Prospective authors should submit abstracts up to 750 words to Kristen Slack, Professor of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, at ksslack@wisc.edu by February 5th, 2015. Abstracts should clearly identify the topic, methods, and (if available) preliminary findings of the research, as well as discuss the study's potential implications for child maltreatment prevention and/or child welfare policy and practice.

Invitations to submit a full article will be extended by February 20th, 2015. Initial drafts of the selected papers are due by April 15, 2015, and final papers are due by July 15, 2015. Selected authors will be required to participate in a conference co-hosted by the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with support from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Others invited to the conference will include a range of policymakers and practitioners, who will be asked to respond to the research presented. The conference will take place in Madison, Wisconsin, August 11-13, 2015. Travel expenses will be covered for one of the co-authors per selected article. Publication of the special issue is targeted for early 2016.

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