

## Call for papers

**XIth Biennial International EUSARF Conference**  
Groningen, the Netherlands, 22 - 25 September 2010



### **How interventions in child and family care work**

Research and practice-based findings on interventions  
regarding vulnerable and troublesome children and their families

In the last few years, in research, policy and practice concerning the care and treatment of vulnerable and troublesome children and their families, a lot of attention has been paid to the question of the effectiveness of the applied interventions: do they work? As a result the purpose of the last EUSARF Conference in Padua (2008) was to explore the latest in 'evidence-based' approaches to effective child, youth and family interventions.

An issue of at least as much scientific interest and societal importance is the question of *how* and *why* these interventions work. The aim of this 11<sup>th</sup> International EUSARF Conference in Groningen is to exchange and discuss the latest findings of cross-national research and practice, which provide insight into the professional actions and processes which underlie the outcomes – positive and negative – of current child and family interventions and arrangements.

### **Main areas of interest**

The conference assembles research and practice-based findings on interventions in the field of prevention, care and treatment regarding vulnerable and troublesome children and their families. The focus will be on 'the inside' of care and treatment arrangements: What does an intervention consist of, what is its theoretical and/or empirical background, which factors from the client, care provider and/or organizational contexts contribute to the result, and how are results moderated?

In line with the general conference theme, a number of subthemes will be covered, divided into general and specific topics. They include:

#### *General topics*

- How and why do interventions work or fail to work
- Working with young children and parents

- Working with adolescents
- Home-based and community-based care
- Multi-system interventions
- Family foster care
- Residential care and treatment
- Evidence-based work in daily practice
- Real world research methodology in child and family care

#### *Specific topics*

- Treatment of children and adolescents with specific problems (aggressive behaviour, psychosomatic complaints, post-traumatic stress, et cetera)
- Risk assessment and professional coping strategies
- Educational arrangements in intervention processes
- Helping ethnic minority children and families
- Client participation; children and family voices
- Coercion in child and family work
- Leaving care and transitioning to independence and adulthood
- Interagency cooperation
- Costs and cost effectiveness of interventions

## **Call**

Participants are invited to submit a proposal for a paper or poster presentation. The *abstract* should cover one or more topics relevant to the conference's main area of interest. The text of the abstract (see next page) should be between 150-200 words. The Scientific Committee will review the abstracts.

**The deadline for submitting a proposal is December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.**

**Abstracts** should be sent/e-mailed to:

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Once the short abstract has been accepted, the contributor will be asked to send an *expanded abstract* of the presentation. A proposal is only definitively accepted once the expanded abstract has been received. The expanded abstracts will be published in a book that every participant will receive after registration.

**The deadline for submitting an expanded abstract is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

Details about the guidelines which should be followed for an expanded abstract are available on: [www.eusarf2010.nl](http://www.eusarf2010.nl).

## Proposal for a Presentation

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Lead author [title and name]: .....

Affiliation: .....

Organization: .....

Address (incl. street, town, postal code, country): .....

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Telephone: .....

Additional author [title and name]: .....

Affiliation: .....

Title of the presentation: .....

Format (tick 1):  paper presentation (20 minutes)

poster presentation

workshop presentation (90 minutes) [only limited number of workshops possible]

Key words (max. 3): .....

**Abstract** (include background, purpose, key findings, and key reference) [150-200 words]

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