

REFLECTIONS ON THE *JOURNAL OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE WORK*

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The *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work* has always occupied a special niche in the literature of our field. As a peer reviewed practitioner journal with a stated commitment to the mentoring of new authors, it attracts an eclectic mix of writers and readers: frontline workers, managers, administrators, researchers, and academics. This community shares a passionate commitment to informed practice that seeks to build strength in children, youth, and families. The *Journal* has been an important vehicle for communication between us about the work we do, but also makes our unique approach to intervention visible in the broader professional and academic arena. Participation in the *Journal*, both as a writer and as a reader, is an important way to advocate for child and youth care.

Proceedings of international conferences have a special status in advancing our field. In providing access to child and youth care approaches from around the world, our advocacy for the profession can grow. In developing awareness of issues and practices from beyond North America and opening ourselves up to what we have in common with colleagues from other cultures, we become citizens of the world. By advocating for care givers internationally, we are also advocating for improved conditions for the world's children, youth, and families.

Now, more than ever, the *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work* has a critical role to play. Congratulations to the talented editorial and publication team that has made its rebirth possible. And let's all do our part to support its important mission!

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