## Child and Family Journal of Innovative Practice and Research Editorial Board Responsibilities

## Purpose

The Editorial Board of *Child and Family Journal of Innovative Practice and Research ("CFJ")* was established in January 2020 with a mission to provide an integrated practice-research platform for child and family programs, agencies, and child welfare institutions, in the United States as well as globally, to share child welfare practice and research experiences. Board members are responsible for reviewing submitted works, providing recommendations to assigned submissions, monitoring the quality of publications, and advocating for needs in the field of child welfare. The Board implements authority of the contents and retains the final decision of submissions.

## Membership & Responsibilities

The Editorial Board comprises the Chair (editor-in-chief) and at least three to ten board members, including an associate editor. Board members serve a three-year term, renewable for one consecutive term. The editorial board meets virtually once a year to report progress and discuss future directions.

Responsibilities of the board members are as follows:

- 1. Encourage authors whose works contribute to program development and evaluation and extend the practice and the body of knowledge in child welfare.
- 2. Advocate for needs and trends with a social justice lens among helping professionals in the field and invite submissions to respond to the needs of our targeted population and readership.
- 3. Review and provide feedback and recommendations to authors, including rejected or accepted submissions with required revisions.
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- 5. Promote the CFJ to academicians, clinicians, colleagues, and students in multidisciplinary fields.

## Selection Criteria to Submissions

The *CFJ* accepts summaries or progress reports of any form with a focus on public child welfare, such as short stories, case studies, poems, personal or professional reflections, artwork, photos, book reviews, and other innovative work with a significant impact on child welfare and program development and evaluation. All publications must reflect the core values and ethics of social work.

Submissions and publications are made online without cost or compensation to the contributors. Contributors must include a statement to affirm that the manuscript contains their original work, which is not considered or published in other sources. All submissions should be no more than two single-spaced pages (including references cited with <u>APA 7<sup>th</sup> Edition style</u>).