



CWVE 2021

Child Welfare Virtual Expo

Advancing Racial Equity in Child Welfare

Understanding the Past to Build a New Future: Advancing Racial Equity for Children, Youth, and Families

Session Resources

1. [Child Welfare Practice to Address Racial Disproportionality and Disparity](#)

Child welfare agencies are increasingly evaluating their systems to identify where and how racial and ethnic disproportionalities and disparities are occurring, and they are seeking practices that use an antiracist approach and show promise for their own populations. This bulletin provides a brief overview of the problem of racial and ethnic disproportionality and disparity in the child welfare system. It then describes practices that child welfare caseworkers, administrators, program managers, and policymakers can implement to address these issues in general and at specific decision-making points along the child welfare continuum.

2. [Fighting Institutional Racism at the Front End of Child Welfare](#)

Government is perpetuating the oppression of Black children and families through traumatic surveillance, investigation, and family separation practices carried out under the auspices of the child welfare system. Institutional racism is a force at work in the American child welfare system and contributes to the disproportionate involvement of Black children and families with the system. This must change. Children's Rights has put forth a comprehensive set of actions with the potential to stop unnecessary state involvement in the lives of Black families, dramatically reduce the number of children entering state foster care, and prevent the numerous harms that systems impose on Black youth. We look forward to partnering with other advocates and utilizing our expertise in child-focused strategic civil rights litigation and advocacy as we continue to fight institutional racism at the front end of child welfare systems.

3. [This is Life with Lisa Ling on When Heroin Hits Home](#)

Ohio spends less on child welfare than any system in the nation. It has also been hit harder than almost any other state by the opioid crisis, which has continued unabated—perhaps worsened by—the coronavirus pandemic. Renowned journalist Lisa Ling explores the collision course created by those two realities, and what Ohio leaders are trying to do about it, on this episode of her CNN documentary series “This Is Life with Lisa Ling.”

4. [Lifetime Prevalence of Investigating Child Maltreatment Among US Children](#)

This article explores the lifetime prevalence of official investigations for child maltreatment among children in the United States. The article concludes that child maltreatment investigations are more common than is generally recognized when viewed



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across the lifespan. Building on other recent work, these data suggest a critical need for increased preventative and treatment resources in child maltreatment.

5. [Kinship by Design: A History of Adoption in the Modern United States](#)

This text traces the evolution of modern adoption in the United States.

6. [How Structural Racism Works](#)

Tricia Rose, Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America and Chancellor's Professor of Africana Studies, Brown University, provides a lecture that features key points from her research on structural racism. The video includes graphics illustrating the five key areas in society where racism is dynamic and consequential.