

Committee on Children, Youth and Families 2021 Annual Report

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The Committee on Children, Youth and Families ensures that children, youth and families receive the full attention of APA. It functions as a catalyst, interacting with and making recommendations to the various parts of the APA's governing structure, to the APA's membership and to relevant divisions and other groups. Specifically, the committee's goals are to:

- Identify and disseminate information concerning the psychological status of children, youth and families for psychologists, other professionals, policy makers and the public.
- Offer consultation to relevant APA boards and committees that are responsible for the educational standards for psychologists who conduct research and provide services for children, youth and families.
- Encourage psychological research on the factors that promote or inhibit the development of individual and family competence.
- Contribute to the formulation and support of policies that facilitate the optimal development of children and youth within families.
- Designate priorities for APA involvement in the issues affecting children, youth and families, including issues related to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability.

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF) convened bi-monthly virtual meetings (January, March, May, July, September, November) in 2021 and conducted committee business via email and Teams in between meetings.

Activities

The Committee sponsored a webinar for CE credit titled ***"The COVID-19 Pandemic and Marginalized Children's Mental Health: Challenges and Opportunities for Resilience"***. The webinar briefly examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on marginalized children's learning and mental health outcomes, while focusing on challenges and opportunities in school and community settings as children and youth return to regular activities as part of the pandemic recovery. Experts in health disparities, school psychology, and children's mental health served as panelists. Speakers included: **Byron McClure DEd, NCSP, Charity B. Griffin, PhD, NCSP, LP and Margarita Alegría, PhD.**

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CYF Awards

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families reviewed nominations for the 2021 awardees for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families. The Committee selected Rachel H. Farr, PhD, Associate Professor at University of Kentucky for the ***Early Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families*** and Anna Gassman-Pines, PhD, Associate Professor of Public Policy at Sanford School of Public Policy Duke University for the ***Mid-Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families***.

The Committee conducted a self-study in 2021. The findings will be discussed at the Committee's spring meeting in 2022.

Collaboration

The Committee cosponsored the virtual joint social hour "*Networking Together to Advance Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Social Hour*" during the APA 2021 convention. The Committee presented the awards for ***Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families***. The Committee and APA Divisions 7,16, 37 and shared their projects and initiatives.

Committee members participated on several working groups at APA. Katie Howell, PhD participated on the APA Climate Change task force, Dr. Boulon participated on the EFTC working group and the Coalition for Psychology in Schools and Education. Dr. Anderson also participated on the writing group for the *Role of Psychology and APA in Dismantling Systemic Racism Against People of Color in the United States* resolution.

Committee members also served as monitors to several APA boards and committees to review any items that pertain to children, youth and families and to discuss possible collaboration opportunities. The Committee monitors activities, projects, and policies as they are developed by other groups within the Association, with the goal of ensuring children, youth and families issues are fully and equitably represented. Committee provided comments on the following:

- Resolution on Ending Homelessness
- Resolution on Poverty and Socioeconomic Status
- APA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Inclusive Language Guidelines
- Self-Study Report for APA's Policy and Planning Board
- Guidelines for Assessment and Intervention with Persons with Disabilities
- APA Disability Inclusion Survey
- Call for Questions to the 2020 President-elect Candidates