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Mission

There shall be a Committee on Children, Youth, and Families which shall concern itself with furthering the major purpose of the APA "to advance psychology as a science and a profession and as a means of promoting health, education, and human welfare" by ensuring that children, youth, and families receive the full attention of the Association in order that all human resources are actualized. It should function 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 will pursue the following goals: (a) identify and disseminate information concerning the psychological status of children, youth, and families for psychologists, other professionals, policy makers, and the public; (b) 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; (c) encourage psychological research on the factors that promote or inhibit the development of individual and family competence; (d) contribute to the formulation and support of policies that facilitate the optimal development of children and youth within families; (e) 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 shall consist of six members who are elected for staggered terms of three years. It shall report to Council through the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.

Meeting DatesVirtual Monthly Meetings:

February 18, 2022

March 18, 2022

April 15, 2022

May 20, 2022

June 10, 2022

July 15, 2022

September 16, 2022

October 21, 2022

November 18, 2022

Membership

Kathryn H. Howell, PhD – Chair, Riana E. Anderson, PhD, Darlene DeMarie, PhD, Theresa Schmitz, PhD, Laurie Cardona, PsyD, Sue Hobbs, PhD

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

CYF continues to address diversity in the appointment of diverse members to its committee and keeping the needs of diverse children, youth, and families at the forefront. The composition of the committee included 50% members from underrepresented groups (Anderson, Cardona and Hobbs). The Committee discussed the need to attract a larger and even more diverse pool of applicants. In addition, the committee sought to attract and recruit members who are early career in concert with APA's membership initiatives. At the time of each member's appointment, two members of the committee would be classified as ECP (under the guidelines of 10 years post-graduation). The desired result is representation of a broad range of perspectives and expertise as well as diversity characteristics. The dissemination of the call for nominations was broad, with particular outreach to Divisions 17, 22, 44, and 45.

Major Activities

There was a total of 25 activities that the Committee on Children, Youth and Families participated or initiated in 2022. CYF also completed their self-study report in April 2022.

Table 1

Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	1
Comments	12
Publications	0
Recognitions	2
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	0
Advocacy	1
Collaborative Meetings	9

Presentations

*Riana Elyse Anderson, PhD, presented at the 2022 APA Convention. Dr. Anderson was the Keynote Speaker for the Main Stage Livestream session: **Vaccinating Children Against the Virus of Racism***

Comments

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families responds to request for comments to insure that children, youth and families issues are appropriately addressed.

Comm #1

APA Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major: Version 3.0

Comm #2

Questions for President-elect candidates running in the 2022 election

Comm #3

APA Policy on Late Adolescence and the Death Penalty

Comm #4

Graduate Student member seat to boards and committees

Comm #5

APA Principles for Quality Undergraduate Education in Psychology.

Comm #6

Review of APA Inclusive Language Guidelines (2nd Ed.)

Comm #7

Proposed Revision for Guidelines for the Practice of Telepsychology

Comm #8

Proposed Revision for Practice Guidelines Regarding Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues

Comm #9

Guidelines for the Practice of Parenting Coordination

Comm #10

Guidelines Regarding Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues

Comm #11

Guidelines for Psychological Evaluations in Child Protection Matters

Comm #12

APA Advocacies Priorities

Publications

None

Recognitions

The Committee on Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) invites nominations for the APA annual award for early career and mid-career psychologists whose contributions benefit the psychological functioning or well-being of children, youth, and families.

Reg #1

2022 Early Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families

Kristin Bernard, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Psychology
Department of Psychology
Stony Brook University

Reg #2

2022 Mid-Career Award for Outstanding Contributions to Benefit Children, Youth and Families

Iheoma U. Iruka, Ph.D

Research Professor
Department of Public Policy
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fellow, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute
Founding Director, Equity Research Action Coalition

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

None

Advocacy

CYF participated in the BSD advocacy trainings and developed their BSD initiative.

Collaborative Meetings

CYF partnered with the Coalition on Psychology in School and Education (CPSE) to develop implementation and professional development resources related to the CDC Educational Disparities self-reflection tool.

CM#1

CYF members met with CPSE and TOPPs on May 9, 2022

CM#2

CYF CDC working group (Cardona, Demarie and Schmitz) met with members from CPSE on May 19, 2022

CM#3

Drs. Howell, Schmitz and Demarie met with the BAPPI to discuss the Intersectional Racial Equity Issues (IREI) identified by each Committee.

CM#4

CYF CDC working group met with members from CPSE on July 12, 2022

CM#5

CYF and Divisions 7, 16, 33, 37, 43, 54 cosponsored the “Networking Together to Advance Children’s Mental Health and Well-Being Social Hour” during the 2022 APA Convention.

CM#6

CYF working group met with members from CPSE on September 19, 2022

CM#7

CYF working group met with members from CPSE on October 17, 2022

CM#8

CYF working group met with members from CPSE on November 28, 2022

CM#9

Dr. Cardona represented CYF as the BSD Coordinator and attended meetings on August 18 and December 7, 2022.