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Call for Abstracts

for

American Humane's *Protecting Children* Journal Issue Dedicated to Innovations in Child Welfare

Share your creative thinking and best practices regarding your program, policy or evaluation work addressing safety, permanency and well-being for children and families!

American Humane's Dedication to Innovations in Child Welfare

Children and families are now facing some of the greatest challenges and distress since the Great Depression. In the face of that fact are growing worries about the coping capacity of families and communities. Even in more stable political and economic times, child protection services have only been able to hold steady with regard to founded reports of child abuse and neglect.

- How can we become more ready to respond?
- How can we help keep children safe and families strong?
- What are the new approaches and practice frameworks that make a difference now?
- What can we share and learn from one another so that we can integrate successful policies and practices within our communities and help mitigate some of the stress factors that are befalling us?
- What are we doing well to successfully prevent or respond to the reality of child abuse and neglect that exists today, absent these other features?

These are just a few of the questions American Humane has asked and is committed to answering.

American Humane is committed to disseminating knowledge and developing supportive resources so children, families and communities can maintain or develop positive and important lasting connections and so that service providers are invigorated with new knowledge and practices that help achieve positive outcomes.

The Children's Division of American Humane is a national leader in developing programs, policies, training, research and evaluation, and cutting-edge initiatives to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. At the same time, we work to strengthen families and communities and enhance child protection systems at the state and county levels. As part of our continued commitment to eradicating child abuse and neglect, American Humane will publish an issue of *Protecting Children* dedicated to **innovations in child welfare**, with the intent of advancing knowledge about cutting-edge practices, policy and research in child welfare and related fields. *Protecting Children* is American Humane's quarterly peer-reviewed journal, which employs a blind-review process.

Calling All Authors

Original conceptual, practice-based or empirical papers are invited. Submitted abstracts should address one of the following topical themes:

- The impact of creative prevention efforts on child and family strengthening and well-being
- Practice and policy innovations in child protective services
- Effective partnerships between public child welfare programs and community organizations that help sustain the positive gains made by families who have completed their case involvement with child protective services through the provision of ongoing support and services over an extended period of time
- The influence of culturally competent practices and organizational framework in achieving the child welfare outcomes of safety, permanence and well-being
- Transforming the culture and climate of child welfare organizations
- New research-based and outcome-focused approaches that inform an array of best practices in child welfare
- Pioneering community practices in child welfare (e.g., mental health, education, migration, domestic violence, community collaborations, etc.)

For additional information on American Humane, please visit www.americanhumane.org/protecting-children

If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of content for submission, please email Leslie Wilmot at lesliew@americanhumane.org.

Procedures for Submitting an Abstract

American Humane encourages researchers, evaluators, academics, public child welfare administrators, supervisors, front-line workers, tribes, service providers in community-based agencies and policymakers to submit an abstract for consideration. Each abstract should:

- Describe the proposed article in approximately 500 words, following APA style.
- Illustrate the uniqueness of the proposed article and how it contributes to the literature.
- Identify the primary and secondary authors in the abstract header.
- Include contact information for the author(s).
- Provide a list of proposed references for the article (not included in the word limit).

American Humane accepts abstracts for articles that are original and have not been published previously.

Email abstracts to Ingrid Porter at ingridp@americanhumane.org by **Feb. 17, 2009**, for consideration.

American Humane employs a blind-review process of all abstracts by the guest editor and content reviewers. Authors will be notified of the outcome in mid-March. If accepted, **full papers are due July 15, 2009**. Articles in *Protecting Children* typically range from 2,000 to 4,000 words.

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