Call for Abstracts
American Humane Association’s
*Protecting Children* journal dedicated to Current Methodology in Child Welfare Research

As a national leader in research and evaluation of issues related to child welfare, American Humane Association, through its Child Protection Research Center, is focused on longstanding questions tied to the improvement of public child protective services through applied research. Our research addresses fundamental issues in child protective services and the development of evidence-based policy and practices to effectively address those issues.

American Humane Association seeks to sustain knowledge development leading to improved outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system by collaborating with organizations and individuals conducting research in areas that impact child protection, as well as by communicating to the field to bring the findings to those who can use them in practice. This issue of *Protecting Children* will focus on new and upcoming methodologies being used in child welfare research.
Child Welfare Programs of American Humane Association

American Humane Association strives to disseminate knowledge and develop supportive resources so children, families and communities can maintain or develop positive and lasting connections and so individuals who are involved in this work are invigorated with research, knowledge and practices that help achieve safety, permanency and well-being.

American Humane Association is a national leader in developing programs, policies, training, research and evaluation to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect. We work to strengthen families and communities and enhance child protection systems at the state, county and tribal levels.

Calling All Authors

As part of our continued commitment to eradicating child abuse and neglect, American Humane Association will publish an issue of Protecting Children dedicated to current methodologies in child welfare research, with the intent of advancing knowledge about cutting-edge techniques, processes or systems of research related to child welfare. Protecting Children is American Humane Association’s quarterly peer-reviewed journal, which employs a blind review process.

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

- The use of latent class analysis in child welfare research
- The use of structural equation modeling in child welfare research
- The use of completing risk modeling in child welfare research
- Simulation in child welfare research, as it relates to foster care and other situations
- The use of propensity score analysis in child welfare research
- The use of Atlas.ti or other qualitative/coding techniques in child welfare research

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If you have questions regarding the appropriateness of content for submission, please email Katherine Casillas at katherine.casillas@americanhumane.org.

Procedures for Submitting an Abstract

American Humane Association encourages researchers, evaluators, academics, public child welfare administrators, supervisors, frontline 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 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 Association accepts abstracts for articles that are original and have not been published previously. Articles in Protecting Children typically range from 2,000 to 5,000 words. Invited authors will be provided with a specific word count in their acceptance letter.

For consideration, email abstracts to Julie McGinley at juliem@americanhumane.org by May 9, 2011.

All abstracts will be blind-reviewed by a guest editor and content reviewers. Authors will be notified of the outcome of their abstract submissions in early June. If accepted, authors will be notified of a target word count, and full papers will be due Sept. 12, 2011.