

# Outcome assessment in child and family services: Connecting theory and practice

Padova, Aula Magna, Abbazia Santa Giustina, September 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

## Preliminary Programme

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| 10.00 am | Welcome and Introduction<br><b>Cinzia Canali</b> , President iaOBERfcs   |   |
| 10.15 am | Session 1<br><b>Assessing outcomes and impact: challenges in different countries</b><br>Chair: <b>Robin Spath</b>  | <b>Developments and challenges in:</b><br>Europe, <b>Tiziano Vecchiato</b><br>North America, <b>Mary Berry</b><br>United Kingdom, <b>Wendy Rose</b><br>Australia, <b>Elizabeth Fernandez</b><br><i>Thoughts and questions from participants</i>   |
| 11.40 am | Session 2<br><b>Out-of-home care: Outcomes for children living apart from their family</b><br>Chair: <b>Carme Montserrat</b>   | <b>Insights from recent research:</b><br>Children's Participation in Foster Care, <b>Paulo Delgado</b><br>LGBTQIA+ youth in residential and foster care, <b>Mónica López-López</b><br>Maltreating Services, <b>Marian Brandon</b><br>Rethinking residential care, <b>Laura Palareti</b><br><i>Thoughts and questions from participants</i>        |
| 1.15 pm  | Light lunch at the "Chiostro del Noviziato"  |   |
| 2.15 pm  | Session 3<br><b>Fighting child poverty: A major international challenge</b><br>Chair: <b>Colette McAuley</b>   | <b>The role of professionals:</b><br>Challenges at international level, <b>June Thoburn</b><br>The role of supervision, <b>Lisa Neve/Dario A. Colombo</b><br>Insights from transnational research, <b>Bethany Lee</b><br>Fighting poverty in a multicultural society, <b>Yuval Saar-Heiman</b><br><i>Thoughts and questions from participants</i> |
| 3.40 pm  | <b>Final session: The future</b><br>Chair: <b>Chiara Berti</b><br>Training-outcome evaluation, <b>Patricia McNamara</b><br>The role of international associations in developing effective practices, <b>Anat Zeira</b><br>Promoting outcome assessment in the childhood and family arena: messages to share, <b>Cinzia Canali/Jane Aldgate</b> |   |
| 4.30 pm  | <b>Announcement of papers selected for publication</b><br>Final remarks and conclusions<br><b>Tiziano Vecchiato</b> , President Fondazione Zancan  |   |

## Who we are

iaOBERfcs was founded on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003, by the Fondazione Emanuela Zancan and Boston College in partnership with 28 experts from around the world. Since then, an annual international seminar has been organized, where members can present their research. Whenever possible, the annual seminar is linked to a research dissemination event; this event is open to professionals and to the scholarly community. In the past, seminars have been held in New Zealand (Wellington), Italy (Volterra, Malosco, Padova, Venice, Rome), the United States (Boston, New York), the UK (Oxford), Israel (Jerusalem), Spain (Oviedo) and Hong Kong (China). Nowadays, the Association's headquarters is located in Padova, Italy, at Via del Seminario 5/A. The Association, in order to promote evaluation of services for children and families, pursues the following aims: to promote cross-national research and comparisons on theories, methods, and techniques for outcome-based evaluation and research; to facilitate the exchange of experiences and knowledge on these subjects through meetings, seminars, and international workshops, as well as using publications and sharing knowledge through the web; to conduct research and studies on outcome-based evaluation; and to disseminate the findings of the aforementioned experimentation and research. In 2023, the Association is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an international conference open to professionals and researchers working with children, adolescents and families. The primary goals of this conference are to share international research findings along with other learnings, and to propose improvements in services for children and families. Presentations by members of the International Association will provide a space for reflection on the evaluation of outcomes in child and family services. The Association is also actively inviting practitioners and researchers to document their experiences in the field. We believe that sharing those experiences can make an important contribution to the search for innovative and effective interventions that can improve child and family wellbeing.

## Call for Papers - "Outcome assessment in child and family services: Connecting theory and practice. Messages from the Field"

- *Who can participate?* It is opened to all conference participants (practitioners and researchers in different disciplines, as individuals or in groups).
- *How can you participate?* By sending a short paper of up to 12,000 characters, in Italian or English, to the email [iaober@iaober.org](mailto:iaober@iaober.org) [author(s) and affiliation, key words (3-5), aim, method, results and outcomes, conclusion, main references]
- *On which theme focus the articles?* The choice of topic and text to be published must be consistent with the general theme of the Conference indicated above. You can present the results of your own research and/or deepen methodological issues relevant to the evaluation of outcome and the development of social, health, educational professions on evaluation issues.
- *When can you compete?* By 31st July 2023.
- *When does the selection take place?* After July 31st, the selection phase begins, which will end on September 20th.
- *What selection criteria are established?* Short papers worthy of being valued for originality and quality of content will be selected.
- *When will the results be announced?* During the conference the titles and authors of the selected contributions will be announced, together with the timing and procedures of publication in a Special Issue of the journal Studi Zancan.

## Speakers and Chair

Jane Aldgate, Professor Emerita, Open University, UK  
Marianne Berry, Professor, University of Hawaii, USA  
Chiara Berti, Professor, Università di Chieti-Pescara, Italy  
Marian Brandon, Professor Emerita, University of East Anglia, UK  
Cinzia Canali, Director, Fondazione Zancan, Italy  
Dario A. Colombo, Coordinator, NeASS Lombardia, Italy  
Paulo Delgado, Professor, Instituto Politecnico do Porto, Portugal  
Elizabeth Fernandez, Professor Emeritus, University of South Wales, Australia  
Bethany Lee, Professor, University of Maryland, Usa  
Mónica López López, Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands  
Colette McAuley, Emeritus Professor at the University of Bradford, UK  
Patricia McNamara, Senior Fellow (Hon), University of Melbourne, Australia  
Carme Montserrat, Professor, University of Girona, Spain  
Elisabetta Neve, Università di Verona e Fondazione Zancan, Italy  
Laura Palareti, Professor, Università di Bologna, Italy  
Wendy Rose, Former Senior Research Fellow The Open University, UK  
Yuval Saar Heiman, Lecturer, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel  
Robin Spath, Former Associate Professor at University Connecticut, USA  
June Thoburn, Emeritus Professor, University of East Anglia, UK  
Tiziano Vecchiato, President Fondazione Zancan, Italy  
Anat Zeira, Professor, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

## Registration and payment

### Registration fee for conference attendance:

- 80,00 euros for participants when registered before July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023
  - 122,00 euros for participants when registered after July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023
- The registration fee supports the organizational cost for the conference (facilities, simultaneous translation, lunch buffet, publication). In case of cancellation, please inform us immediately. Up to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 a full refund will be given less 10% administration charge. We regret that for cancellations after this date no refund can be made. Please register by filling in the form available [at this link](#)

### Conference fee can be paid with:

- Paypal to [amministrazione@fondazionezancan.it](mailto:amministrazione@fondazionezancan.it)
- Bank transfer to Fondazione Zancan (mentioning International conference September 20th 2023). Bank: Intesa San Paolo Iban: IT33L0306909606100000062910 and Swift/Bic: BIC: BCITITMM Bank
- Credit card on our website [at this link](#) (if foreigner, enter 9 zeros "000000000" in the "section" called "codice fiscale").

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