
POSTER ABSTRACT

Integrating Care for Children Young People and Their Families SIG - Part 2: Service Policy and System Approaches

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Background: We have called for the establishment of a special interest group for “Integrating Care for Children Young People and their Families. Our argument is based on the truism that “children are our future” and the observation that at the heart of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals is the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health 2016-2030. That strategy “envisages envisions a world in which every woman, child and adolescent realizes their rights to physical and mental health and well-being, has social and economic opportunities, and is able to participate fully in shaping prosperous and sustainable societies”. .

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children and the Sustainable Development Goals SDGs provide the global platform to addressing the needs of children young people and families. Building on the SDG goal of achieving universal health coverage, WHO developed a global strategy and framework for people centered and integrated health services, recommending that countries consciously consider the perspectives of individuals, families, and communities, and respond to their preferences and needs. The framework proposed five interdependent strategies for health services to become more integrated and people-centred.

empowering and engaging people and communities

strengthening governance and accountability

reorienting the model of care

coordinating services within and across sectors

creating an enabling environment.

The integration of system-wide policies and services has long provided the foundation for promoting and protecting the health, development and wellbeing of children, young people and their families. The proverb “it takes a village to raise a child” provides the underlying ethos whereby all members of society work together to raise healthy and resilient children and young people. Building on the “Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health

2016-2030" a draft "Nurturing Care Framework" is under development by WHO. That draft Framework contains five guiding principles.

The child's right to survive and thrive Child Rights principal

Leave no child behind equity principal

Family-centred care

A whole-of-society approach

Whole-of-government action.

Based on an analysis of effective programmes the Framework proposes five action areas that "create universally enabling environments and include a focus on communities, families and children in greatest need ... accompanied by strong monitoring systems and accountability mechanisms." The five proposed action areas are:

Provide leadership, create societal awareness and invest

Value that families and communities are at the heart of Nurturing Care

Create enabling environments through policies, information and services

Monitor progress in implementation, results and impact

Strengthen local evidence and innovate to support scale up.

These two frameworks will be used to stimulate discussion.

Aims and Objectives: To discuss service, policy and system approaches for promoting and protecting the health, development and wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

Format: Network discussion among IC-CYF SIG members.

Target Audience: Health, education and social care practitioners and researchers who are interested in aspects of integrated health and social care as it applies to children, young people and their families.

Learnings and Take Away: Network participants will contribute to building a collaborative work programme for the IC-CYF SIG

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