



Innovative Research on Kinship Care and Its Role in Child Protection and Well-Being

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, many children have been reported to have lost a parent or a primary caregiver, and it is expected that the number of children in kinship care will grow significantly.

The current literature on kinship care is still scarce. The diversity of kinship care arrangements, including whether the public child welfare agency is involved or not, adds more complexity to the literature on kinship care. In addition, the impact of culture on kinship care arrangements and related practices and policies is rarely examined.

This Special Issue attempts to address this gap in the current literature. The aims are as follows:

- To present the current status regarding the use and support of kinship care arrangements in different cultures and countries, including how children are placed in kinship care after their removal from their original home;
- To examine the impact of COVID-19 on the use and support of kinship care arrangements in different cultures and countries;
- To examine the well-being of children and caregivers in kinship care arrangements, including their physical and mental health, particularly within the unique context of COVID-19.



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