

3 - 4 DECEMBER  
2025 IN PARIS

CONFÉRENCE INTERNATIONALE  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
SUR LA PROTECTION DE L'ENFANCE  
ON CHILDHOOD WELFARE

# La protection de l'enfance dans tous ces États !



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## ENSURING CHILD PROTECTION ACROSS BORDERS

Child protection transcends national borders and lies at the heart of contemporary societal concerns. In France, Italy, Scotland, and Quebec, the care of vulnerable children is a major issue. While these countries face common challenges in child protection, each, shaped by its history, culture, and values, has developed distinct models to address the needs of young people and support families in difficult situations

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How does juvenile criminal justice function there? How do they accommodate unaccompanied minors? What are the successes of these different models and the persistent challenges, and from which practices could France draw inspiration to address current issues in child protection?

By comparing national approaches, we will seek to extract valuable lessons and stimulate reflection on potential improvements to our child protection policies. Furthermore, the aim of the symposium is to bring together complementary views on child protection: the institutional view, the view of professionals working in the field and the view of those directly concerned.

These are the questions that will be addressed at this symposium, which will take place on December 3rd and 4th, in Paris.

Educational objectives of the symposium :

- Learn about the governance and financing of child protection in France, Italy, Scotland and Quebec.
- Discover the practices of child protection professionals, and their limitations, in these 4 countries
- Identify and compare the place of children in the definition and implementation of child protection policies in these 4 countries.
- What practices could France draw on to meet current child protection challenges?





wednesday  
december 3

THEME OF THE DAY :  
**GOVERNANCE OF  
CHILD PROTECTION IN FRANCE,  
ITALY, SCOTLAND, AND QUEBEC**

Morning Session

**Institutional Perspectives on Child Protection**

During this morning session, we will seek to answer the following questions: Who are the leaders in child protection? What actors are involved in the child protection system, and how do their roles intersect? What funding is provided and by whom?

9:30

Opening of the Symposium

- *Didier Tronche, President of CNAPE*
- *Jacques Nodin, President of ANCREAI*

9:45

Institutional Introduction

**10:00 Voices from Child Protection Representatives**

- *Quebec – Robert Levasseur, Retired Director of Youth Protection*
- *Italy – Renato Sampogna, Director division IV – Social Planning and Policies for Children and Adolescents, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (attendance to be confirmed)*
- *Scotland – John Sturgeon, Former Social Worker, Academic*
- *France – Sarah El Hair, High Commissioner for Children (attendance to be confirmed)*

**12:00 to 2:00 p.m. lunch break**



## Child Protection in Action

### 14:00 Voices from Child Protection Professionals

From the point of view of professionals in the field, are these institutional systems easy to understand? What do they think works well in child protection, what are the current best practices and what are the main limitations?

- *Quebec – Robert Levasseur and child protection professionals on a video clip*
- *Italy – Maria Teresa Paladino, public body, Emilia Romagna Region*
- *Scotland – Alison Penman, Senior Service Manager, Children and Families Services*
- *France – Emmanuel Panis, General Director of the ARASS Association*

### 15:30 Voices from Children and Parents

In the countries represented at this symposium, the voices of the children primarily concerned have, over the years, become increasingly recognized as essential for understanding and driving positive change in child protection policies. But how successful have these efforts truly been?

- *Quebec – Carl Lacharité and children and parents on a video clip*
- *Italy – Federico Zullo & Carol Roncali, Agevolando, italian care leavers association*
- *Scotland – Lynsey Carey, Who Cares ? Scotland*
- *France – Emma Etienne, Hamza Bensatem, Careleavers*

### 17:00 Social isolation "HIKIKOMORI" and early school leaving among youth in Japan – Perspectives and Actionable Approaches

The Japanese term "hikikomori" refers to a situation of prolonged social withdrawal, in which a person avoids all contact outside of their family for more than six months. This presentation aims to shed light on the social and institutional causes of these phenomena and to present the current responses being implemented.

- *Japan – Akiko Awa, Waseda University, Tokyo*  
*Saori Matsubara, School Nurse, Hyogo Prefecture*



tuesday  
december 4

## THEME OF THE DAY : A FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF CHILD PROTECTION

Morning Session

### Focus on Italy and Scotland

#### 10:00 A Child Protection System Balanced Between Children's Rights and Parental Support (Italy)

The response of parents to children's needs as a collective challenge that calls for participation and engagement on the part of both families and the service system. The Italian experience of implementing "Programma di Intervento Per la Prevenzione dell'istituzionalizzazione" (P.I.P.P.I.) : from a program to a public policy aiming to make the right to parenting support enforceable.

- Paola Milani, Ph.D., University Professor of Social Pedagogy and Family Pedagogy, University of Padua, Italy
- Marco Ius - Professore associato all'Università di Trieste
- Short video to hear the voice of the families
- Reactions/questions from international speakers and the audience

#### 11:00 Interdisciplinary Approaches in Child Protection (Scotland)

Scotland is a beautiful little country, but economic inequality and political choices favoring austerity are causing suffering among the most vulnerable. At the same time, in 2024, Scotland became the first country in the world to incorporate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child into Scottish domestic law. This means that all public authorities and legislators must plan and act in accordance with the Convention. What are the interdisciplinary implications of this development ?

- Alison Penman, Senior Service Manager, Children and Families Services
- Reactions/questions from international speakers and the audience

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### 14:00 Community Approaches in Quebec

A strong community has been shown to be a major factor in preventing child maltreatment and protecting children. In Québec, there is a network of more than 300 grassroots community family centers offering multiple forms of non-professional support to parents and children based on their needs. Most of them are working with families involved with the child protection system. This sequence will focus on the perspective of the workers in these centers, in particular on their practices in supporting families and collaborating with child protection professionals.

- *Carl Lacharité and community workers on a video clip*
- *Reactions/questions from international speakers and the audience*

### 15:00 How to care for minors with complex life trajectories (juvenile justice, unaccompanied minors, mental health issues) ?

Children and young people supported by child welfare services often face a wide range of vulnerabilities that can significantly influence their life trajectories and complicate the effectiveness of the support they receive. This panel seeks to explore some of the key factors contributing to this complexity, including experiences of migration and exile, involvement with the justice system, and challenges related to disability or mental health.

- *Adélaïde Vervaecke, Clinical Psychologist*
- *Manon Veaudor, lecturer in Political Science at the University of Haute-Alsace, member of the Societies, Actors, Government in Europe research group, UMR7363*
- *Léa Croizet, doctoral student in sociology at the University of Poitiers, GRESCO Laboratory Sociological Research Group on Contemporary Societies - UR 15075*
- *Guillaume Bronsard, Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Faculty of Medicine in Brest and Head of Department at the University Hospital of Brest*

### 16:00 Conclusion of the Symposium



## TRAINING LOCATION

**ESPACE REUILLY - 21 rue Hénard - 75012 PARIS**

**Metro:** Montgallet, ligne 8  
Dugommier, ligne 6  
Daumesnil, lignes 6 et 8

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## TO REGISTER

Registration only via this link: <https://colloque-ancreai-cnape-2025.fr>

**Price: 250€ for 2 days**

This price does not include catering or accommodation.

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In the event of cancellation by the participant, information must be sent by e-mail to ANCREAI ([ancreai@ancreai.org](mailto:ancreai@ancreai.org)) **before November 14, 2025**. The sums paid will be reimbursed, less 50 euros per participant for administrative and management costs. After this date, cancellation requests will no longer be considered and registration fees will remain due. Requests for replacement participants, made in writing, will be accepted at any time.

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## OPCO TRAINING

This international symposium is eligible for OPCO training, subject to the usual conditions required for reimbursement of members' training costs.

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