



2021 ANNUAL  
REPORT

# ISPCAN

The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

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We believe every child has the right to be happy and safe!



Together We  
Make A Difference



Dear colleagues,

Darwin's principles of evolution apply not only to species but also to organizations. 2021 marked an extreme challenge for everyone to shift and roll, adapt or risk going under. Communities, businesses, families, and children faced unprecedented challenges during continued isolation and quarantine-- as did ISPCAN. We learned a new normal at work and at home.

We adapted all our programs in response to the continuing pandemic—moving our Milan International Congress to a virtual platform, building stronger online communities with our expanded virtual trainings and Circles of Learning in multiple languages—and implementing our new business model. We challenged ourselves to engage in a new way by hosting our first-ever virtual 2-day World Summit with 11 key partners in the child protection sector, bringing together policy makers, researchers, academics, and practitioners in identifying evidence-based solutions to effectively address the child protection challenges in the post COVID-19 era.

Our vision at ISPCAN is a world free from violence, child abuse and neglect. Together with our members and partners, we provide practitioners, researchers, and policymakers the knowledge, tools, and data they need to improve systems of care; track and treat the physical and mental effects of violence; focus on child rights; and create and fund programs and policies to protect children. Without action, the lifelong impacts of abuse on children and families are devastating and cost societies a great deal—in lost quality of life, lost productivity, and continued cycles of violence.

ISPCAN is privileged to uplift our members from every sector of child protection research and practice and from 100+ countries, who bring hope to children who have been abused or neglected. We are inspired by working with our partners in the global community to help find innovative solutions in our resource-poor field. We thank our members, Board of Directors, Distinguished Advisory Council, staff, funders, and partners for all they do to raise the bar on treatment, research, policy, and prevention. On behalf of our entire board and office team, we thank you for your loyalty.

Warmly,

*Pragathi Tummala*

Pragathi Tummala, MPH | CEO

*Rajeev Seth*

Rajeev Seth, MD | Chair of the Board

# THE VISION..... a world free from child abuse & neglect

**OUR MISSION** ISPCAN equips professionals to lead in the global effort to prevent child abuse and neglect, with access to the latest information, best practices, and a multidisciplinary worldwide network.



## OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

ISPCAN provides opportunities, access, and knowledge that equips multidisciplinary professionals committed to protecting children from abuse and neglect worldwide.

## STAFF & BOARDS

A U.S.-based, five-member ISPCAN office team is supported by our Board of Directors and Distinguished Advisors comprised of world-renowned child protection professionals. Learn more about our stellar team [here](#).

ISPCAN is a US based 501 (3) (c) registered non profit corporation



# HOW ISPCAN RAISES THE BAR GLOBALLY



## CULTIVATING DATA TO ACTION

Our flagship Congress program brings together hundreds of multidisciplinary professionals from 50–80 countries to present and discuss new scientific research, best practices, and new developments in the field. Our International Journal has the highest impact factor in the sector, and our master classes, webinars, and journal clubs bring forward global promising and best practices.

## REDUCING SECONDARY TRAUMA

We advance careers by publishing and disseminating research, offering collaborative opportunities to develop solutions to relevant issues, and connecting members with continuous learning environments. A supportive network of frontline workers from every country who can share and relate on every level prolongs careers in a highly traumatic field of work.

## BUILDING GLOBAL NETWORKS

We facilitate international connections across sectors, support major new efforts, and bring significant resources to countries through partnerships with major NGOs. We have 40 organizational partners throughout the world and have worked to develop major Resource Centers in their world regions.

## CUTTING-EDGE ADVANCED EDUCATION

We partner with experts in the field to offer affordable and accessible professional education, including master classes and online trainings on cutting-edge topics, and opportunities to receive continuing education credits. Each year, more than 4,000 professionals across all disciplines and experience levels attend.



## ISPCAN MEMBERSHIP

90

### **COUNTRIES REACHED**

We have members in 75 countries around the globe and reach professionals in other countries through our events and trainings.

### **PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES**

Our members come from a variety of disciplines, including: medicine and nursing, psychology, education, social work, law and law enforcement, and government.

10+

# 40 ISPCAN COUNTRY PARTNERS

Like minded multi-sectoral organizations in various countries all over the world with a focus on child protection who are in a formal partnership with ISPCAN to work in concert.



## AFRICA:

AfriChild \* ANPPCAN \* IIDC \* YONECO

## AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND:

NAPCAN

## EUROPE & RUSSIA

ASPI \* AOCPP \* Caminhos da infancia \* CISMAL \* CSLI \* DGfPI \* ELIZA \* ESPAS \* fapmi \* Incest Trauma Center \* Kinderschutz \* NASPCAN \* NIDAR \* The Smile of the Child

## NORTH AMERICA

APSAC \* ICAP \* NACC

## ASIA

ACA \* ARPAN \* CWLF \* ICANCL \* JaSPCAN \* PAHCHAAN

## CENTRAL AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

OCA

## MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi Early Childhood Authority \* AFEL \* DFWC \* EADE \* NFSP \* SIDRA Medicine \* SSSD

## SOUTH AMERICA

ASAPMI \* AFECTO \* Fundación Azulado



# Circles of Learning

In fall 2021, we launched Circles of Learning as a way to engage and bring together our members and Country Partners. They are 60-90 minute, virtual meetings with an introduction to ISPCAN, a presentation by our member or Country Partner and an open discussion all facilitated by an ISPCAN staff member.

## Goals for this new way of connecting:

- our members and Country Partners can showcase their current work and research
- share ideas and introduce ISPCAN to other like minded professionals in that particular region
- gather people together interested in the same topic to network, build knowledge and support professional development.
- in multiple languages, topics and with culturally sensitive issues, CAN professionals can share challenges across sectors

## 2021 Circles Hosted:

**September:** Generación de conocimiento en la prevención de la violencia sexual infantil: La experiencia de Alumbra (Generation of Knowledge in the Prevention of Child Sexual Violence: The Experience of Alumbra)

**December:** The Impact of COVID-19 on Children in Alternative Care: A Case of SOS Children's Villages Uganda

[Click here](#) to view our past Circles of Learning





Connect with us to build a network  
for collaboration.

## ISPCAN REGIONAL NETWORKS

Together we can learn and share  
practices, research and data to  
eradicate child abuse and neglect  
one region at a time.

North America

South America

Central America + Caribbean

Asia

Europe + Russia

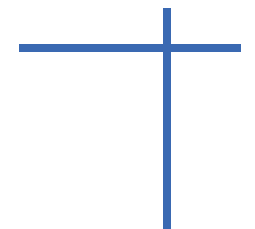
Australia + New Zealand

Africa

Middle East

Connecting ISPCAN Board Members & partners in online forums from each region to:

- Post successes and challenges
- Share latest research
- Market regional events
- Post job, fellowship and grant information





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INTERNATIONAL  
CONGRESS  
PARTNER  
LEGACIES TO  
DATE

Effective and sustainable Child Abuse treatment and prevention can be achieved through education and professional cooperation with global like-minded organizations and people. When we work together we will reach our common goals faster.

**17**

BOARD  
MEMBERS

INTERNATIONAL  
PARTNERS

**14**

**40**

COUNTRY  
PARTNERS

**12**

YOUTH  
FORUMS TO  
DATE

**3**

COLLABORATIVE  
NETWORKS

**7**

DISTINGUISHED  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL  
EXPERTS

**3**

WORKING  
GROUPS

PARTNERSHIPS

# ISPCAN International Partners

Collaborating with like minded global organizations on various projects each year, we transform how child abuse and neglect is prevented and treated worldwide. No one institution, organization or government can tackle these issues in isolation; it is only through working in partnership that we can work towards eradicating these issues.





# ARIGATOU WORLD DAY OF PRAYER & ACTION FOR CHILDREN



The World Day of Prayer and Action for Children (World Day) is celebrated every year on November 20, the same day as the anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and World Children’s Day. Arigatou International launched the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children in 2008 to make this an opportunity for people of different religions and cultures to come together to pray and meditate, but also to take action for children’s rights and well-being.

This year ISPCAN, one of 18 organizations working for children’s rights and well-being, joined Arigatou International and UNICEF to celebrate the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children by advocating for children’s return to school, with special focus on their emotional and spiritual well-being as we all continue to deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. ISPCAN contributions: a podcast led by a child and pediatrician, steering committee member, and lead for a working group to discuss trafficking.

# ISPCAN 1st World Summit

FREE first-time innovative, interactive virtual event bringing members in front of global organizations to help inform priorities

Over 2,000 Delegates attended over 2 days

Building bridges for knowledge

Workshops circulated among 14 International Partner Networks

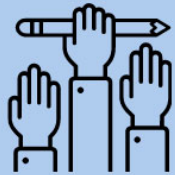
Live Translation in French and Spanish



Best Practices and Data to Action Provided

Cutting-Edge Research & Programs Presented

Join the movement to end  
child abuse and neglect



# ISPCAN WORLD SUMMIT 2021



- Bringing together multidisciplinary professionals from across regions, countries and sectors in a shared commitment to address Child Protection issues in Post Covid-19 era
- Bridging the gap and build skills and networks between researchers, policy makers, academia, care givers, civil societies and CAN practitioners.
- Providing knowledge on cutting edge research, evidence-based policies and programs.
- Inspiring actions and mobilize champions amongst the participants to take actions at country, regional and international levels.





# Milan Congress

*BRAVO!* ISPCAN's first-ever virtual Congress with our Italian partners CISMAI and the University of Milan-Bicocca welcomed 584 delegates from 71 countries around the world for five days of sharing and learning about key issues in child protection. Delegates had their choice of dozens of keynote presentations, oral presentations, workshops, symposia, special meetings, multimedia presentations, and cultural events happening on live stages and on demand.



400 authors presented on these topics:

- Early Interventions
- School-based Violence
- The Impact of COVID
- Violence and Special Orphans
- Child Protective Services & Systems
- Preventative Measures
- Witnessing Violence
- Child Labor
- Child Protection in Sport
- Voice of the Child
- New Challenges in Online Child Abuse
- Current Issues

Wellness Social programs for our hard-working frontline professionals included:

- Cooking with an Italian master chef
- Musical opera by La Familia Sala
- Comedian performance by father and son duo re-enacting the quarantine



## 2021 CAMPAIGNS:

- The Role of Child Health Professionals and organizations in achieving climate justice
- Condemning Violence against children during civil unrest

# ISPCAN ADVOCACY

No one institution, organization or government can tackle critical issues in isolation; it is only through working in partnership with sister organizations and members that we can work towards eradicating violence against children.

ISPCAN brings together the country, regional and global organizations with the influence, expertise and resources required to transform how child abuse and neglect is prevented worldwide. By taking a public stand on key issues, we strive to deliver real change through a broad coalition of dedicated multidisciplinary partners dedicated to the protection of children everywhere.



# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

**4,012**

## **PROFESSIONALS REACHED**

More than 3,300 people registered for our trainings and webinars, with 1,682 attending live, and another 2,331 viewing the recordings.

## **COUNTRIES REACHED**

On average, 31 countries were represented by attendees at our trainings and webinars.

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# SKILL-BUILDING MASTER CLASSES

In 2021, we offered more in-depth virtual trainings than ever before, increasing the knowledge and skills of hundreds of child protection professionals in dozens of countries from the safety of our homes throughout the pandemic to keep members informed.

## A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO ABUSIVE HEAD TRAUMA

MARCH: we launched this four-module, 10-hour training for healthcare professionals and others interested in better understanding and responding to this severe and often misunderstood form of child abuse. *277 registrants from 21 countries, average rating of 4.7 out of 5.*

## SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

OCTOBER: This two-part training focused on the very real toll that child protection work has on professionals and organizations and strategies and guidance to identify and manage it. *149 registrants from 26 countries, average rating 4.6 out of 5.*

## CHILD MALTREATMENT DATA COLLECTION: PLANNING YOUR STUDY

APRIL: Designed for aspiring child maltreatment researchers, this 9-hour, four-module short course gave a comprehensive overview of the key aspects of planning a successful self-report study. *322 registrants from 27 countries, average rating 4.5 out of 5.*

## VOICE OF THE CHILD IN PRACTICE

OCTOBER: This two-part training shared practical guidelines for talking with children and capturing their voices; ways to engage with children in various contexts; and ways to incorporate best practices in your daily practice as a frontline practitioner. *149 registrants from 22 countries, average rating 4.7 out of 5.*

## ISPCAN INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES



- January: Special Issue, Vol. 1 - Protecting Children from Maltreatment During COVID-19
- February:
  - Article of the Year: Developmental Timing of Polyvictimization: Continuity, Change, and Association with Adverse Outcomes in Adolescents
  - Young People as the Key to Preventing Violence
- May: One Year into COVID: The Impact on Child Maltreatment Reports and the CPS Response in Brazil, Australia, and Israel
- June: Special Issue, Vol. 2: Protecting Children from Maltreatment During COVID-19
- September:
  - Special Issue: 30 Years of the UNCRC: Challenges and Progress in Harm Prevention
  - How to Become a Peer Reviewer
- October: Article of the Year finalist: ACEs and Counter-ACEs: How Positive and Negative Childhood Experiences Influence Adult Health
- November: Identifying Maltreatment Subgroups with Patterns of Maltreatment Subtype and Chronicity

# ISPCAN SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

Our peer-reviewed monthly journal *Child Abuse & Neglect: The International Journal* is a member benefit and provides an international, multidisciplinary forum on all aspects of child abuse and neglect, with special emphasis on prevention and treatment.



## 2021 SPECIAL ISSUES

- May: Protecting children from maltreatment during COVID-19: Second volume
- May: Responding to child and adolescent sexual abuse: Advances and gaps in clinical practice
- August: Child abuse and resilience in sub-Saharan Africa: The role of multisystemic resilience-enablers
- August: 30 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Challenges and progress in harm prevention

The 14th edition of [\*World Perspectives on Child Abuse\*](#) offers a “snapshot” of the state of child maltreatment policy and practice in 62 countries (organized by region), based on surveys conducted in early 2020 with multidisciplinary practitioners around the world.

- Individual Country Profiles
- Articles on the Impact of COVID-19 on Child Protection and Collaborating & Learning Around the World
- Major Developments in Child Protection by Country
- Resources including National Child Maltreatment Organizations by Country and a list of Respondents & Contributors
- General Child Protection Data
- Key Public Health Population Indicators for each country



## World Perspectives on Child Abuse



An official publication of The International Society of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect





## Online Resource Library

ISPCAN is continually working to provide evidence-based resources and tools for professionals in the child maltreatment community to help them better serve children and their families and improve outcomes for all. In 2021, we expanded our online resources library to include:

- Updates to our [COVID-19 Resources page](#) for child protection professionals by discipline, parents, and children
- [Prevention resources](#) including downloadable posters and banners and specific resources for parents and practitioners and by region
- [Secondary Traumatic Stress \(STS\) resources](#), developed in partnership with the Child Trauma Training Center at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, which include resources from organizations that we know are doing excellent work in preventing, treating, and managing STS
- More [member and Country Partner resources](#) that are region-based and practitioner-focused

# WORKING GROUPS

ISPCAN Working Groups address specific cases, policy questions, resources, advancements, and challenges in the field.

## Child Maltreatment Data Collection

Since 1996, this dedicated group of researchers from all over the world has been meeting at ISPCAN Congresses to identify and share key methodological approaches and findings and analyze data trends at national and international levels to inform policy development. In 2021, this group continued its work online, with key projects including:

- Contributing articles on key topics in child protection to ISPCAN's biennial publication *World Perspectives on Child Abuse*
- Developing and presenting a 9-hour mini-course on Child Maltreatment Data Collection: Planning Your Study
- Convening online at the Milan Congress to discuss data collection during COVID; ICAST development, and cross-sector administrative data methods

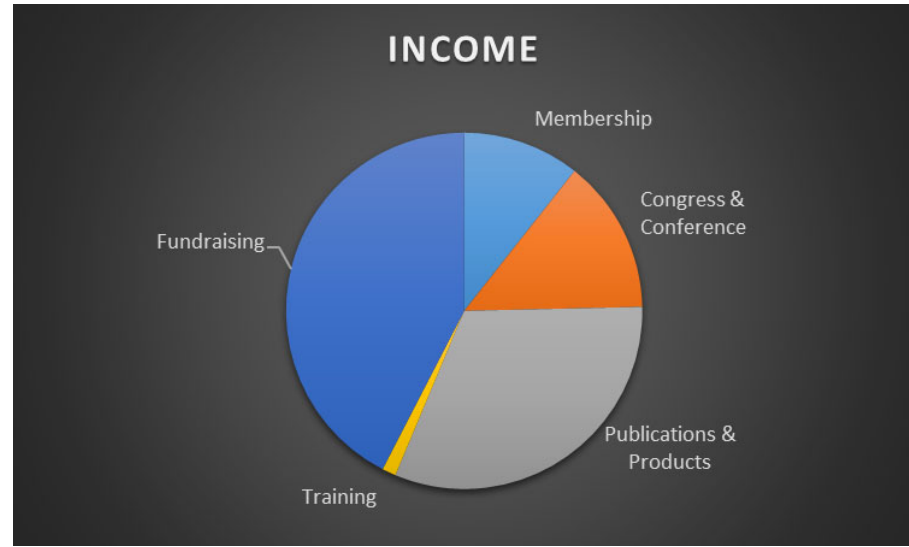
## International Scholars for Protecting Children During COVID-19

Established in April 2020, ISPCAN is comprised of more than 30 leading scholars from more than 12 countries, who work on multiple international projects related to what we know and are learning about the impact of the pandemic on vulnerable children, families, and professionals. Led by ISPCAN members, the resulting projects in 2021 included:

- A survey on Frontline Practitioners' Experiences and Perceptions of Protecting Children from Maltreatment During COVID-19, translated into four languages, was distributed to child protection professionals worldwide. Results will be presented in a webinar series in 2022.
- Two special issues of *Child Abuse & Neglect* on the impact of COVID on child maltreatment featuring key learnings

# FINANCIALS

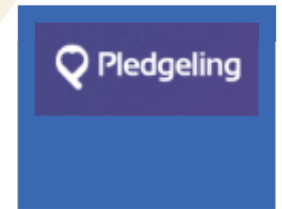
INCOME	Amount	%
Membership	\$ 87,946	10.6%
Congress & Conference	115,960	14.0%
Publications & Products	262,019	31.7%
Training	10,415	1.3%
Fundraising	350,961	42.4%
In-kind professional services	0	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 827,301</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Membership	\$ 172,851	30.0%
Congress & Conference	230,468	40.0%
General/Operational	172,851	30.0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 576,169</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



# DONORS

With the support of caring, dedicated donors, ISPCAN members and professionals can help children build brighter futures.

ISPCAN utilizes 100% of your donations to provide support to the front-line workers tirelessly dedicating their careers to eradicating all forms of child abuse and neglect worldwide.



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PHILANTHROPY**  
inspiring the end to vio  
against girls and boys



The Guidestar Seal of Transparency ensures that Nonprofit profiles take a leap forward from data and information about charities



# ISPCAN improves global public health systems of child care by:

## ENSURING BETTER PROGRAMS OF CARE & PREVENTION

We equip professionals across disciplines to better coordinate systems of care and implement best practices in treating and leading the prevention of child abuse and neglect globally.

## IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION

Through our journal and other publications, congresses, and online learning, we advance cutting-edge academic research, data collection tools, reporting systems, and analysis to inform practitioners and policymakers worldwide.

## IGNITING GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM CHANGES

Each ISPCAN member may treat or counsel over 1,000 children every year, or over 30,000 in their career. Through these efforts, entire systems of care in a country can improve. Legacy programs in our congresses also inspire and empower every region to do more.

## PROMOTING BEST PRACTICES FOR HEALTHY FAMILY OUTCOMES

Disseminating best ideas, programs, and solutions in every region of the world creates a network of learning that raises the bar for every child protection expert and system.

## ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

Data, funding, and policy can bring forward real change. With proper treatment, many children who are victims of violence no longer face a life of crime, drug addiction, mental health issues, or incarceration. Cycles of violence can be broken.





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