Child Policy Nexus

Child Development Research and Policy Considerations

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- To provide policymakers and affiliated audiences (including elected officials, government agency staff, program developers, and practitioners) with comprehensive, non-partisan reviews of child development research findings to inform decision-making.
- To inform SRCD members about (a) policy issues related to child development and (b) child development research related to such issues.

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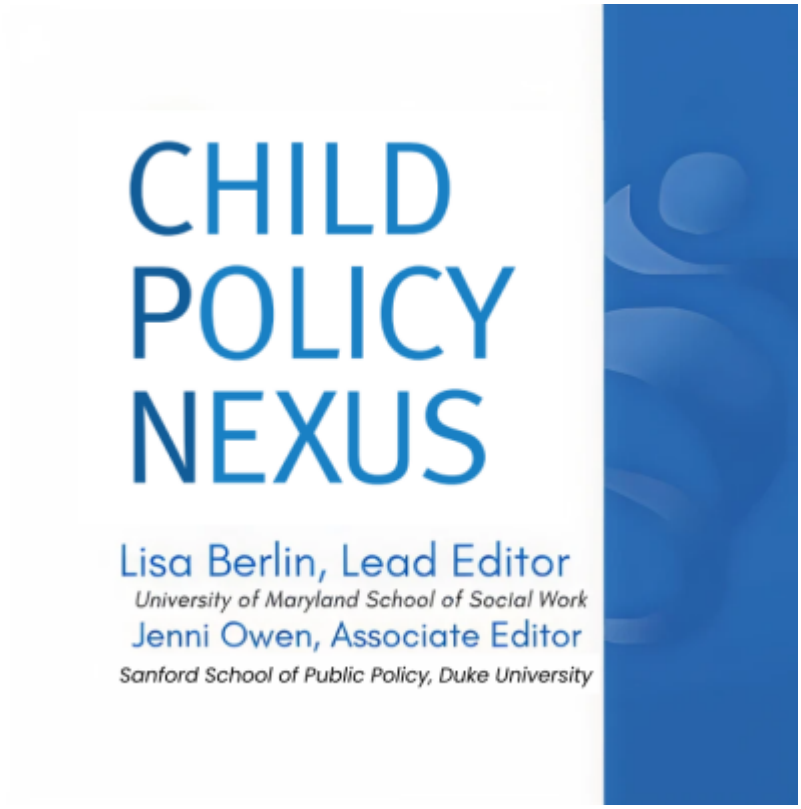
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