

# INTERNATIONAL AND CANADIAN CHILD RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (ICCRP)

## ABOUT OUR RESEARCH

WE AIM TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF HOW CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL AND CANADIAN CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND POLICIES CAN BE MONITORED. WE HAVE TEAM MEMBERS AND PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES IN CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA, BRAZIL, THE UK AND CHINA. OUR RESEARCH TEAM IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN OUR CHILD AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE!

OUR RESEARCH IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PHASES:

PHASE I - WE IDENTIFIED CURRENT **ACADEMIC LITERATURE** ON MONITORING CHILD PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION. WE ALSO **CONDUCTED KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEWS (KII)** WITH STAKEHOLDERS AROUND THE WORLD. WE ALSO ESTABLISHED THE **CHILD AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CYAC)**.

PHASE II - AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL WORK, WE DEEPEDED OUR WORK INTO DIFFERENT REGIONS. WE COLLECTED DATA IN 4 COUNTRIES WITH 5 DIFFERENT PROJECTS. (CANADA - ONTARIO & NEW BRUNSWICK, BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA AND CHINA). SEE "JURISDICTION SUMMARY" FOR MORE DETAILS. GUIDED BY OUR CYAC, WE CREATED THE FOLLOWING METHODOLOGIES: **LOCAL CYAC, FOCUS GROUPS, KII WITH ADULT STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTICIPATORY MEETINGS** INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE & ADULTS.

DETAILS ABOUT THE **PARTICIPATORY MEETING**:

- WE HAD **2** PARTICIPATORY MEETINGS IN ALL JURISDICTIONS. THE FIRST PARTICIPATORY MEETING DISCUSSED **RESULTS FROM PHASE I** (LOOKING INTO WHAT RELEVANCE THE RESULTS HAD FOR THE JURISDICTION, IF ANY) AND THE SECOND PARTICIPATORY MEETING FOCUSED ON **CO-CREATING NEW IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS** ON MONITORING CHILD PARTICIPATION IN THEIR PROTECTION IN THE JURISDICTION.

PHASE III - OUR RESEARCH IS **CURRENTLY IN PHASE III**. WE ARE **ANALYZING THE CONNECTIONS** BETWEEN CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION AND CHILD PROTECTION WITHIN EACH JURISDICTION AND THE OUTCOMES IN ALL JURISDICTIONS.



Participatory Meeting in China.

## CHILD AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CYAC)

OUR CYAC MEMBERS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO OUR RESEARCH PROCESS. THEY INFORM OUR RESEARCH DESIGN, SUPPORT DATA ANALYSIS/COLLECTION, PROVIDE CONTENT FOR CONFERENCES, PROVIDE FEEDBACK, FACILITATE MEETINGS, WORK ON PUBLICATION PAPERS AND MORE. OVERALL, THEY PROVIDE **GUIDANCE** FOR OUR RESEARCH. WE HAVE CYAC MEMBERS FROM BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, CANADA AND CHINA!

OUR WONDERFUL CYAC MEMBERS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH US IN BOTH **INTERNATIONAL** AND **NATIONAL** LEVEL (A.K.A "LOCAL CYAC"). THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS ARE: **PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO KII QUESTIONS, LITERATURE REVIEW, FACILITATING PARTICIPATORY MEETINGS, CONFERENCE SUPPORT (CATS, IPSCAN& DAY OF DISCUSSION OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD) AND THE CYAC PAPER**. FOR NEXT YEAR, CYAC MEMBERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN MORE CONFERENCE SUPPORT, FINALIZING THE CYAC PAPER, DESIGNING THE ICCRP LOGO, AND MORE.

## JURISDICTION SUMMARY

**BRAZIL:** FOCUSING ON YOUNG'S PEOPLE PARTICIPATION ON THE STATE COUNCIL ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN RIO DE JANEIRO (CEDCA-RIO).

**CHINA:** EXAMINING IN COLLABORATION WITH PROJECT PARTNER RIGHT TO PLAY CHINA ITS CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM THAT AIMS TO BUILD AND STRENGTHEN AN EFFECTIVE AND REPLICABLE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM IN CHINA.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** WORKING WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARE WORKERS (NACCW), WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE ADOLESCENT AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (AYDP) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SUPPORT OF UNICEF.

**ONTARIO, CANADA:** ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF HOW TO INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COLLEGE CURRICULA FOR CHILD AND YOUTH CARE (CYC) PRACTITIONERS.

**NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA:** MONITORING THE ENGAGEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE YOUTH VOICE COMMITTEE CREATED TO SUPPORT THE NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY CALLED "KEEPING CHILDREN AND YOUTH SAFE FROM HARM IN NEW BRUNSWICK" (2015).

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"ICCRP IS INTERESTING. EVERYBODY IS SO SUPPORTIVE AND THEY ALWAYS MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE COMFORTABLE. EVERYBODY ON CYAC FEELS SECURE AND SAFE. NO ONE TRIES TO PUT ANYONE DOWN, BECAUSE EVERYONE LISTENS."

- MAYARA, BRAZIL CYAC MEMBER



From the left: Mayara Maciel, Mónica Ruiz-Casares, Laura Wright, Reshma Shiwcharran and Tara Collins at the Children as Actors for Transforming Society (CATS) Conference 2018 in Caux, Switzerland.

## QUICK UPDATES & FUTURE PLANS

- DATA COLLECTION IS NOW COMPLETE. WE ARE ANALYZING ALL OF OUR COUNTRY-SPECIFIC DATA. WE ARE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE RESULTS IN PHASE III.
- WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE AND GROW OUR PARTNERSHIP. WE WANT TO INVOLVE OTHER INTERESTED ALLIES TO JOIN US. PLEASE CONTACT US IF INTERESTED!
- WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ALONGSIDE OUR CYAC MEMBERS.

## OUR TEAM

TARA COLLINS - AMANDA MAYHEW - REAH (HYUN JU) SHIN

VANESSA ZUFELT - IRENE RIZZINI - KAY TISDALL - MÓNICA RUIZ-CASARES - LUCY JAMIESON - NATASHA HENDRICKS - LAURA WRIGHT - JAVITA NARANG - SONJA GROVER - VANESSA CURRIE - HE YING - JANA TABAK - ZERINA MATTHEWS - RICHARD WAMIMBI - EMILIA GONZALEZ

CYAC MEMBERS: ASIPHE-ISIPHO DYWILI - ZUKHANYE MJILANA - CLEYTON COSTA LIMA - MAYARA MACIEL - OLA RZESZUTEK - HALEY MARION MCLEAN - JESSICA TRAVERS - RESHMA SHIWCHARRAN - 2 CHINESE MEMBERS

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING INTO EXPANDING OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS & ORGANIZATIONS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF OUR RESEARCH, PLEASE CONTACT US THROUGH E-MAIL!

## CONFERENCES



ICCRP HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN MANY CHILD RIGHTS-FOCUSED CONFERENCES OVER THE PAST YEAR:

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT (ISPCAN) IN CZECH REPUBLIC: KAY TISDALL, LUCY JAMIESON, LAURA WRIGHT, NATASHA HENDRICKS, JAVITA NARANG, TARA COLLINS, HYUNJU SHIN, AMANDA MAYHEW AND MÓNICA RUIZ-CASARES. VIRTUAL CONTRIBUTION FROM ZUKHANYE MJILANA, HALEY MARION MCLEAN AND RESHMA SHIWCHARRAN

- IPSCAN FOCUSES ON BRINGING PROFESSIONALS FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS WHO WORK TO PREVENT & TREAT CHILD ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION (FROM [HTTPS://WWW.ISPCAN.ORG](https://www.ispcan.org)). ICCRP PRESENTED ABOUT OUR METHODOLOGIES, CASE COUNTRIES AND THE FINDINGS WITH THE HELP OF OUR CYAC MEMBERS WHO SPOKE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE OF BEING PART OF THE TEAM.

CHILDREN AS ACTORS FOR TRANSFORMING SOCIETY (CATS) CONFERENCE IN SWITZERLAND: TARA COLLINS, MÓNICA RUIZ-CASARES, LAURA WRIGHT, RESHMA SHIWCHARRAN AND MAYARA MACIEL

- CATS CONFERENCE IS AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOCUSING ON CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION (FROM [HTTP://CATSPROGRAMME.ORG](http://catsprogramme.org)). WE GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO FACILITATE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT MONITORING AND ITS IMPORTANCE AND TO PRACTICE SOME MONITORING TOOLS! WE WORKED TOGETHER AS THE RESEARCH TEAM WITH ADULT AND YOUTH RESEARCHERS.

UNITED NATIONS (UN): TARA COLLINS, JAVITA NARANG AND VIRTUAL CYAC PARTICIPATION - ICCRP PARTICIPATED IN THE UN DAY OF DISCUSSION, INDIVIDUAL GENERAL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS & AN ONE-HOUR BRIEFING WITH THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD. WE DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH, CHILD AND YOUTH PARTICIPATION, AND MONITORING OF PARTICIPATION INCLUDING IN CHILD PROTECTION & IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL ALLIES AND TO RECEIVE ADVICE ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER IN MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIP.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN (UCT) LEARNING LAB EXAMINED IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA: TARA COLLINS, LUCY JAMIESON AND NATASHA HENDRICKS

- WE DISCUSSED THE OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR RESEARCH, PARTICIPATORY METHODOLOGIES, CYAC AND PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FROM PHASE I & II.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS (ICA) CONFERENCE IN SPAIN: IRENE RIZZINI - ICA EXPLORES A VARIETY OF TOPICS SUCH AS ART, CULTURAL STUDIES, PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES. (FROM [HTTP://ICA2018.ES/HOME/](http://ica2018.es/home/)). ICCRP HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ABOUT OUR FINDINGS, OBJECTIVES, METHODOLOGIES AND COUNTRY CASES.

CONTEMPORARY CHILDHOOD STUDIES CONFERENCE IN GLASGOW, SCOTLAND AT UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE: KAY TISDALL, LUCY JAMIESON, AND LAURA WRIGHT, WITH TARA COLLINS AND MÓNICA RUIZ-CASARES VIRTUAL CONTRIBUTION.

- WE PARTICIPATED IN A PANEL ON ENGAGING CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH AND SHARED ICCRP EXAMPLES FROM THE GLOBAL CYAC AND SOUTH AFRICA PROJECT.

THIS RESEARCH WAS SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA.



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