

Thriving in Context: Child Wellbeing Across Environments

June 29 to July 1, 2026 • CH2M HILL Alumni Center • Oregon State University • Corvallis, Oregon

Message from the Conference Chair

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Oregon State University for the 2026 Conference of the International Society for Child Indicators. It is an honor to serve as Conference Chair for this 10th ISCI Conference. I welcome you to Corvallis, OR – the heart of the Willamette valley – for this global gathering of scholars, practitioners, and policy leaders dedicated to advancing child well-being.

This year's theme, "*Thriving in Context*," reflects a central insight of our field: children's lives are shaped by the environments they inhabit—families, communities, institutions, and broader social and political systems. At a time of considerable global uncertainty and political turbulence, our collective work is more important than ever. As leaders in the science of child indicators, we are uniquely positioned to deepen understanding of child–environment interactions and to generate evidence that informs policies and practices that support children's ability to thrive.

The conference brings together a diverse and interdisciplinary community from across the world, creating opportunities to share research, exchange ideas, and foster collaborations that will move the field forward. This year, all conference information—including the full program and abstracts—is available through our online platform [ConfTools](#). We encourage you to explore the schedule and engage fully with sessions.

Thank you for joining us at ISCI 2026. We hope this conference inspires new insights, partnerships, and action to improve children's lives worldwide.

David Rothwell
Conference Chair
ISCI2026

The International Society for Child Indicators

Researchers, data users, child advocates, and policymakers have made considerable advances in developing and using child indicators to measure child and adolescent well-being.

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Program Overview

For the full program and daily updates, check the conference agenda at <https://www.conftool.org/isci2026/sessions.php>

Date: Monday, 29/June/2026

7:30am -	Registration check-in			
9:00am -	Opening, Welcome, and Plenary 1: Sharon Goldfeld, Slow System Change Fast: Data as the Disrupter to Accelerate Equitable Systems Change for Children			
10:30am	Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C) Chair: Mónica Ruiz-Casares			
10:30am -	Day 1 Break Morning			
11:00am -	CS 1.01.01: Advancing the Measurement of Child and Adolescent Well-Being Across Contexts Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: LIVIA MARIA BEDIN	CS 1.01.02: Administrative Data in Child Indicators Work Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Arya Harison	CS 1.01.03: Innovations in Conducting Intervention Research with Youth in Foster Care Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Jennifer Blakeslee	CS 1.01.04: Advancing Child Rights in Global Intergenerational Research: Insights from the International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership Location: Willamette Room (115B) Chair: Mónica Ruiz-Casares
12:30pm				
12:30pm -	Lunch June 29			
2:00pm -	CS 1.02.01: Institutional Settings, Identities and Child Well-being: Children's Perspectives (CUWB Panel) Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: Susan Fegter	CS 1.02.02: Advancing Child-Centered Measurement of Well-Being and Rights Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Jose Marquez	CS 1.02.03: Responsive Approaches to Design, Measurement, and Translation of Child Well-Being Research Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Jessica Dahlgren	CS 1.02.04: Learning from Children: Co-Creating and Advancing Well-Being Measurement Location: Willamette Room (115B) Chair: PINAR UYAN-SEMERCI
3:30pm				
3:30pm -	Day 1 Break Afternoon			
4:00pm -	Workshop 1.01: Talking with Children about Violence: Methodological and Ethical Questions Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: Sabine Andresen Chair: Asher Ben-Arieh	Workshop 1.02: Beyond Methodological Nationalism: Qualitative-Comparative Approaches to Analyzing Children's Understandings of Well-Being in Global and Local Contexts Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Susan Fegter Chair: Tobia Fattore		
5:30pm				
5:30pm -	Poster session and reception			
6:30pm				

Keynote Speakers

Plenary 06.29



Sharon Goldfeld, MD
Murdoch Children's Research Institute

Slow System Change Fast: How Data Could be the Disruptor to Accelerate Equitable Systems Change for Children

Plenary 06.30



Ramesh Raghavan, PhD, MD
New York University

Capacities and Contexts: Approaches to Enhancing Child Well-Being

Plenary 07.01



Bridget M. Haas, PhD
Case Western Reserve University

Thriving in Uncertain Contexts: Immigration Policy, Institutions, and the Everyday Conditions of Family and Child Wellbeing

Date: Tuesday, 30/June/2026

9:00am - 10:30am	Plenary 2: Ramesh Raghavan, Capacities and Contexts: Understanding and Enhancing Child Well-being Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C) Chair: Robert M Goerge				
10:30am - 11:00am	Day 2 Break Morning				
11:00am - 12:30pm	CS 2.01.01: Child Poverty and Inequality Across Contexts: Measurement, Trends, and Structural Drivers Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: David W Rothwell	CS 2.01.02: Child Well-Being in Context: Inequality, Family Dynamics, and Children's Voices Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Maggie Lau	CS 2.01.03: Children from Migration Backgrounds: Cross-National Insights into Subjective Well-being, Risks, and Resilience Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Sunsuk Kim	CS 2.01.04: Prevention and Intervention of Violence Against Children: What is Needed to Drive Policy and Practice Reform Location: Willamette Room (115B) Chair: Astrid Helling-Bakki	
12:30pm - 2:00pm	Lunch June 30				
2:00pm - 3:30pm	CS 2.02.01: Child Vulnerability and Protection Across Contexts: Risks, Resilience, and Well-Being Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: Bong Joo Lee	CS 2.02.02: Ethics in Action: Child Rights and Research Practices in Diverse Environments Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Kay Tisdall	CS 2.02.03: Strengthening Child Services in Context: Systems, Workforce, and Data-Driven Improvement Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Sharon Goldfeld	CS 2.02.04: Conceptual Developments in Understanding Children's Well-being (CUWB Panel) Location: Willamette Room (115B) Chair: Tobia Fattore	CS 2.02.05: Strengthening Early Childhood Systems: Policy, Data, and Service Delivery Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C) Chair: Jennifer Finders
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Day 2 Break Afternoon				
3:45pm - 5:15pm	Workshop 2.01: Beyond Numbers – Big Data Analysis for Child Well-Being Research Workshop Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: Robert M Goerge	Workshop 2.02: Designing Together – Child–Researcher Partnerships in Methodology Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: Mónica Ruiz-Casares Kay Tisdall	Workshop 2.03: Can We Solicit Self-Reports from Six-Year-Old Children Regarding Their Life Experiences?: Opportunities and Challenges Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Bong Joo Lee		
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Conference Dinner				

Date: Wednesday, 01/July/2026

9:00am - 10:30am	Plenary 3: Brigdet Haas, Culture and Context: Immigration and the Everyday Conditions of Child and Family Wellbeing Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C)				
10:30am - 11:00am	Day 3 Break Morning				
11:00am - 12:30pm	CS 3.01.01: Pathways to Child Well-Being: Risks, Rights, and Family Processes Location: Cascade Ballroom A (110A) Chair: Ana Loreto Ditzel	CS 3.01.02: Gender, Norms, and Inequalities in Child Well-being Location: Cascade Ballroom B (110B) Chair: LIVIA MARIA BEDIN	CS 3.01.03: Strengthening Child Care Through a Government-University Research Partnership Location: Willamette Room (115A) Chair: Megan Pratt	CS 3.01.04: Conflict, War, and Political Violence Location: Willamette Room (115B) Chair: Daphna Gross Manos	CS 3.01.05: Children's Rights, Participation, and Voice Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C) Chair: PINAR UYAN-SEMERCI
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch and Closing Location: Cascade Ballroom C (110C)				

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Conference Dinner

The conference dinner will take place at the Vue (517 SW 2nd St, Corvallis, OR) at 6pm on June 30th.

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