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**Impact of Poverty and Social Exclusion on Children's Lives  
and their Well-being**

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**Abstract**

**Child Well-being and Child Policy in OECD Member Countries**

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Policy makers the world over are turning their attention to child well-being. The standard indicators of child income poverty, education and health are being compared together, and expanded on, to assess the quality of children's lives in nation states. There is a demand in policy circles to understand the relationships between policy input and child well-being outcomes in each country. To meet this demand the OECD will publish its first report on child well-being in member countries in October this year.

The OECD Child Well-being report brings together research and analysis of policy structures and inputs, child poverty, intergenerational transmission of inequality, analysis of family structures, and policy-amenable indicators of child well-being (the OECD child well-being framework).

Of all these contributions, it is the child well-being framework that provides a tool for monitoring the well-being of children in the OECD, and assessing the impact of child policies. The OECD framework gives regard to the UNCRC, and presents the most up-to-date indicators in dimensions of child well-being most amenable to public policy intervention. Analysis explores how policy structures and policy effort (spending) associate with a range of child outcomes, including poverty and deprivation, education and health outcomes, and risk behaviours.

The contribution to the workshop will take three parts. First, the OECD child well-being framework will be presented, with reference to other analysis undertaken in the child well-being report, and the limitations of the framework. Second comparisons of child well-being outcomes across the OECD will be introduced, and compared to other recent indices of child well-being. Third, analysis of the association between structures of, and spending on, child and family policies in the OECD and the OECD child well-being framework will be discussed.

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