The CPC Learning Network convenes academics, policymakers, and practitioners to promote innovative research, nurture communities of learning, and build the next generation of researchers and advocates for children and families worldwide. The CPC Learning Network was established in 2008 to fill the need for critical information on the needs of children in crisis and the effectiveness of programs to meet those needs. By convening national and international researchers, practitioners and policymakers, we stimulate and exchange learning, build capacities, and undertake and promote innovative, scientific research to inform policy and practice on the care and protection of children. We do this by working with the best researchers in the field of child protection, producing new and relevant research, and making the research methods, innovations, and findings easily accessible and available to those who develop and implement programs for the well-being of children.

The CPC Learning Network is housed within the Program on Forced Migration and Health at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Within the broader field of child protection, care, and well-being, the CPC Learning Network focuses on a number of priority research areas, including violence. Research to better understand the nature, causes, and consequences of violence against children is core to the CPC Learning Network’s mission. We also seek to measure the effectiveness of efforts to prevent and response to this violence.

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