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## HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH REVIEW



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#### HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH REVIEW: AIMS AND SCOPE

HELP's Human Development Research Review (*HELP Reads*) aims to expand awareness of topics in human development, including social and emotional learning, social and environmental determinants of health, child care, and more. *HELP Reads* connects health academics, advocates, and professionals with online and publicly available research, news, and information. This review focuses on listing articles relevant to human development research activities at HELP. This review is not official or peer reviewed. It does not cover all research, news, and information, and HELP is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required. HELP Reads is posted monthly <u>here</u>.



### **EDITOR PICKS**

Results from the PROmoting Early Childhood Outside cluster randomized trial evaluating an outdoor play intervention in early childhood education centres.

Rachel Ramsden, PhD, School of Population and Public Health, UBC, and co-authors

"The PROmoting Early Childhood Outside (PRO-ECO) study is a pilot randomized trial that evaluates the PRO-ECO intervention on children's outdoor play participation..."



Childhood poverty, social support, immigration background and adolescent health and life satisfaction: A population-based longitudinal study.

Randip Gill, PhD, School of Population and Public Health, UBC, and co-authors

"Household poverty had a larger negative association to outcomes in comparison to neighborhood poverty. The association of poverty to outcomes differed by..."



Supporting adolescents presenting with illicit drug toxicity.

Matthew Carwana, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept of Pediatrics, UBC, and coauthors

"...It is essential to evaluate and address both substance use and mental health needs in youth presenting with severe substance use and overdose-related harms..."



Targeted mental health prevention and parenting support within a Canadian context: a randomized controlled trial evaluating the U.S.-developed Family Check-up.®

Magdalena Janus, Affiliate Associate Professor, School of Population and Public Health, UBC, and co-authors

"Positive results for primary outcome indicate the Family Check-Up's® promise as an effective child mental health prevention program in Canada."



Barriers to rural midwifery: an integrative review.

Caroline Sanders, Associate Professor, University of Northern BC and co-authors

"Rural midwives face complex challenges that demand multi-faceted and multi-level solutions. The findings highlight the need for an increase in midwifery representation...."



Human Early Learning Partnership. HELP Reads – December issue (previous issue)







## **EDITOR PICKS, continued**

#### Cultural Connections for Youth in Care.

#### Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks

"First and foremost, culture is a priority for youth in care. Young people want to maintain connection to their culture and want support to explore it further. Secondly, relationships are key to cultural connections..."



## Are adolescents who do physical activity with their parents more active and mentally healthier?

#### Statistics Canada

"A higher frequency of family physical activity was associated with a greater likelihood of adhering to the physical activity and recreational screen time recommendations and better mental health in Canadian adolescents. Family physical activity may be an..."



## Approaches to well-being and mental health by provincial education departments in Canada. Well-being and well-becoming in schools in Canada

"This study systematically and rigorously examines provincial and territorial department of education websites to assess the prominence and conceptualization of student well-being and mental health across Canada."



#### Mental health policies Indigenous youth.

#### Ubbi R

"This paper aims to provide an overview of the historical mental health policies in Canada while synthesizing existing literature."



#### Prospects for children: building resilient systems for children's futures.

#### UNICEF

"To uphold children's rights and well-being, action is needed to rethink and strengthen systems. Systems approaches (i.e., approaches that go beyond mere service delivery) are essential to build resilience into every area of children's lives ...."



#### Artificial intelligence for children: UNICEF's policy guidance and beyond.

#### Liu S, Ding W

"A main contribution of this Policy Guidance is that it outlines the foundations, requirements and specific recommendations for developing child-centred AI and surrounding policies."





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