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Feature Papers "Age-Friendly Cities & Communities: State of the Art and Future Perspectives"

MDPI The "Age-Friendly Cities & Communities: States of the Art and Future Perspectives" publication presents contemporary, innovative, and insightful narratives, debates, and frameworks based on an international collection of papers from scholars spanning the fields of gerontology, social sciences, architecture, computer science, and gerontechnology. This extensive collection of papers aims to move the narrative and debates forward in this interdisciplinary field of age-friendly cities and communities.

Program Evaluation Theory and Practice

A Comprehensive Guide

Guilford Press This engaging text takes an evenhanded approach to major theoretical paradigms in evaluation and builds a bridge from them to evaluation practice. Featuring helpful checklists, procedural steps, provocative questions that invite readers to explore their own theoretical assumptions, and practical exercises, the book provides concrete guidance for conducting large- and small-scale evaluations. Numerous sample studies—many with reflective commentary from the evaluators—reveal the process through which an evaluator incorporates a paradigm into an actual research project. The book shows how theory informs methodological choices (the specifics of planning, implementing, and using evaluations). It offers balanced coverage of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods approaches. Useful pedagogical features include: *Examples of large- and small-scale evaluations from multiple disciplines. *Beginning-of-chapter reflection questions that set the stage for the material covered. *"Extending your thinking" questions and practical activities that help readers apply particular theoretical paradigms in their own evaluation projects. *Relevant Web links, including pathways to more details about sampling, data collection, and analysis. *Boxes offering a closer look at key evaluation concepts and additional studies. *Checklists for readers to determine if they have followed recommended practice. *A companion website with resources for further learning.

Participatory Health Research

Voices from Around the World

Springer This groundbreaking resource explores core issues in participatory health research (PHR) and traces its global emergence as a force for improving health and well-being, healthcare services, and quality of life. The PHR approach is defined as including community members, health practitioners, and decision-makers as co-researchers, using local

knowledge to reduce disparities in care, advocate for responsive health policy, and accelerate positive change in society as a whole. The book's first half surveys themes essential to the development of the field, including evaluating PHR projects, training professionals in conducting PHR, and the ambitious work of the International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research. International perspectives showcase the varied roles of PHR in addressing urgent local health problems in their specific public health and sociocultural contexts. Among the topics covered: Demonstrating impact in participatory health research Reviewing the effectiveness of participatory health research: challenges and possible solutions Kids in Action—participatory health research with children Participatory health research: an Indian perspective Participatory health research in Latin America: scientific production on chronic diseases Participatory health research in North America: from community engagement to evidence-informed practice Participatory Health Research benefits those teaching and learning about participatory health research at institutions of higher education and in community settings, addressing diverse fields including health promotion and disease prevention, medicine and public health, quality of life, social work, and community development.

Handbook of Research-Based Practice in Early Education

Guilford Publications Written expressly for early childhood educators, and those who support their professional development, this handbook distills essential knowledge about how to help all PreK-3 learners succeed. Leading experts describe doable ways to create effective learning environments and implement instructional practices with a strong evidence base. Engaging vignettes illustrate discussions of such topics as differentiated instruction, response to intervention, the Common Core standards, social and emotional learning, assessment, and teaching across the curriculum. Each chapter links cutting-edge research to practical applications, examples, and professional development activities.

Resources in Education

ECEG2011-Proceedings of the 11th European Conference on EGovernment

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Participatory Research for Health and Social Well-Being

Springer This textbook is a comprehensive guide for students interested in using participatory research to improve people's health and well-being. It is especially designed for those working in the fields of health and social welfare who are embarking on participatory research for the first time. It covers all phases in participatory research from "getting started," to "acting for change," "continuing the journey" and "articulating impact." Its unique format helps readers understand the essence of participatory research as a comprehensive approach for doing research which is underpinned by a set of fundamental values. The many real life examples of participatory research projects from around the world inspire readers to find creative ways to manage their own research while opening up new horizons in their work.

Participatory Evaluation in Youth and Community Work

Theory and Practice

Routledge Evaluation is an essential element of professional practice. However, there is little in the literature that is designed to help students involve and support young people in evaluating the impact of youth work activities. This comprehensive book explores current thinking about evaluation in the context of youth work and community work and offers both theoretical understanding and practical guidance for students, practitioners, organisational leaders and commissioners. Part 1 provides underpinning knowledge of the origins,

purpose and functions of evaluation. It charts the developments in evaluation thinking over the past 50 years, and includes an exploration of 'theory of change'. Concepts such as impact, impact measurement and shared measurement are critically examined to illustrate the political nature of evaluation. Findings from empirical research are used to illuminate the challenges of applying a quasi-experimental paradigm of evaluation of youth and community work. Part 2 introduces the reader to participatory evaluation and presents an overview of the histories, rationale and underpinning principles. Empowerment evaluation, collaborative evaluation and democratic evaluation are examined in detail, including practice examples. Transformative Evaluation, an approach specifically designed for youth and community work, is presented. Part 3 focuses on the 'doing' of participatory evaluation and offers guidance to those new to participatory evaluation in youth and community work and a helpful check for those already engaging. It provides valuable information on planning, methods, data and data analysis and processes for sharing knowledge. This essential text will enable the reader to reconstruct evaluation as a tool for learning as well as a tool for judging value. It provides a comprehensive reference, drawing on a wide range of literature and practice examples to support those involved in youth and community work to develop and implement participatory approaches to evaluating and communicating the meaning and value of youth and community work to a wider audience.

Vital and Health Statistics

Programs and collection procedures

Welfare Reform

A Review of Abstinence Education and Transitional Medical Assistance : Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, One Hundred Seventh Congress, Second Session, April 23, 2002

Of NIH report on condom effectiveness -- The declines in adolescent pregnancy, birth and abortion rates in the 1990s: what factors are responsible? -- The effectiveness of abstinence education programs in reducing sexual activity among youth.

Dynamics of Organizational Change and Learning

John Wiley & Sons This handbook focuses on the complex processes and problems of organizational change and relates current knowledge of individual and group psychology to the understanding of the dynamics of change. Complementary and competing insights are presented as overviews of theory and research Offers helpful insights about choosing models and methods in specific situations Chapters by international authors of the highest quality

Developments in E-government

A Critical Analysis

IOS Press Sets out to provide a critical evaluation of developments in e-government. This book examines the emerging area of e-democracy, in which technology is being utilized to provide a digital presence for the democratic processes of government. It is a synthesis of theoretical contributions and empirical investigations.

Learning from Case Studies in Chaplaincy

Towards Practice Based Evidence & Professionalism

Eburon Uitgeverij The recent production of case studies in chaplaincy care combines the narrative nature of chaplaincy with the rigors of research demanded in contemporary care settings. The contributions in this volume from both practitioners and academic researchers join reflections on the challenges and promises of case study research in chaplaincy care with the results of specific case studies. Based on reflections on methodology and professionalization in chaplaincy, the volume hopes to contribute to answering the question of how and why chaplaincy works. As such, the book aims for a wide readership of scholars, chaplains and policy makers. Learning from Case Studies originated from the first international conference on case study research in chaplaincy care that was held in Amsterdam in 2019. "This book is a valuable Western European contribution to the international emerging field of chaplaincy research." Prof. dr. Anne Vandenhoeck, Director of the European Research, Institute for Chaplains in Health Care, KU Leuven, Belgium "This significant book represents a step-change in research into effective chaplaincy practice. Building on previous work, led by Fitchett and Nolan, chaplains and academics offer new case studies, but also develop this critically reflective approach together. Chapters on methodology show how case studies, especially when analysed comparatively, provide important evidence for how and why chaplaincy works." Rev. Dr. Andrew Todd, Director of the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology, Anglia Ruskin University, England "At the heart of chaplaincy are stories, and this collection combines reverence for the stories themselves alongside a critical exploration of how these cases engage with the important issues of our times: what it means to be a profession and to have a professional identity and the need for research that recognises the integral relationship between practice and evidence. This book provides a significant contribution to the current conversations in the spiritual care field." Cheryl Holmes, OAM, CEO Spiritual Health Association, Australia

External Interventions for Disaster Risk Reduction

Impacts on Local Communities

Springer Nature This book presents a case study-based analysis of the consequences of external interventions, critically evaluating them from community perspectives. Communities - from rural to urban, and around the world - that are experiencing disasters and changes in climatic variables can perceive the associated risks and evaluate the impacts of interventions. Accordingly, community perspectives, including their perceptions, concerns, awareness, realizations, reactions and expectations, represent a valuable resource. The case-based analysis of impacts on communities can provide a 'means of learning' from the experiences of others, thus expanding professionals' knowledge base, especially regarding disaster mitigation and climate change adaptation practices in varied settings. This book offers valuable insights and lessons learned, in an effort to promote and guide innovative changes in the current planning, management and governance of human settlements, helping them face the future challenges of a changing environment.

Take Me Home

Protecting America's Vulnerable Children and Families

Oxford University Press **There is a profound crisis in the United States' foster care system, Jill Duerr Berrick writes. No state has passed the federally mandated Child and Family Service Review; two-thirds of the state systems have faced class-action lawsuits demanding change; well over half of all children who enter foster care never go home.**

The World of Science Education

Handbook of Research in North America

BRILL **The focus of this Handbook is on North American (Canada, US) science education and the scholarship that most closely supports this program. The reviews of the research situate what has been accomplished within a given field in North American rather than international context.**

Advance Data from Vital & Health Statistics of the National Center for Health Statistics

Home Truths About Child Sexual Abuse

Policy and Practice

Routledge **Home Truths About Child Sexual Abuse brings together the findings of research and clinical work by leading figures in the UK and USA. It makes visible the prevalence of sexual abuse and exploitation of children by normal, ordinary, heterosexual family men, both within and outside the family. Comprehensive and multidisciplinary in approach, it covers the many different aspects of child sexual abuse including: *phenomenology *definitions and terminology *epidemiology *explanatory frameworks *concepts and theory *the contribution of radical feminism *constructs, classifications and typologies *policy *treatments *multi-disciplinary and multi-agency work *medical advice *gender issues *criminal justice. The book provides the evidence and knowledge base necessary to begin to achieve effective prevention. It offers professionals, researchers and policy makers an invaluable source of reference and an informed basis for action.**

Sexual Behavior and Selected Health Measures

Men and Women 15-44 Years of Age, United States, 2002

International Handbook of Educational Evaluation

Part One: Perspectives / Part Two: Practice

Springer Science & Business Media **Thomas Kellaghan Educational Research Centre, St. Patrick's College, Dublin, Ireland Daniel L. Stufflebeam The Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University, MI, USA Lori A. Wingate The Evaluation Center, Western Michigan University, MI, USA Educational evaluation encompasses a wide array of activities, including student assessment, measurement, testing, program evaluation, school personnel evaluation, school accreditation, and curriculum evaluation. It occurs at all levels of education systems,**

from the individual student evaluations carried out by class room teachers, to evaluations of schools and districts, to district-wide program evaluations, to national assessments, to cross-national comparisons of student achievement. As in any area of scholarship and practice, the field is constantly evolving, as a result of advances in theory, methodology, and technology; increasing globalization; emerging needs and pressures; and cross-fertilization from other disciplines. The beginning of a new century would seem an appropriate time to provide a portrait of the current state of the theory and practice of educational evaluation across the globe. It is the purpose of this handbook to attempt to do this, to sketch the international landscape of educational evaluation - its conceptualizations, practice, methodology, and background, and the functions it serves. The book's 43 chapters, grouped in 10 sections, provide detailed accounts of major components of the educational evaluation enterprise. Together, they provide a panoramic view of an evolving field.

Seventy Years of Rural Sociology in the United States

Abstracts of Articles and Bulletin Bibliography

Serving Military Families in the 21st Century

Routledge This text introduces readers to military families, their resilience, and the challenges of military life. Personal stories from active duty, National Guard, reservists, veterans, and their families, from all branches and ranks of the military, and those who work with military personnel, bring their experiences to life. A review of the latest research, theories, policies, and programs better prepares readers for working with military families. Objectives, key terms, tables, figures, summaries, and exercises, including web based exercises, serve as a chapter review. The book concludes with a glossary of key terms. Engaging vignettes are featured throughout: · Voices from the Frontline offer personal accounts of issues faced by actual program leaders, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, service members, and their families. · Spotlight on Research highlights the latest studies on dealing with combat related issues. · Best Practices review the optimal strategies used in the field. · Tips from the Frontline offer suggestions from experienced personnel. The book opens with an introduction to military culture and family life. Joining the military and why people do so are explored in chapter 2. Next, life in the military including relocation, employment, education, and deployment are examined. Daily lives of children in military families are explored in chapter 4. How stress and resilience theories are used in working with military families are then reviewed. Chapter 6 focuses on milestones experienced by service members and programs that support them through these transitions. Everyday issues caused by the trauma of war are reviewed in Chapters 7 and 8. Programs, policies, and organizations that serve military families in dealing with deployment, education, and health and child care are explored in chapters 9 and 10 followed by initiatives supporting reintegration and reunification issues. Next, how to work with families and those who have experienced traumatic events is considered. The book concludes with a review of career opportunities and stories from working professionals. Intended as a text for advanced undergraduate or graduate courses on military families or as a supplement for courses on the family, marriage and family, stress and coping, or family systems taught in family studies, human development, clinical or counseling psychology, sociology, social work, and nursing, this book also appeals to helping professionals who work with military families.

Evidence-based Public Health

Effectiveness and Efficiency

Oxford University Press A follow up to **Public Health Evidence: Tackling Health Inequalities**, this book builds on the themes already introduced, and provides a broader perspective on an evidence-based approach to public health, concentrating on health inequalities.

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Community action and planning

Contexts, drivers and outcomes

Policy Press With trust in top-down government faltering, community-based groups around the world are displaying an ever-greater appetite to take control of their own lives and neighbourhoods. Government, for its part, is keen to embrace the projects and the planning undertaken at this level, attempting to regularise it and use it as a means of reconnecting to citizens and localising democracy. This unique book analyses the contexts, drivers and outcomes of community action and planning in a selection of case studies in the global north: from emergent neighbourhood planning in England to the community-based housing movement in New York, and from active citizenship in the Dutch new towns to associative action in Marseille. It will be a valuable resource for academic researchers and for postgraduate students on social policy, planning and community development courses.

Resilience and ageing

creativity, culture and community

Policy Press Understanding how creative interventions can help develop social connectivity and resilience for older people is vital in developing a holistic cross-sector approach towards ageing well. Academics with a wide range of expertise critically reflect on how the built environment, community living, cultural participation, lifelong learning, and artist-led interventions encourage older people to thrive and overcome both challenging life events and the everyday changes associated with ageing. The book uses a range of approaches, including participatory research methods, to bring the voices of older people themselves to the foreground. It looks at how taking part in creative interventions develops different types of social relationships and fosters resilience.

We Are Best Friends: Animals in Society

MDPI Friendships between humans and non-human animals were once dismissed as sentimental anthropomorphism. After decades of research on the emotional and cognitive capacities of animals, we now recognize human-animal friendships as true reciprocal relationships. Friendships with animals have many of the same characteristics as friendships between humans. Both parties enjoy the shared presence that friendship entails along with the pleasures that come with knowing another being. Both friends develop ways of communicating apart from, or in addition to, spoken language.

Effective Multi-Agency Partnerships

Putting Every Child Matters Into Practice

SAGE Offering practical advice and guidance on how to establish and maintain effective multi-agency partnership working in your setting, this book will tell you how to meet the Every Child Matters outcomes for children and young people. It clarifies the skills and knowledge required in order to form productive partnerships, and shows you how to set up and maintain good collaborative practice.

Voyages in Childhood

Wadsworth Publishing Company **VOYAGES**, a full-color, chronologically organized child development text, covers the cognitive, physical, social and emotional changes that occur in an individual's life, from the pre-natal period through middle childhood. In every chapter, Rathus communicates the joy inherent in the observation of child and adolescent development--without neglecting the scientific rigor of the field. Rathus' discussion of challenging issues that relate to the influence of ethnicity and gender on development enhance this text, ensuring that students will come away from their reading with a deeper understanding of human diversity. Key study-enhancing hallmarks of Rathus' texts, such as the PQ4R pedagogical method and a humorous, anecdotal writing style, are present in each chapter of the text. The in-chapter pedagogy also includes several distinctive boxed features: "Developing in the New Millennium," "Developing in a World of Diversity" and "A Closer Look". A comprehensive package of print and electronic ancillaries accompanies the text.

Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research

Routledge **Dramatic societal changes have reshaped America's families. Young adults have delayed marriage, and cohabitation before marriage has become commonplace. One in three women giving birth is unmarried, and the proportion of children under 18 living in single-parent families rose from 23 to 31 percent between 1980 and 2000, reflecting increased rates of both nonmarital childbearing and divorce. This authoritative volume offers a blueprint for addressing some of the most important measurement issues in family research, and it points out potential pitfalls for researchers and students who may not be familiar with data quality issues. The Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research will appeal to scholars in the departments of psychology, sociology, and population studies, as well as researchers working in governmental agencies.**

Technology and Its Impact on Educational Leadership: Innovation and Change

Innovation and Change

IGI Global **Educational leadership draws upon interdisciplinary literature, but distinguishes itself through its focus on pedagogy, epistemology, and human development. As a field of study, it has prescribed pertinent philosophies and practices and has specified specific roles for school administrators and teachers. Technology and Its Impact on Educational Leadership: Innovation and Change covers not only K-12 and higher education leadership, but also the relationship between Web 2.0 technologies and educational leadership. Contributions within this book discuss chronic issues in the study of technology and its impact on educational leadership that have perplexed educational establishments. This work promotes learning and further research for professors, scholars, researchers, and graduate students involved in educational leadership and related fields.**

The SAGE Handbook of Evaluation

SAGE **In this comprehensive handbook, an examination of the complexities of contemporary evaluation contributes to the ongoing dialogue that arises in professional efforts to evaluate people-related programs, policies, and practices. The SAGE Handbook of Evaluation is a unique and authoritative resource consisting of 25 chapters covering a range of evaluation theories and techniques in a single, accessible volume. With contributions from world-leading figures in their fields overseen by an eminent international editorial board, this handbook is an extensive and user-friendly resource.**

The Oxford Handbook of Emerging Adulthood

Oxford Library of Psychology **The Oxford Handbook of Emerging Adulthood is the first and only comprehensive compilation spanning the field of emerging adulthood.**

Marriages, Families, and Relationships: Making Choices in a Diverse Society

[Cengage Learning](#) Lamanna/Riedmann/Stewart's bestselling MARRIAGES, FAMILIES, AND RELATIONSHIPS: MAKING CHOICES IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY, 14th edition, emphasizes a theme that is especially relevant in our modern and global world: making choices in a diverse society. Combining various theoretical perspectives with real-world examples, the text will help you understand how people are influenced by the society around them, how social conditions change in ways that affect family life, the interplay between families and the larger society, and the family-related choices that individuals make throughout adulthood. You'll gain insightful perspectives on different ethnic traditions and family forms. You will also be empowered to question assumptions and reconcile conflicting ideas and values as you make informed choices in your own life. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Knockout Cv: How To Get Noticed, Get Interviewed & Get Hired

[McGraw-Hill Education \(UK\)](#) John Lees shows you how to write CVs and cover letters that convey your strengths quickly and get you into the interview process.

Risk and Resilience

Global learning across the age span

[Dunedin Academic Press Ltd](#) Explores the issues of risk and resilience in health and social care across the age spectrum and analyses the underpinning concepts.

How Girls Achieve

This bold and necessary book points out a simple and overlooked truth: most schools never had girls in mind to begin with. That is why the world needs what Sally Nuamah calls feminist schools, deliberately designed to provide girls with achievement-oriented identities. And she shows why doing so would help all students, regardless of their gender.

Achieving Person-Centred Health Systems

Evidence, Strategies and Challenges

[Cambridge University Press](#) An evidence-based analysis of the opportunities and challenges of moving towards more person-centred health systems.

Public Participation in Health Care: Exploring the Co-Production of Knowledge

[Frontiers Media SA](#)

Serving Military Families

Theories, Research, and Application

Routledge This text introduces readers to the unique culture of military families, their resilience, and the challenges of military life. Personal stories from nearly 70 active duty, reservists, veterans, and their families from all branches and ranks of the military bring their experiences to life. A review of the latest research, theories, policies, and programs better prepares readers for understanding and working with military families. Objectives, key terms, tables, figures, summaries, and exercises, including web based exercises, serve as a chapter review. The book concludes with a glossary. Readers learn about diverse careers within which they can make important differences for families. Engaging vignettes are featured throughout: Voices from the Frontline offer personal accounts of issues faced by actual program leaders, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, service members, veterans, and their families. Spotlight on Research highlights the latest studies on dealing with combat related issues. Best Practices review the optimal strategies used in the field. Tips from the Frontline offer suggestions from experienced personnel. Updated throughout including the latest demographic data, the new edition also features: -New chapter (9) on women service members that addresses the accomplishments and challenges faced by this population including sexual bias and assault, and combat-related psychological disorders. - New chapter (10) on veterans and families looks at veterans by era (e.g.WW2), each era's signature issues and how those impact programs and policies, and challenges veterans may face such as employment, education, and mental and physical health issues. -Two new more comprehensive and cohesive chapters (11 & 12) review military and civilian programs, policies, and organizations that support military and veteran families. -Additional information on TBI and PTSD, the deployment cycle, stress and resilience, the possible negative effects of military life on families, same-sex couples and their children, and the recent increase in suicides in the military. -More applied cases and exercises that focus on providing services to military families. Intended as a text for advanced undergraduate or graduate courses on military families or as a supplement for courses on the family, marriage and family, stress and coping, or family systems taught in family science, human development, clinical or counseling psychology, sociology, social work, and nursing, this book also appeals to helping professionals who work with military and veteran families.