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Digital Technologies and Early Childhood in China Policy and Practice

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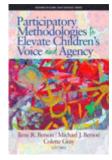
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This edited book on Digital Technologies and Early Childhood in China: Policy and Practice is the eighth volume in the Research in Global Child Advocacy Series. This volume details the entanglement of digital technologies and early childhood ecologies, learning and pedagogies in China. It analyses how traditional Chinese values, Eastern and Western curricular approaches, and socio-political, economic, cultural, and demographic changes influence current policies, services, and practice. This book is the first research-based review of technology integration into early childhood education and the factors that affect it in China. It is particularly timely given China's growing influence and the increased recognition of the importance of early childhood education for human capital development globally. Across international contexts, there is limited knowledge of China's early childhood curricular reforms, and this book offers insight into the socio-cultural and political influences that have driven the nation's tremendous investment in the technology infrastructure, the ambitious goals for implementation into the education of young children, and barriers to these integration efforts.

Collectively, this rich collection of chapters offers a nuanced understanding of the entanglement of digital technologies and early childhood education in China. Each chapter sheds light on a distinct aspect of this complex landscape, providing valuable insights and opening new avenues for exploration. It sheds light on the socio-cultural and political influences that have shaped China's ambitious goals for technology integration in the education of young children. By addressing the barriers and challenges faced in these integration efforts, the book provides critical knowledge for policymakers, researchers, and educators seeking to enhance early childhood education practices in China and beyond.

Furthermore, this volume contributes to the global understanding of China's early childhood curricular reforms and the significant investments made in technology infrastructure. As China continues to play an influential role in the global landscape, understanding its early childhood curricular reforms and technology integration efforts becomes increasingly important. This book contributes to the international knowledge base by offering insights into the socio-cultural and political influences driving China's investment in technology infrastructure and the challenges faced in its implementation. It serves as a valuable resource for researchers, policymakers, and educators worldwide seeking to enhance early childhood education practices, promote digital literacy, and harness the potential of digital technologies in early learning environments.

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Participatory Methodologies to Elevate Children's Voice and Agency

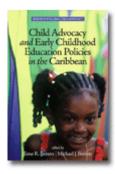
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This volume of the Research in Global Child Advocacy Series explores participatory methodologies and tools that involve children in research. Perspectives on the role of children have transitioned from viewing children as objects of research, to children as subjects of research, to acknowledgement of children as competent contributors and agents throughout the

inquiry process. Researchers continue to explore approaches that honor the capacity of children, drawing on diverse methodologies to elevate children's voices and actively engage them in the production of knowledge. Nonetheless, despite these developments, questions over the extent to which children can be free of adult filters and influence merits sustained scholarly attention. The book includes chapters that critically examine methodological approaches that empower children in the research process. Contributions include empirical or practitioner pieces that operate from an empowerment paradigm and demonstrate the agenic capacity of children to contribute their perspectives and voices to our understanding of childhood and children's lives. The text also features conceptual pieces that challenge existing theoretical frameworks, critique research paradigms, and analyze dilemmas or tensions related to ethics, policy and power relations in the research process.

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Child Advocacy and Early Childhood Education Policies in the Caribbean

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This volume explores early childhood education policies and practices in the Caribbean. Early childhood development has gained increasing importance as part of national agendas to achieve social and economic goals. Regional guidelines and action plans have been developed, but progress across nations varies. Chapters in the book analyze child policies and issues, critically examine progress on alignment between policies and practices, and propose recommendations for advocacy and implementation that may advance the early childhood development agenda throughout the Caribbean.

The book includes the perspectives of early childhood practitioners, policymakers, caregivers, representatives from family agencies as well as other key stakeholders in the education of young children. Across these diverse viewpoints is a shared commitment to children's well being and the necessity of an integrated response that captures the challenges and opportunities of early childhood development services and initiatives that are framed based on contextual relevance and cultural appropriateness. Part One includes chapters that advocate for national policies throughout the Caribbean to

support young children. Chapters in Part Two call for quality early childhood programming that is based on the tenets of developmentally appropriate practice. Part Three considers the pedagogical dilemmas that arise in math and literacy when schools negate purposeful and engaging early childhood curriculum. Part Four presents various perspectives on child protection and the necessary infrastructure of policies and practices to ensure cognitive, social, and physical development of young children in the Caribbean. This important resource promotes critical discourse on the current status of children and efforts that have been developed to effectively advocate for the rights of the young.

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High-Tech Tots Childhood in a Digital World

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Young children are coming of age surrounded by information and communication technology (ICT). ICT is a prominent force in their lives, and working with ICT can stimulate students intellectually, incite their creativity, and challenge them to apply developmentally appropriate inquiry approaches that enhance their learning experiences. Digital technologies also allow children to expand their physical space and access many online social environments that transcend time and space. However, any focus on the efficiency and effectiveness of technology applications in the early childhood years cannot overlook the potential consequences of technological development on children with regard to their social functioning, interpersonal interactions, and global understanding. In addition to evaluating technology as a tool of instruction, we must focus on educational implications and ethical issues associated with their use.

This book is the fifth in the Research in Global Child Advocacy Series. The volume examines theoretical assumptions as well as the application of innovative strategies that optimize the interface between young children and ICT from a global perspective. Despite divergent perspectives, the chapter authors share a commitment to explore the immersion of ICT into the lives of young children and consider the educational value of these tools as well as the developmental appropriateness of technological affordances. This volume brings together scholars and policymakers whose rich discourse delves into questions such as: How do communication technologies benefit young children's social and cognitive development? What standards and technical specifications are needed to effectively safeguard young children engaged with ICT? How are young children introduced to ICT? What are the challenges and risks for young children online? What programs are effective in mediating risk? What are the educational applications for ICT in early childhood? Is social networking the new "online playground" for young children? How can young children become competent users of digital technology and media? How can early childhood educators and families encourage positive usage and discourage negative social consequences associated with today's technology? How can ICT enhance teaching and learning for young children? What ICT activities are developmentally appropriate for young children?

In the book there are three primary areas of emphasis: (a) ICT as a teaching and learning tool across cultures and countries to promote the social and cognitive development of young children; (b) research on developmentally appropriate education on cybersafety and cybercitizenship; and (c) studies on the influence of digital technologies on young children, including exposure to inappropriate content and participation in online social networks. This resource offers readers a

glimpse into the experience of children and the expertise of researchers and professionals who diligently work toward crafting a framework for action that reflects intercultural and cross-national initiatives. Given the role that electronic media plays in the lives of children as both an educational and entertainment tool, understanding the physical and social contexts, as well as the developmental issues, is critical to programs aiming to optimize the full potential of digital tools that support and enhance the experiences of young children.

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Overcoming AIDS Lessons Learned from Uganda

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As a result of the AIDS epidemic, many nations around the world have faced the demands of caring for a particularly vulnerable population of children, the orphans of parents who have died of AIDS or whose caregivers are terminally ill from the disease. Overcoming AIDS: Lessons Learned from Uganda offers an in-depth exploration of this global issue and provides a broad focus on evolving a constructive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

This collaborative resource is the fourth in the Research in Global Child Advocacy book series, and it offers readers a glimpse into the experience of HIV/AIDS infected and affected people from the perspective of researchers, policy makers, and professionals who diligently work toward crafting a framework for action that is integrated across disciplines. Despite the enormity and intensity of the problem, chapter authors share a commitment to advocate for a better world in which social and economic disparities do not preclude children from experiencing a future that is bright with potential opportunities and hope.

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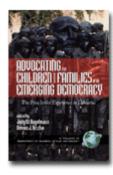
Childhood in South Asia

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The book has drawn an interdisciplinary pool of authors, some of whom are natives of South Asian countries and others who have been involved extensively in the region through their affiliations with various international organizations. The book represents children's issues in six South Asian countries: India, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh. The authors in the book critically examine issues facing children in South Asia, reveal inadequacies of governmental policies and programs for children, and offer vision for a better childhood for South Asia's children. The United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNCRC, serves as a framework for the book.

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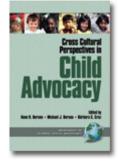


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Cross Cultural Perspectives in Child Advocacy

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