

# THE INTERNATIONAL AND CANADIAN CHILD RIGHTS PARTNERSHIP (ICCRP)

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ICCRP

## Who are we?

Mholweni! Hello! An-Nyung!  
Ola! 你好 Nǐ hǎo!

We are the International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership, ICCRP for short. We are a group of researchers, professionals and young people who care deeply about young people's rights and their participation in matters that affect young people. Our ICCRP family consists of members around the world including Brazil, Canada, China, South Africa, and the United Kingdom.

Our research is not complete without our young people in our **Child and Youth Advisory Committee (CYAC)**! Our CYAC members play an important role in our research process. CYAC members provide support with:

- Research design
- Data analysis/collection
- Conference presentations/content-making & papers/publication
- ...and more!

Overall, they provide **guidance** for our research as young people. We have CYAC members from Brazil, Canada, China and South Africa!



## What do we do?

ICCRP is a **child rights-based research project**. Children's participation and opinions are important when there are changes and decisions being made to their protection and welfare. Sadly, **child participation is not fully practiced or understood within many countries.**

Our research project looks at **how we can monitor children's participation in child protection**. In other words, we are interested in how we can measure/check children's participation in child protection programs and policies!

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Together, we aim to answer the question of:



**SPACE**  
Children must be given safe, inclusive opportunities to form and express their views

**VOICE**  
Children must be facilitated to express their views

**AUDIENCE**  
The view must be listened to

**INFLUENCE**  
The view must be acted upon, as appropriate

"How can children's participation in international and Canadian child protection programs and policies be monitored?"

ICCRP has 3 different phases:

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Studying current policies and writings on child participation in protection	Collecting data (through activities, meetings, interviews and more!)	Analyzing (breaking down and making sense) of the data we collected

*- this is where we are now!*

## What have we found so far

Overall, there is **positive movement** towards **change** in children's rights. We recognize that each **country's context and needs will look different**, and every country will have their **unique** ways on how children's rights are moving forward!

### Monitoring & Evaluation

We found that monitoring and evaluation of children's participation in protection **does not happen often**. There is very little literature on this topic. However, monitoring and evaluation is identified as important to improving children's participation in child protection. There are only a few examples of monitoring and evaluation.

### Participation & Protection

Child protection concerns around the world include:

- exploitation and abuse
- children living on the streets
- children of war
- victims and orphans of HIV/AIDS
- political, economic, cultural, religious and environmental discrimination
- family violence
- abuse or neglect
- Poverty
- child marriage
- child labour.

\*\*Some of these protection concerns are challenged and contested by children and youth, child labour being one of them.

ICCRP has learned a lot from our young people, adults, and different organizations and universities we work with. We wish to take what we have learned from our research project, to inform other research, policy, and practice impacting young people!

YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE WORK WE DO, HOW WE WORK TOGETHER, OR HOW WE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ANYTIME!

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