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## Call For Papers: 9(2)

**Special Issue in collaboration with the Siem Smun'eem Indigenous Child Wellbeing Research Network at the University of Victoria: Custom Adoption**

**Deadline: August 31, 2014**

The First Peoples Child and Family Review in collaboration with the Siem Smun'eem Indigenous Child Wellbeing Research Network at the University of Victoria (<http://icwrn.uvic.ca>) are currently inviting submissions for a special issue devoted to Custom Adoptions. We are looking for articles from individuals, community groups, organizations, academics or students who can share their experiences with custom adoption in a variety of contexts. These could be research articles, agency experiences, cultural perspectives or personal stories that highlight custom adoption from a historical and contemporary perspective. We invite submissions that address the cultural practice, policy and research dimensions of custom adoptions and related customary practices of caregiving, including (but not limited to) customary law, custom adoptions in Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, kinship care,

permanency planning, cultural continuity and cultural planning, custom adoption traditions and ceremonies, legal considerations, custom adoptions by delegated agencies, and case studies of successes and challenges in custom adoption.

We welcome submissions from people of all ages, including youth. The Editorial Board will do its best to ensure that youth are supported in the process. We encourage all authors to closely review their work before submitting to the First Peoples Child & Family Review. The deadline for submission is **August 31, 2014**. The primary contact for the submission must register with the Open Journal System in order to submit an article which can be located at:

<http://journals.sfu.ca/fpcfr/index.php/FPCFR/information/authors>.

### Research Articles (maximum 5,000 words):

Description of current social action and advocacy efforts by Aboriginal service organizations and other organizations working with children and youth;

Innovative teaching approaches and social policy education for Aboriginal students and/or practitioners;

Local and regional efforts to influence Aboriginal child welfare policy, practice and/or research;

Techniques and/or models of policy analysis from an Aboriginal perspective;

Examples of policy practice in Aboriginal child and family service agencies;

Examination of contemporary social issues among urban Aboriginal populations; and/or,

Developments, trends, and innovations in Aboriginal child and family services administration.

**Community Stories (narrative and/or photo descriptions, 1,000-2,500 words):**

Experiences in collaboration with research projects;

Best practices in community researcher relationships;

Commentaries on current social issues relating to either children, youth, families and/or First Peoples' communities; and/or,

Social service initiatives and programs that have applied research evidence to solving community social problems.

Completed manuscripts suitable for publication undergo a double-blind peer review process. All article submissions should follow APA style referencing. **For more information, please refer to our writer's guide on the Journal's website:**

<http://www.fncaringsociety.com/first-peoples-child-family-review>.

Questions about the subject matter can be

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We look forward to receiving your submissions!

