

2025 Section Annual Report: Part 1 for Children and Youth

Introduction

Annual reports are used by the Sections Committee to assess the health of a Section, measure the Section's vitality, and identify processes, programs, or initiatives that could serve as a model for other Sections. In addition, they serve to provide institutional memory, socialize new Section leaders, and promote transparency to Section members.

This annual report covers the period of Section activity from September 2024 to August 2025 and a fiscal year from January 2025 to December 2025. This report is shared publicly.

Section Governance

Provide details of your Section's governance activity during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Business Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes from the Section business meeting which include a count of members present and summary of decisions made at this meeting. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

The 2025 Business Meeting for the Children & Youth section of the ASA took place on Sunday, August 10th, 2025 at 11am. There were approximately 25 members in attendance. Outgoing Chair Jessica Taft led the meeting and introduced the Incoming Section Chair, Maggie Hagerman.

The meeting's agenda mirrored the agenda from the Council meeting earlier in the morning, .

- Chair's Welcome and Introductions

-Jessica welcomed new Council members, thanked those rotating off Council, and addressed some important changes to ASA Conference plans for the future, related to conference location, budget allocations, etc.

- Treasurer's Report & Section Budget

-Derron provided a very brief report on the 2026 budget & membership count, noting that the financial health of the section is strong and highlighting that membership increased slightly over the previous year but is not as high as it was in previous years.

- Section Operations

-Outgoing Chair Jessica Taft briefly acknowledged the new award winners, thanked the relevant section committee members and reminded everyone about the awards to be given out at the reception.

-We welcomed volunteers for the 2026 awards committee. Chair Jessica Taft passed around a sign-up sheet, allowing members to note their interest.

-We took time to identify possible themes for slots designated for the C&Y section as part of the 2026 ASA program. Ideas shared by the membership included Childhood and Human Rights; State Repression and Children's Experiences; The Anxious Generation: Children, AI and Social Media; Young People Negotiating Uncertainty; Children, Health and Wealth; among others.

-We shared briefly our plan to revamp the website and update it regularly in advance of the 2026 ASA Conference.

Council Meeting

Copy and paste below (or attach separately) the agenda and draft/approved meeting minutes of all council meetings. Minutes must include a list of council members present and a summary of decisions made. Minutes are not a transcript of proceedings, but a listing of what discussions took place and official actions taken.

Draft minutes from the 2025 Council Meeting are attached.

Awards

Distinguished Career Award

Amanda Lewis, University of Illinois Chicago
Aaron Pallas, Teachers College - Columbia University

Outstanding Scholarly Contribution: Journal Article or Book Chapter

Winner

Barnes, Liberty, Sasha Johfre, and Christin L. Munsch. 2024. [Galvanizing the "Missing Revolution": Processes and Meanings of the Child/Adult Binary in the Social Construction of Age](#). *American Journal of Sociology* 130:147-192.

Co-Honorable Mentions (in alphabetical order)

Galli, Chiara, and Filiz Garip. 2024. ["Bringing Children to the Center of Migration Theory."](#) *International Migration Review* 58 (4): 1876–1912.

Knight, David Jonathan. 2024. ["Carceral Passages: Coming of Age in Prison America."](#) *American Journal of Sociology* 129: 1359-1408.

Graduate Student Paper Award:

Tenorio, Luis Edward. 2024. ["Disclosure and the Evolving Legal Consciousness of Sexual and Gender Minority Central American Unaccompanied Minors."](#) *Law & Social Inquiry* 50 (1): 195-224.

2025 Finances

Provide a narrative on how the 2025 budget matched with actual expenses and income from 2024. Please account for any substantive differences.

The Secretary-Treasurer's Report offered in advance of the Council Meeting can be found [here](#).

The Previous Year

Describe Section activities during the period between September 2024 and August 2025.

Provide an overview of the Section's communications with its members and include explanation of how your communication strategy meets the goals and values of the Section. Include links to the section website, newsletters, and any other electronic media used.

The section continues to maintain an active website: <https://childrenandyouth.weebly.com/>. We use the website as a place members can go for up-to-date section information including section leadership, upcoming events, and recent newsletters. It also includes information on section history, awards, and a form for submitting information for future newsletters. The website is one way we enact our value of accessibility and transparency.

The section also publishes a newsletter bi-annually. It is produced by our communications committee and includes not just updates on recent publications, but also reflections on current issues and dynamics in the field. It is one way that we celebrate the successes of our members and also encourage dialogue and debate.

Describe the Section's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals. What steps were taken this year to achieve those goals?

The section aims to reflect the diversity of our field with special attention to gender, race/ethnicity, institution type, and career stage. Our nominations committee worked hard to create a slate of candidates that also reflects this diversity.

Provide an overview of the section's programming at the annual meeting and include explanation of how this programming meets the goals and values of the section (e.g. intellectual exchange, professional networking, mentoring, inclusion).

The session's programming at this year's annual meeting foregrounded cutting-edge research that centered the perspectives of children and youth. We work to bring not just studies of children, but studies that engage with children's knowledge, into ASA. Our roundtables are carefully constructed to connect people across institutional contexts and career stage, creating space for professional mentoring. Our business meeting takes place right after the roundtable and we intentionally invite all roundtable participants to stay for that meeting as we seek to encourage engagement and foster participation.

Provide an overview of the Section's programmatic activities outside of the Annual Meeting (e.g. webinars, networking events, mentoring initiatives, resources for dissemination) and include explanation of this programming meets the goals and values of the Section.

This year, we held a professional development webinar on working with journalists/media. Organized by Emir Estrada, a member of our communications committee, this event spoke to section member's interest in sharing their research with broader publics.

Meeting Minutes

2025 Children and Youth Council Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 7:00 to 7:45am, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Roosevelt Boardroom

Members Present: Jessica Taft (Chair), Margaret Hagerman (Incoming Chair-Elect), Matt Rafalow (Chair-Elect), Derron Wallace (Incoming Sec-Treasurer), Casey Stockstill (Council Member), Calvin Zimmerman (Council Member), Michela Musto (Council Member), Meaghan Mingo (Council Member), Dalia Moto (Council Member), Joanna Dreby (Council Member)

- Chair's Welcome and Introductions
 - Jessica welcomed new Council members, thanked those rotating off Council, and addressed some important changes to ASA Conference plans for the future.

- Treasurer's Report & Section Budget details
 - Derron reported on the 2026 budget & membership count, noting that the financial health of the section is strong. Membership increased slightly over the previous year but is not as high as it was in previous years. It was noted that with ASA's new formula for section allocation, we have more resources at our disposal, despite the decline in membership just below 300. (The full report is available on the C&Y Google Drive)

 - The 25-26 budget was approved by the 10 members present

- Membership Drive
 - Derron discussed the possibility of revisiting our membership drive to welcome new members and welcome back members who were once part of the section. It was suggested that with the new budget formula, we may not need to pressure ourselves at this stage. However, we should take a strategic approach to recruitment by developing professional development, mentorship and continued learning opportunities for graduate students and senior faculty. Incoming Chair Maggie Hagerman has agreed to spearhead at least one professional development session, co-sponsored by another section, in the new academic year.

- Section Operations

- Outgoing Chair Jessica Taft acknowledged the new award winners, thanked the relevant section committee members and reminded everyone about the awards to be given out at the reception.

- We invited volunteers for the 2026 awards committees and other section committees

- Derron proposed that Council meets in January to discuss new developments in the section and society, section elections, spreading the word about section award nominations, and ways to strengthen C&Y community.

- Jessica reminded all section members to attend the Business Meeting and to invite other section members to attend as well.