

# The Journal of Children's Rights- Rawalpindi Medical University

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of **The Journal of Children's Rights-Rawalpindi Medical University**. We are excited to launch this new peer-reviewed journal for an area that is growing in importance but that has yet had no quality journal dedicated to it in Pakistan. It is specifically created to provide researchers with a peer-reviewed, indexed, quality publication outlet for their work. Additionally, the journal will provide a forum to expand the growing dialogue among child rights researchers and practitioners in Pakistan and worldwide to share their research results and applications. The goal for Journal is to become the premier publication for high-quality original research papers in the areas of child rights, child abuse and neglect, child exploitation child protection system and related fields. The articles reflect the perspectives of a broad range of disciplines and contribute to a greater understanding of children's rights and their impact on the concept and development of childhood.

The journal is multidisciplinary and deploys the insights and methodologies of all relevant disciplines, including law, legal and political theory, psychology, psychiatry, educational theory, sociology, social work, child health, social anthropology and theology to further children's rights at national and international levels. However, all submissions must show evidence of their contributions to the broadening and deepening of evidence surrounding child rights and protection.

This inaugural issue owes much to many people. Thanks are due first to the Department of Pediatrics Rawalpindi Medical College, where the idea originated and for supporting it so wholeheartedly. Thanks are due to the Committee that drew up the parameters of the Journal. We are very proud to be the founding Editors and hope that the community of child rights and protection professionals will contribute to its success by submitting their best work,

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