Where are the Children? Children’s Roles in Measuring and Monitoring their Well-Being

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Measuring and monitoring children’s well-being is a critical yet challenging task for all nations. Dr. Ben-Arieh will identify major shifts in the field and suggest a common language for analyzing well-being within an international context. He will discuss the special roles that children might play in assessing their own well-being, as well as how policy makers and child advocates might use knowledge gained from such an approach. Dr. Ben-Arieh will especially draw on two international studies and his experience in the last decade as chair of an international project on this topic.

Asher Ben-Arieh, Ph.D., is a lecturer at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Since 1990, he has served as the project director and editor of the annual, "State of the Child in Israel - a Statistical Abstract." Dr. Ben-Arieh serves as the associate director of the Israel National Council for the Child. In addition, Dr. Ben-Arieh initiated and coordinated the "Multi-National Project for Monitoring and Measuring Children's Well-Being." He was among the founding members of the International Society for Children Indicators (ISCI) and was recently elected to be its first co-chair.

Dr. Ben-Arieh is one of the leading international experts on social indicators, particularly as they relate to child well-being. He has published extensively on the politics of social policy and child well-being in Israel and on child well-being indicators and their measurement. He serves on the management committee of the EU child welfare research network and the UN Secretary General advisory network on social indicators.

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