

ONED's fundamental missions in the service of child protection in France include promoting research on these topics and articulating this knowledge with practices in the field. This is why, 10 years after its creation, ONED is devoting an international conference on this major issue: how to develop scientific research and promote promising practices, both institutional and professional, and more specifically how to articulate this research and these practices. In its 10-year experience, ONED has helped finance and complete an important number of studies and research projects. It has also conducted studies to identify and list existing research and to analyse many different types of intervention and programmes.

What are the main recent findings and how does this information disseminate so as to impact practices? How can one study, in a scientific manner, existing practices in care, and their impact? How, with the help of researchers and practitioners, can one assemble the breadth of knowledge in the field and make it more accessible? This articulation between research and practice has become a key concept, and sometimes a reality, in research or protection institutions in many countries. But it is formulated very differently according to national contexts.

For instance, some countries develop evidence-based practices which rely on this articulation. Others develop collaborative research and action, i.e. research that is conducted both by researchers and actors of the field. "Peer" research, for instance, follows this philosophy. The political and institutional philosophies that preside over institutional and professional practices can correspond to such and such method or research topic. In some countries, child protection interventions are conceived of as a public service: they are universal, non-

limited in time, while other countries promote time-constrained programmes that target specific population and involve quantified criteria.

Finally, research on existing practices and in response to these practices is recognised in some countries by doctoral programmes in social work, while others only recognise research done from afar, as an outside and distant observer of practices.

The articulation of research and practices thus differs according to the cultural, legal or institutional context. The aim of our conference is to study the assets and limitations of these approaches in the field of child protection.



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CHILDREN IN DANGER :**  
ARTICULATING  
RESEARCH and PRACTICE

14 October 2014 - Paris

Public Interest Group  
for Children in Danger

# ONED'S INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

14 OCTOBER 2014

## LOCATION

Salons de l'Hôtel de Ville de Paris  
3 rue de Lobau  
75004 Paris  
Subway « Hôtel de Ville » ; RER « Châtelet les Halles »

## CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation is free but advance reservation must be done by filling out [the online form available on the ONED website](#) before the 6th of October 2014. Simultaneous translation will be provided throughout the day. To receive headphones, make sure you bring an identity document.

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## PROGRAMME

8 : 45 WELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE

9 : 15 OPENING WORDS

**Anne Hidalgo**, Mayor of Paris  
**Hermeline Malherbe**, President of the Public Interest Group for Children in Danger (GIPED), Senator of the Pyrénées-Orientales *département* and President of the Pyrénées-Orientales *conseil général* (local authority)  
**Laurence Rossignol**, Junior minister in charge of Family, Elderly people and Autonomy

10 : 00 PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE

**Gilles Séraphin**, Director of French Observatory for Children in Danger (ONED)

10 : 10 RESEARCH-BASED PRACTICES, PRACTICE-ORIENTED RESEARCH : DEVELOPING TOOLS FOR ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

**Setting up research-based instruments for child protection services : the example of Looking after children**

**Helen Jones** (United Kingdom)

**An evaluative study in Quebec regarding the protection of children and youth : type, outcomes, results and limitations**

**Nadine Lanctôt**, Sherbrooke University (Canada)

**Enhancing attachment organization among maltreated children. Results of a randomized clinical trial**

**Kristin Bernard**, Stony Brook University (United States)

**Decision making in a case of suspected child abuse and neglect : results of international research**

**Erik Knorth**, Groningen University (Netherlands)

*Open discussion*

12 : 00 Lunch break

13 : 30 THE CONDITIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL ARTICULATION : ADAPTED INSTITUTIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND TRAINING

**An observatory to improve our knowledge of services and help fieldworkers**

**Michel Vandekerke**, Observatory of Childhood, Youth and Youth welfare (Belgium)

**Reflexive analysis and reconstruction of practices to build an educative intervention with parents and children**

**Paola Milani**, Padua University (Italy)

**Taking into account the outcomes and limitations of scientific research in the drafting of the 2012 Law on child protection in Germany : the example of child and family participation**

**Thomas Meysen**, Heidelberg Institute of Family Law and Childhood services (Germany)

*Open discussion*

15 : 00 Break

15 : 15 THE FRENCH EXPERIENCE : AN ORIGINAL STRUCTURE

**Creating ONED, an ambitious project**

**Paul Durning**, first Director of ONED

**ONED, an original institution that articulates research and practices**

**Gilles Séraphin**, current Director of ONED

16 : 00 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Jean-Paul Bichwiller**, Head of Childhood and family affairs, Meurthe-et-Moselle *conseil général* (local authority)

**Adeline Gouttenoire**, Law Professor, President of the committee that drafted the « 40 propositions pour adapter la protection de l'enfance et l'adoption aux réalités d'aujourd'hui » (40 propositions to adapt child protection and adoption to today's realities), President of the Gironde Observatory of child protection

**Marcel Jaeger**, President of ONED's scientific committee  
**Michelle Meunier**, Senator and local Councilor of the Loire-Atlantique *département*, co-author of the report « Protection de l'enfance : améliorer le dispositif dans l'intérêt de l'enfant » (Child protection services: improving the system in the child's interest")

*Open discussion*

17 : 00 **Geneviève Avenard**, Assistant to the French Ombudsman, Children's Ombudsman

17 : 15 CLOSING WORDS

**Marie-Paule Martin-Blachais**, Managing Director of the Public Interest Group for Children in Danger (GIPED)