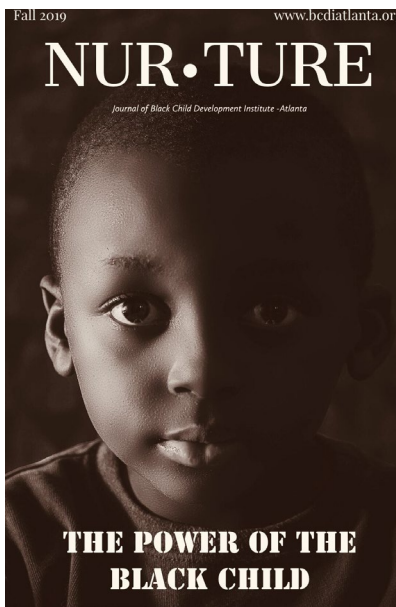




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Journal of Black Child Development Institute (BCDI)-Atlanta

2019 Call for Abstracts



Black Child Development Institute (BCDI) – Atlanta, an affiliate of the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI), launches its **Call for Abstracts** for the first edition of *Nurture* - our new, peer-reviewed, electronic journal championing the topics important to Black children ages 0-8 and their families. BCDI-Atlanta will publish high-quality original works based on the six NBCDI focus areas - Public Policy, Early Care and Education, Health and Wellness, Family Engagement, Literacy, and Child Welfare. Each focus area is described below. Selected authors will be invited to submit full articles by the posted deadline. See submission requirements below.

BCDI-Atlanta seeks to *improve and advance the quality of life for black children and their families through education and advocacy* in the six NBCDI focus areas, accordingly.

Child Welfare: Promote the improvement of the child welfare system. Coordinate outreach, programs, and activities that focus on prevention and effective, supportive, culturally competent care of children in all settings.

Early Childhood Education: Promote the equitable distribution of quality across the birth to eight continuum and the connection between early childhood settings and elementary schools. Coordinate programs and training to increase the well-qualified, culturally & racially diverse workforce.

Family Engagement: Promote family engagement as a long-term commitment shared between multiple stakeholders from many settings. Coordinate family empowerment outreach, programs and activities that builds partnerships and equips families with information and resources.

Health & Wellness: Promote culturally relevant healthy nutrition and preventative wellness practices among families. Coordinate outreach, programs and activities to engage, educate, and empower.

Literacy: Coordinate programs, activities, and training to ensure reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade for all students. Engage students, families, and educators.

Policy: Advance the quality of life for Black children, families, and communities by connecting program, policy, and advocacy. Engage members and the broader community in activities designed to address local, state, and federal political and civic matters affecting Black children and families.

Abstract Submission Requirements:

ABSTRACT: Interested authors should submit an abstract and topical outline of a proposed article. The abstract must be no more than 250 words in length and the topical outline should be detailed enough to provide a general overview of the article. The topical outline should not be included in the word count of the abstract. The abstract and outline should be submitted electronically as an MS Word (.doc or .docx) attachment to: nurture@bcdiatlanta.org and should include the subject line: "2019 *Nurture* Call for Abstracts". In the text of the email please include the following: (1) names, titles, and affiliations of all authors in authorship order; (2) brief bios of all authors; and (3) the NBCDI focus area (see above) that is the best fit for the proposed article. An email confirming receipt of the abstract will follow its submission within 3 business days.

Process/Timeline:

Call for Abstract closes: **November 29, 2019**

Invitations sent to selected authors: **December 20, 2019**

Deadline for final papers: **January 17, 2020**

Final editorial decisions: **February 21, 2020**

Publication date: **March 2020**

Article Submission Requirements

If selected, authors should be prepared to submit the full article by the established due date. All articles should be prepared according to the latest version of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. All parts of the manuscript must be submitted electronically as an email attachment to: nurture@bcdiatlanta.org. Documents from 6,500 to 10,000 words with an abstract of 250 words should be submitted as MS Word documents (.doc), not converted to PDF's, without embedded commands or special formatting. All photos should be submitted as separate JPEG files. References, tables, charts, other texts, art-graphics and appendices should be included at the end of the document. These should not be included in the document word-count described above. Authors are asked to submit a professional headshot as a separate JPEG attachment. Unless otherwise indicated, notification of manuscripts selected for publication will be made by the date listed in the timeline above.

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