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The International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (CIESPI at PUC-Rio)

The International Center for Research and Policy on Childhood (CIESPI) is a center for research and policy studies and a reference center on issues affecting children and youth, their families and their communities. Its goal is to assist the development and implementation of effective policies and practices to assist the full development of young people and the protection of their rights.

Principal activities

- Developing interdisciplinary studies and social projects to contribute to the policy and practice debates and decisions in the areas of childhood, youth, families and communities.
- Organizing debates, courses and seminars to discuss and disseminate the results of its own and others' research and policy practices in Brazil and abroad.
- Convening working groups of public, university, community and non-profit actors to debate and advance improved policy priorities and agendas for children and youth.
- Disseminating research, data and methodologies from national and international studies
- Providing courses and training to students and professionals from a wide array of fields who have interests in children and youth.
- Active participation in forums, councils, meetings and events to contribute to the improvement of public policy and the implementation of children's rights.

Projects in 2017

I. CHILDHOOD WITHOUT VIOLENCE: A GOAL FOR RIO

This project, in partnership with the Bernard van Leer Foundation, aimed to research and put into action strategies to reduce violence and improve the conditions of small children (0 to 8 years old) living in low-income neighborhoods, as well as the expanding opportunities for their full development.

The condition of children in their early years of life is a fundamental importance for their development throughout their lives. The CIESPI / PUC-Rio team worked to prioritize early childhood with organizations throughout the country, especially through the National Early Childhood Network (RNPI).

Started in December 2014, the project lasted for 3 years.

The project included the following:

- Pressing for the Implementation of the Municipal Plan for Early Childhood in Rio de Janeiro, (PMPJ).
- Researching and promoting ways to provide more and better quality places for young children to be outside of their own homes.
- Providing and disseminating improved indicators on early childhood.
- Researching and promoting ways to ameliorate the major problems families face in raising their

children.

- Researching and promoting ways to improve young parents' access to the world of work.
- Developing through the project *Contrasts* new methodologies for listening to the concerns of young children.

The project was grounded in two low-income communities in Rio de Janeiro: Rocinha, in the southern zone of the city, and Parada de Lucas in the northern zone.

Major activities:

Implementation of the Municipal Plan for Early Childhood in Rio de Janeiro - public policy focused on early childhood

The CIESPI team continued its efforts to press for the implementation of the Municipal Plan for Children adopted by the Rio Children's Rights Council, and is part of the official Working Group for the implementation of that plan. That Working Group includes representatives of nonprofit organizations and municipal secretariats. The main ally in the defense of these rights has been the Municipal Council for Children and Adolescents (CMDCA RJ). The Plan for Children was adopted in 2013 and an implementation committee of the Rights Council was formed in 2014. This committee was reactivated as the Implementation and Monitoring Committee in 2017. CIESPI was heavily involved in all these processes.

CMDCA RJ Working Group for the Implementation and Monitoring of the PMPI

As a member of the monitoring committee for PMPI, elected by the CMDCA RJ, CIESPI participated in the research to update the diagnosis of early childhood in the city of Rio. CIESPI reported the results in a meeting of the committee touching on such topics as the number of children on waiting lists for creches and preschools.

CIESPI also participated as a key witness in public hearings on children including the Rio 2030 Sustainability Plan, the Public Hearing on Socio-educational Measures in an Open Environment, the Management Committee of the Carioca Early Childhood Network and the National Early Childhood Network.

Participation in the National Early Childhood Network – RNPI

CIESPI is part of the group of organizations that, in 2006, developed the National Early Childhood Network - RNPI. Since then other civil society organizations, government representatives, business and private foundations and institutes have joined this coalition to press for policies and practices to benefit children aged 0-6. RNPI works in a network and is also organized in working groups. CIESPI is part of the child participation working group whose objectives are: to give national visibility to the theme; to include as appropriate the participation of young children in public policies; and promote the systematization and dissemination of listening and participation methodologies. In 2017, CIESPI was active in the group and was part of the tutors' team for the first National Course of Elaboration of the National Plan for Early Childhood organized by the RNPI. The course was attended by 250 students from all regions of Brazil, including public managers, academics, RNPI members and advisers.

Safe environments - safe places outside the home for young children to attend in their living locations

CIESPI completed research conducted in Rocinha and Parada de Lucas to identify the main sites in

those communities considered safe for young children. CIESPI first conducted a census of all such places in Rocinha and then an in-depth survey of a sample of such places mainly creches and preschools. In Parada de Lucas the team conducted an informal survey of leaders of programs for young children. The team asked questions about the difficulties such places face, and how they could improve and expand their offerings. The respondents listed difficulties with physical plant, violence, qualified staff, the participation of parents and the inadequate responses of municipal departments who had responsibilities for assisting the public facilities and the facilities that operated in cooperation with the municipality. The team's final report included priorities for improvement and linked the recommendations to those contained in the Rio Plan for Young Children.

External and internal factors affecting families' capacity to care for their children

In this phase of the Non-Violent Childhood project qualitative research was carried out to identify the main factors that affect the families of Rocinha in caring for young children. The team sought to understand the challenges faced by families in low-income communities, the resources they have and what additional supports would be useful

The research deepened the discussion on safe spaces for early childhood and brought new elements for reflection and action, based on the dialogue with parents and young mothers of Rocinha and key actors of the institutions that attend them.

During the research the team enlisted and trained a group of young activists to assist in the interactions with the community. This group, including young parents, participated in focus groups of Rocinha parents.

During the project the team discovered the following:

Factors affecting families in caring for young children in Rocinha

- Armed violence increased the risk and stress on families and children;
- Shortage of places in day care centers and public schools and lack of resources for transportation to institutions outside the community;
- Fragility of public services aimed at residents (traffic regulation, creation and maintenance of plazas, public cleaning and security, among others);
- Insufficient dialogue between families and institutions;
- Lack of information about activities and services available to children;
- Difficulty in accessing specialized professionals such as psychology, speech therapy, pediatrics and others;
- Lack of parental knowledge about the needs of young children and the need for parents to have varied interaction with their children.
- Difficulties parents experienced in educating and setting limits;
- Domestic violence;
- Lack of knowledge and little use of the child protection network, especially the Guardianship Councils.

Action steps, The Campaign for Rocinha: Rocinha Tune into Children

As CIESPI's knowledge of the issues facing young children and their caretakers grew, in conjunction with community contacts, staff developed an exploratory campaign to support a better context for child development in the community. The daily violence in Rocinha increased during the whole

project so the campaign is exploratory and cognizant of the enormous daily challenges facing the community. The campaign kicked off with a community meeting which was well attended despite an unusual amount of shooting that day. Assisted by the Communications Department of PUC-Rio, staff developed four different flyers with clear and basic child development messages, and three types of poster headlining the needs of children in the community. These have been distributed to creches, preschools, churches and health clinics. Even simple messages about for example the need to read to very young children have been shown to have significant impacts in encouraging parents to follow such strategies. The young Rocinha activists also produced a jingle which was recorded with a local children's choir and then broadcast extensively on local radio. In follow-up meetings with community activists, the idea was hatched to develop an electronic communications link among creche and preschool staff in the community to assist mutual problem solving and advocacy.

Opportunities for better insertion and positioning in the world of work

Helping low-income youth get their first real job: CIESPI researches System S.

The ability of parents to care for their children depends partly on the parents' financial capacity and, therefore, on their job prospects. As part of the safe places projects, CIESPI researched how the main private sector employment training system in Brazil serves low-income youth entering the job market. Staff did this through bibliographic research, interviews with employers and with the training system, and focus groups with young people in Rocinha.

The private training program known as System S is an initiative of the private sector but funded in large part by the federal government. The report, which summarizes the research, demonstrates how hard it is for low-income youth to access the regular programs of System S. While the parts of System S designed for low-income youth are good in theory, in practice they are not extensive and even when they exist, still present barriers to would-be applicants. The report uses a variety of data including interviews with low-income youth in Rio.

Low-income youth in urban Brazil face many challenges moving to work in the main stream economy. These challenges include lack of qualifications, inappropriate qualifications, lack of family knowledge and connections to main stream jobs, color and gender, and the physical separation of low-income communities from middle-income and downtown community job opportunities.

Since the 1940s, Brazil has had a system of vocational training funded by legally mandatory contributions from the private sector and run through a series of non-profit organizations known as *Sistema S* or the Service System. The S system is the training arm of the Brazilian Confederation of Industry (CNI). It has nine separate services organized by type of training and sector. The S System interacts with government programs by means of the latter providing financial support for workforce development through the component parts of the S system for certain defined purposes. One of those purposes is helping poor and disadvantaged populations. Another government project to assist low-income youth find jobs is the Apprenticeship Law enacted in 2000 which requires medium and large firms to employ five percent of their workforce as apprentices with payment of at least the mandatory minimum wage and time for compulsory classroom training. Young people who get accepted into and graduate from the low-income programs in System S and from the Apprenticeship Law programs praise them as being life changing. But many low-income young people find the programs hard to get into and hard to stay in for reasons including educational preparation, complex application processes, geographical inaccessibility, lack of self -

confidence and lack of support. Furthermore, a World Bank report finds an almost complete lack of useful monitoring of the programs, making a true assessment of their worth and the development of an agenda for improving them impossible.

Contrasts: childhood and city - listening methodologies

This project had as its starting point photographs that make up the exhibition Children in Rio de Janeiro: Contrasts, developed by CIESPI in partnership with University College Østfold, Norway. The photos were adapted into just the silhouette of children without the contextual details. Those silhouettes were then used in class rooms to encourage young children to talk about their lives and to complete the drawings as they imagined the pictured children's contexts. So far children have been engaged in this process in the public schools Luís Delfino Municipal School in Gávea, and the Children's Development Space Júlia Kubitschek, in Horto and also in the community center Social Action Padre Anchieta in Rocinha. About 400 children between the ages of four and thirteen have participated and over 50 children three years old or younger. Exhibitions of the children's work reacting to the silhouettes were set up in the two public schools to inform all the teachers of the methodology.

Participation in seminars

March 2017 - South American Children's International Seminar - Children in cities: politics and participation, at the University of Sao Paulo. Cristina Laclette Porto presented the article entitled "Children's views on their cities: reflections on methodological contributions. Available at: <https://goo.gl/JvJw41>

Publication - article in magazine

PORTO, C., RIZZINI, I. Children's views on their cities: reflections on methodological contributions. In: Society and Childhood, North America, 1, Aug. 2017. Available at: <http://revistas.ucm.es/index.php/SOCI/article/view/55929>.

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II. IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE STREETS AND IN OTHER CONTEXTS OF VULNERABILITY

Children and youth living on the streets are a permanent research theme in CIESPI's thirty-three years history. In recent years, we have developed several research and action initiatives focused on the processes of construction, deliberation and implementation of public policies for this group of young people. Our current work stresses helping key actors focus on and advocate in the bodies responsible for the implementation of the public policy on street children adopted by the Rio de

Janeiro Municipal Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents in 2009 (CMDCA /RJ), as well as developing and disseminating new knowledge about children and youth growing up in contexts of vulnerability.

The following objectives guide the project:

- Support the work of local actors in the process of implementation of the Municipal Policy for Serving Children and Adolescents in a Street Situation in Rio de Janeiro (Resolution 763: 2009 - CMDCA / Rio).
- Support the mobilization and actions of national actors in the work of constructing a national policy for providing services to street children and adolescent population. Currently, while there is a national policy on street children, there is no policy specifically aimed at children and youth.
- Continue to participate in the international debate, especially through partnership with the London-based Consortium for Street Children and collaboration with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child with the objectives of strengthening our work in Brazil and sharpening policy priorities at the international level.
- Search, document and disseminate policy recommendations focusing on the young female population living on the streets especially young mothers and pregnant youth.
- Continue the study and dissemination of qualitative and quantitative data on the young population living in the street to deepen knowledge about the issue and contribute to improving policies and practices priorities.
- Contribute to the humanization of the image of these children and youth, who are subject to gross stigmatization.
- Seek alternatives to compulsory detention and institutionalization for these young people and end the constant violation of their rights.

Major Activities

Development of children and adolescent provisions in the Municipal Ordinance on Street Populations.

At the end of 2015, the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Special Commission in People in Street Situations (PSC) (Pop Street Commission), prepared an ordinance based on a federal decree to institute municipal legislation on street populations. But in common with the federal decree, this bill (1543/2015) did not include provisions for children and adolescents. For this reason, in 2016, the Child and Adolescent municipal working group worked hard to develop such provisions. At the end of 2016, such revisions were approved by the Pop Street Commission and awaited the legislative process for the year 2017. On November 29, 2017, the ordinance including the child and adolescent provisions was unanimously approved at the City Hall of Rio de Janeiro and included the creation of an inter-management committee for all the policies that affect street populations in Rio. This was an important step towards securing the social rights of the homeless, including specific child and adolescent care.

Participation in national debates on national regulations aimed at street children and adolescents

The CIESPI team participated in the seminar "The Child is not of the Street", held on April 26, 2017, at the Association of Lawyers in Rio. This event was sponsored by the National Council for the Rights of the Child and the Adolescent (CONANDA) and included various senior actors in the System for the Guarantee of Rights. CIESPI's Irene Rizzini participated in the panel, The National Concept of Street Children.

International Summit on the Legal Rights of Street-Connected Children & Youth

CIESPI staff met in São Paulo on November 2017, to exchange ideas and experiences with leaders from different countries on how nations can implement the rights incorporated in the new UN General Comment on street children and adolescents contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Voices of young people in contexts of vulnerability: I'm pregnant: So what now? in partnership with Associação Beneficente São Martinho.

In 2017, we began planning phase II of the project "I'm pregnant, so what now?", consolidating the partnership between CIESPI and the São Martinho Beneficent Association. Project staff assembled a group of young mothers living in contexts of social vulnerability to talk about their experiences of pregnancy and motherhood. Through weekly workshops, held over three months staff heard the about the women's needs, gained more insight into their situation and began to think of strategies for their access to rights and health care.

Some of the topics covered were: "Gender and Affectivity"; "Educate without Violence"; "Maternity and Paternity "; "Conflict with the Law"; "Exercising Rights"; "Women's Health"; "Breastfeeding"; "First Care"; and "Sex and Drugs." The sessions were designed to stimulate young women's participation in the debates on health care using a variety of graphics and short videos. In order to work on health issues. Also participating were specialist professionals that make up the service network for this population, among them doctors from the Office in the Street; the Fernandes Figueira Institute and the Alcohol and Drug Psychosocial Care Center (CAPS AD Miriam Makeba).

Throughout the workshops, we involved the young women in the development of a photo exhibition and a folder of educational material.

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III. PUBLIC POLICIES AND THE CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTATION: ANALYSIS OF THE CASE OF THE POLICY OF ATTENDANCE TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN STREET SITUATION IN RIO DE JANEIRO

The project, carried out with the support of FAPERJ, (the state of Rio de Janeiro research foundation) aims to analyze the processes that facilitate or hinder the implementation of public policies focused on the children and adolescent population on the streets, using as a case study the Care Policy for Children and Adolescents in Situation of Street (CMDCA Resolution 763/2009).

The analysis has been developed based on research activities in two main areas:

- Bibliographic Data Base: Survey and analysis of the national and international literature on the child and adolescent population in the street situation from 2000 to 2015;
- Priorities in Public Policies: Analysis of proposals for public policies and actions directed to street children in Brazil and an analysis of policies and actions in progress in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The study is being carried out based on interviews with public policy managers, civil society actors and a number of street children and youth.

Based on an extensive survey of the academic production of children and adolescents in a street situation in Brazil, we launched the bibliographic database "Population of children and adolescents in street situations in Brazil - 2000-2015", drawn from a number of published sources.

Major Activities

Research bulletins

A series of three research bulletins were planned. In 2017, the first of the series was published:
- RIZZINI, I., CARVALHO, T., COUTO, R.M.B. Child and adolescent population living on the streets: themes in the international arena.

Rio de Janeiro: CIESPI / PUC-Rio, 2017.

The remaining bulletins will be published in the first half of 2018.

Seminar

The seminar "Implementation of public policies for street children and adolescents: challenges and perspectives" was held on December 7, 2017, to discuss the findings of the research project. Participants include Professor Silvia Helena Koller (a professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and coordinator of the CEP-Rua Studies Center) and Manoel Torquatto Carvalho de Souza (a member of the National Council for the Rights of Children and Adolescents) who discussed current perspectives of research and intervention with street children. Representatives of the main governmental and non-governmental organizations of Rio de Janeiro concerned with street children also participated in the event.

This project is supported by FAPERJ



IV. MONITORING CHILD PARTICIPATION PROCESSES IN CHILDHOOD POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY

The project was developed in partnership with Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. Internationally, efforts to protect children and adolescents have never been so urgent, in large

measure because climate change and increased military conflicts have increased migratory flows. Children are often the most vulnerable people in migrations. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) states that children should, as appropriate, have a voice in both national and regional law-making and in programs to promote their well-being. However, most child and adolescent protection services present a hierarchical approach that does not include them in the process of developing policies and practices.

This exclusionary process, which silences the perspectives of children and adolescents over their own lives, ends limiting the effectiveness of protection programs. This project explores new approaches that will deepen the understanding of child participation, how to implement such participation, how to monitor child protection systems, and inform national and international policies and action.

The project encompasses the joint efforts of Brazilian and international researchers. The International and Canadian Child Rights Partnership (ICCRP) was created to develop a multisector partnership. The project team has 10 partners (international and national NGOs, human rights institutions, and research institutions in 4 countries) and seven universities in five countries. It also includes the participation of a youth committee to dialogue with the team of researchers.

The study is being developed in 3 phases, with the following objectives:

- Identify concepts of monitoring child participation in the area of child protection for children through documentary analysis and interviews;
- Analyze and describe specific contexts of monitoring child participation from case studies in Canada, Brazil, China and South Africa;
- Analyze the relationships between child participation and the impacts of child protection programs.

While the study will interview key professional actors, children and youth will also participate in the field work and the data analysis.

Major Activities

International Conference Research Presentation

The sixth annual conference organized by the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI), *the Children in a World of Opportunities: Innovations in Research, Policy and Practice*, took place in Montreal, Canada, in June 2017. The event was attended by Irene Rizzini, President of CIESPI / PUC-Rio and Professor of the Department of Social Service of PUC-Rio and Jana Tabak, postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of International Relations of PUC-Rio (IRI / PUC-Rio). The meetings also allowed the Ryerson University international team including CIESPI to continue their planning for the research describe above.

**These three years activities are supported
by Ryerson University, Canada**



V. YOUTH AND COMPLIANCE WITH SOCIO-EDUCATIVE MEASURES IN THE OPEN ENVIRONMENT: BETWEEN GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS AND JUDICIAL CONTROL

The project, a partnership between PUC-Rio (Department of Social Work), PUC-Sao Paulo and CIESPI / PUC-Rio, focuses on the socio-educational measures open to the teen population that has committed an infraction of the law, as implemented in the municipalities of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. It will examine ways in which the implementation of this service point to the strict processes of judicialization (the execution of a judicial measure without input on or attention to children's rights) and other processes those that include guarantee of the rights of the adolescents and young people served. The project integrates research, teaching and extension activities with the purpose of analyzing and improving the training of the teams who administer socio-educational programs. The research will examine the Individual Plans of Attendance (PIAS) drawn up to serve the young people in the municipalities of Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.

**This project is supported by
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VI. THE ROCINHA CENTER FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE EDUCATION

The Rocinha Center for Culture and Leisure Education, a partnership between CIESPI / PUC-Rio, professionals and young people in Rocinha, was created in 2004 under a Brazilian Ministry of Culture Program. The Center provides activities for children and youth in the areas of education, health and culture.

Major Activities

The cultural coordinator of the Rocinha Leisure Center (CIESPI / PUC-Rio), Antônio Carlos Firmino, a long-time consultant with CIESPI, has been an active member of the Rio de Janeiro Points of Culture Forum since 2006. (The Federal Points of Culture program to fund cultural activities at the community level was started in 2003 by then Minister of Culture the legendary Brazilian musician, Gilberto Gil with the goal of supporting cultural activities in local communities). Firmino has focused on the on the Living Culture Bill (1550/2012) currently in committee stage in the City Council of Rio de Janeiro. He has also been working on the development of a Live Culture Law for the State of Rio de Janeiro, (1472/2012), to promote access to cultural activities with public financing, thereby expanding the diversity of cultural offerings.

Prospects for 2018

CIESPI / PUC-Rio, became part of the Rio Network of Points of Culture with the approval of the

"Rocinha Lúdica" (Rocinha at Play) in a selection process that was completed in September, 2013. The goals set for the first two years of the plan submitted to the Rio network were satisfactorily met in 2015 and 2016. Planning for the third year awaits the release of the last installment of the agreed resources. Among the planned activities are: prose wheels, play wheels, short video editing from audiovisual material already digitized and the making of play objects.

These activities were funded by: the Rio de Janeiro Secretariat of Culture, the Brazilian Ministry of Culture, the Carioca Network of Points of Culture, Cultura Viva, the Rio Secretariat of Citizenship and Cultural Diversity, and the Brazilian Institute of Museums.



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VII. The Lucidity of Memory

CIESPI became an official Rio Memory Point in 2012. It then began to develop action and research entitled "*Ludicidade da memória*" the lucidity of memory designing different activities that promote a permanent dialogue between memory and playfulness with exhibitions about the community of Rocinha. The program is a member of the Network of Memory Points and the Network of Social Museology.

Major Activities

In 2017 two exhibitions were set up at the Matteo Ricci Research Center within the framework of the Museums' Week and Museums' Spring in Rio de Janeiro.

VIII. PROVIDING KEY DATA TO INFORM PRACTICES AND POLICIES ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES: CIESPI DATABASES

From its beginning, CIESPI has also been a reference center for diverse audiences interested in data and information that assist the task of improving conditions for children, their families, and their communities. Much information is now available on line on the CIESPI website.

Major activities

- Childhood in numbers collects and displays in accessible form key data about children, youth and families in Brazil.

This activity has been made possible in part by grants from the Oak Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland, and the Bernard van Leer Foundation, The Hague, the Netherlands.

- The Legal Database (*Base Legis*) is an ongoing, virtual, historical archive on Brazilian constitutions, laws, bills, and decrees on children and adolescents. It also contains international treaties, declarations, accords, and agreements on children and adolescents. Its 300 documents stretch

from the beginning of the 19th Century to the present. This database is updated on a continuing basis, is open to the public, and has search capacities.

CIESPI is most grateful to the group of skilled professionals who volunteer their time to maintain this database. They are listed in the CIESPI website.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AGREEMENTS

CIESPI is an international research center with strong links to children's researchers and policy makers in several countries. Its founder and director was for many years president of Childwatch International, a network of university based research centers in over 40 countries, established by the Norwegian government. CIESPI, through the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro and its Department of Social Work, has formal research and intellectual exchange agreements with the following:

- Department of Social Sciences at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico. The Mexican coordinator is Dean Ricardo Fletes.
- Department of Health and Social Services at University College, Østfold, Norway. The Norwegian coordinator is Professor Trond Heitmann.
- National University of San Martin, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Argentinian coordinator is Professor Valeria Llobet.
- Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada. The Canadian coordinator is Professor Tara Collins.

MEMBERSHIP OF KEY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Learning from and sharing with others is key to CIESPI's work. The following is a short list of active memberships:

- The Rio Network for Street children, *Rede Rio Criança*
- Advisory board, Casa da Árvore, Rio de Janeiro
- Advisory board, Instituto Alana, São Paulo
- Advisory board, the Brazilian Association of Terre des Hommes
- The Brazilian National Network on Early Childhood
- The Brazilian National Network on Street Children, *Criança não é de rua*
- Childwatch International and its Latin American Network
- The Research Council of the International Consortium for Street Children, London, United Kingdom.
- The Being Heard Advisory Board of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) and Gender and Health Research, South African Medical Research Council, South Africa, and the International Center, Switzerland.
- The Equity for Children, Latin America, and Equity for Children of the New School University, USA.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH AND OTHER SEMINARS

Throughout the year, CIESPI staff participate in research and policy seminars and forums across Brazil and internationally. The details of these are listed in the 2017 report in Portuguese.

PARTICIPANTS AND PARTNERS

CIESPI is blessed with an active and creative board of directors, staff, consultants, and advisors and these are listed on the website.

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