

## Editorial guidelines

### *Maltrattamento e abuso all'infanzia*

- 1) The journal, which is marked by an eminently interdisciplinary approach, publishes original research contributions, reviews and articles in the area of the child maltreatment and abuse. It will accept rigorously scientific contributions presented with clarity and simplicity of exposition. Works with the following characteristics appear consistent with the character of the journal: reviews of the literature; original quantitative empirical research; research regarding meta-analysis; original qualitative contributions; presentations of explicative cases backed by theoretical references; new projects; innovative interventions; presentations of models and theories; comments and critical reviews.

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  - title both in Italian and in English (the length for a title is no more than 12 words);

- brief title both in Italian and in English;
- 5 key words both in Italian and English;
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9) The articles in the sections *Focus Section, Research, Essays and Reviews* must not exceed 20 pages (about 2500 strokes, including spaces, per page) of text, references, tables and figures. The articles in the section *Brief Reports, Research notes, Experiences, Documents and Laws* must not exceed 10 pages.

The *Introduction* to be presented essentially in three consecutive parts: 1) the importance of the problem stated in general terms (without reference to the present manuscript); 2) a description of relevant theory or theories and research regarding the problem; 3) in the last paragraph, the aims and hypotheses of the present manuscript.

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*Table 1 - Percentage distribution*

	<i>% Male</i>	<i>% Female</i>	<i>% Total</i>
Abcde	48.1	44.1	46.1
Fghi	44.7	44.3	44.5
Lmno	7.2	11.6	9.4

11) Authors' correction of drafts is not envisaged: the manuscripts must be ready for printing.

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Di Blasio, P., Camisasca, E., Miragoli, S., Ionio, C., & Milani, L. (2017). Does maternal parenting stress mediate the association between PTS postpartum symptoms and children's internalizing and externalizing problems? A longitudinal perspective. *Child & Youth Care Forum*, 46, 685-701. doi: 10.1007/s10566-017-9400-7

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Di Blasio, P., Miragoli, S., & Procaccia, R. (2012). The role of PTSD in understanding child allegation of sexual abuse. In V. Ardino (Ed.), *Post-traumatic syndromes in childhood and adolescence: A handbook of research and practice* (pp. 177-198). London: Wiley & Sons Publications.

Peterson, C., & McCabe, A. (1991). Linking children's connective use and narrative macro-structure. In A. McCabe & C. Peterson (Eds.), *Developing narrative structure* (pp. 29-53). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

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