

Policy Greenhouse: Project Brief

New policy approaches to addressing childhood poverty

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Policy Context

Childhood poverty in Australia remains a major challenge. Our previous work has identified three types of poverty - material, opportunity and relational - as being key factors in outcomes for children. While considerable understanding exists on the extent of material poverty in Australia, and some understanding of opportunity poverty, far less is known about relational poverty - the social relations that create and sustain poverty and diminish the supportive relationships that can have a protective function.

Project

This project will further develop a child-centred, policy-relevant typology of childhood poverty. In doing so, the project will provide a basis for further work with children, communities and policy makers to better understand and reduce relational poverty.

Expected outcomes

A commonly understood and robust typology on child poverty that can be used by researchers and policy makers.