

## **EDITORIAL**

The articles in this issue capture challenges related to a range of care, support and intervention services and resources needed by or offered to those infected or affected by HIV and AIDS; children and unmarried fathers involved in court procedures and decisions; adolescent boys living in a Child and Youth Care Centre; and counsellors from non-governmental organisations working with intimate partner violence.

The first four articles address the perceptions of community members, caregivers and adolescents about issues related to the care and management of HIV and AIDS. The first one reports on the views of community members on the roles that social workers could perform in enhancing social capital to manage HIV and AIDS. The next two articles evaluate, respectively, the challenges that community caregivers of HIV and AIDS home community-based care programmes experience in ensuring patient adherence to antiretroviral treatment and the views of health-care service providers on the life stressors experienced by HIV-positive mothers and how their basic needs are met. The fourth article explores and describes the perceptions of adolescents, perinatally infected with HIV, regarding the self-disclosure of their status from an ecological systems perspective.

After that a duo of articles offers insights into challenges faced by children and unmarried fathers involved in court procedures and court decisions in terms of the Children's Act 38 of 2005. One article describes how children experience court procedures negatively. The other article analyses the implications of the suspension, restrictions or termination of the parental responsibilities and rights of unmarried fathers for social workers who are expected to make recommendations to courts.

The next two articles examine challenges related to the influence of constraints of resources on intervention services rendered to victims of abuse. The first explores the challenges related to constraints of resources and limited staff diversity in preserving the culture of adolescent boys living at a Child and Youth Care Centre. The second examines the discursive resources that counsellors from selected non-governmental organisations draw on in working with intimate partner violence.

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