White Papers Policy
Effective for White Papers Commissioned after April 1, 2015

I. Criteria:
• Aligned with the mission of the CCEC.
  • To stimulate research and influence practices and policies that enhance the well-being of children, with respect to their cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development.
• Focused on or relevant to the Columbus or larger Ohio community (residents, practitioners, and/or policymakers).
• Addresses a pressing or important issue and has the potential to positively impact the work of researchers, practitioners, or policymakers.
• Either data-driven or conceptual in nature.
  • If data-driven, data should come from Columbus or Ohio.

II. Selection Process:
• A call for proposals on specific topics will be made at the CCEC and SFC level. If no proposals are received within a 2-week period, the call for proposals will be released at the College of Education and Human Ecology level.
• The call for proposals will be as detailed as possible and will include a timeline for the completion of the paper.
• The White Papers Committee (WPC), composed of Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan and Mihaiela R. Gugiu will reserve the right to use a targeted selection and expedited review process for topics that require a prompt response.
• Successful proposals will receive a $500 incentive upon completion of the white paper.
• Unsolicited proposals are welcome at any time and will be reviewed under the Regular Review Process.

III. Review Process
• All researchers interested in writing a White Paper will be required to submit a brief proposal (200-250 words) to CCECwhitepapers@osu.edu.

Expedited Review Process
• Proposals will be reviewed by the WPC
• Upon committing to write the paper, the researcher(s) will work with Mihaiela Gugiu and Marcie Kamb to ensure that production timeline is being met.
• In the event the timeline is not met in the initial stage, the WPC reserves the right to withdraw the approval and contract a different researcher to write the paper.

Regular Review Process
• Proposals will be reviewed by the Community Research Division (CRD) panel
• Authors of successful proposals will work with Mihaiela Gugiu and Marcie Kamb to ensure that production timeline is being met.

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Final papers will be submitted for review to the CRD panel. The goal of this review process is to provide feedback to the authors regarding:
   a) The coherence of argument(s) made in the paper
   b) The presence of any egregious errors (theoretical or analytical)

Feedback will be provided to the author(s) following the CRD meeting at which the paper draft was reviewed.

The authors will have **2 weeks** to process or respond to the CRD recommendations.

**Note:** The goal of this review process is NOT to shape the direction of the paper or to require the author(s) to make extensive changes to their draft, unless the CRD panel unanimously agrees that extensive edits are required.

*For information regarding manuscript format requirements, please refer to the Author Guideline document available on the CCEC website.*