There will be a special issue of *Child: care, health and development* in 2013 devoted to papers on measuring the participation of children, youth, and young adults with disabilities (from birth-25 years) in home, school, and/or community settings. The aim of this issue is to provide an international and diverse perspective on participation measurement and participation interventions that include measurement. The focus will also be on subjective and objective measures, and measurement from multiple perspectives, including child/youth, parents/caregivers, teachers, and other key stakeholders.

It has been a decade since the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health was published, in which participation is defined as involvement in life situations. As research in this area grows, there is an increasing need for measurement tools and approaches that are applicable to preschoolers, school-age children, youth, and young adults with different types of disabilities. It is timely to examine where we are today in the measurement of objective and subjective aspects of participation.

We welcome contributions addressing the development of tools and approaches to measure participation in many areas of a child’s life, including subjective well-being, personal choice, autonomy, meaningful participation, participation engagement, and self-determination. Topics will include current challenges in measuring participation, especially in children and young people with complex communication needs; novel approaches to measurement; and interventions to facilitate participation that include an interesting measurement approach. We welcome conceptual papers, empirical papers (quantitative and qualitative in method, including small group designs and single participant experimental designs), and systematic reviews. Researchers and clinicians working in the field of children, youth and young people with developmental and acquired disabilities are invited to submit a paper for consideration for publication in this special issue.

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