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Remember to check our [website](#) regularly for new information and updates.

See our recently updated [Public Policy and Research Initiatives](#) link with new information about our "Social Justice for Children: Violence Against Children Initiatives" and on the "Office of the Child Advocate legislation."

Donation



As we approach the end of the year, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Children's Studies Center. Your donations help make a difference and contribute to our work on behalf of children and youth.

Please visit [Children's Studies Donation Page](#) for payment

information and more details on how your donations make a difference.

Brooklyn College Registration!

Enrollment for the Spring 2011 semester begins tomorrow (November 30th) for undergraduate students at Brooklyn College. We advise students interested in Children's Studies courses to register as early as possible, our classes fill up quickly!

Our *Children and the Law* course will be offered on Tuesday/Thursday from 3:40PM to 4:55PM in the Spring 2011 semester. This interesting and exciting course covers compelling topics such as the juvenile justice system, sexual exploitation, issues of abuse and neglect, foster care, and delinquency. These topics and issues are taught through discussions, guest lecturers, readings, films, and more.

The course discusses the laws that affect children and youth, and how activism and social movements can help to change laws and attitudes.

Children and the Law fulfills the requirements toward the Children's Studies Major, Concentration, and Minor!

Major, Concentration, and Minor Declarations!

The Children's Studies Program has reached its highest enrollment yet during the Fall 2010 semester! We currently have over 500 students with a declared Major, Concentration, or Minor in Children's Studies and over 550 students enrolled in our Children's Studies courses this semester! Many of our students are working toward the completion of two undergraduate majors that include- along with Children's Studies - Education, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, Health and Nutrition, and Television and Radio.

Children First Club Event

On Wednesday, December 1 from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. the Children First Club, with the Model UN Club and Student Government, will be sponsoring an event in the Penthouse of the Student Center. The event is called, "*Believe That You Can Help: How You Can Help to Save Our Children and Youth All Over the World.*"

There will be a presentation by Haydee Britton who works for the United Nations and is one of the founders of *Les Petits Okapis International*, an organization that advocates for street children on a global level. Ms. Britton will discuss her organization and involvement in saving the lives of children and youth worldwide who have become known as "street children." She will also discuss how YOU can become involved.

Ms. Britton has worked for the UN for over 35 years. She currently works with the General Assembly Affairs Branch of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management in New York.

Les Petits Okapis International began in 2001.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information on the *Les Petits Okapis International*:
<http://www.lespetitsokapisinternational.com/index.shtml>

For more information on the Children First Club e-mail current members at:
children1stclub@gmail.com

ASA Newsletter- Fall 2010

The activities and accomplishments of the Children's Studies Program and Center and Professor Gertrud Lenzer were cited numerous times throughout the *Child and Youth News Fall 2010 Newsletter*, released by the Sociology of Children and Youth Section of the American Sociological Association. References can be found on pages 1, 5, 6, 10, and 11.

Who's Who Publication

Professor Gertrud Lenzer was featured in the Marquis "*Who's Who in America 2011*" publication. The book contains biographies of the nation's most notable people!



Children's Studies Advisory Board Announcement

Howard Davidson, Esq., Director of the American Bar Association's Center on Children and the Law and member of the Children's Studies Advisory Board, has published a paper entitled "A U.S. National Ombudsman" in the First Focus 2010 publication, *Big Ideas: Game Changers for Children*.

"A U.S. National Ombudsman"

Marta Santos Pais

Marta Santos Pais, former Director of UNICEF Innocenti Center in Florence, Italy was appointed on May 1, 2009 as the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children.

Marta Santos Pais was one of the keynote speakers at the [Third Child Policy Forum of New York: "Implementation and Monitoring of the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution, and Child Pornography \(OPSC\)."](#)

Information about the Children's Studies "Social Justice for Children: Violence Against Children Initiatives" can be found on the [Human Rights of Children link](#).

Marta Santos Pais has been featured in several articles since being appointed in May 2009:

- [Secretary-General Appoints Marta Santos Pais of Portugal as Special Representative on Violence Against Children](#)
- [10th Anniversary of Optional Protocols to Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)
- [Religious Leaders Gather at UNICEF to Discuss Their Role in Ending Violence Against Children](#)
- [UN Backs 'World Day' to Stop Violence Against Children](#)

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