



JOURNAL OVERVIEW & DEMOGRAPHICS

Families in Society (FIS) serves as a forum for new research and emerging trends in the delivery and management of social services and related programs in the medical and mental health systems. *FIS* offers an interdisciplinary editorial calendar to further the effectiveness and value of this forum.

Ancillaries such as a companion Web site, *Practice & Policy Focus* newsletter, quarterly E-Alerts, Twitter announcements, monthly Web resource postings, special print issues, online CEU program, podcasts, and Webinars contribute additional opportunities to advance knowledge and capacity in the field.

Readership is estimated at approximately 20,000-plus based on a pass-a-long average of at least seven readers per issue. The journal has wide-ranging content and appeals to practitioners, educators, and allied professionals.

Geographic Profile of Readership

North America: 83%
Europe: 4%
Asia: 10%
Oceanic Region: 3%

Academic & Research Orientation

Educational institutions:
76% of total circulation

Clinical Service Orientation

Nonprofit agencies and medical facilities:
24% of total circulation

Clinical Service Subcategories

Government agencies subtotal: 2.5%
Hospitals and other medical facilities: 16%
Social service agencies: 81.5%

Demographics of the Alliance for Children and Families Membership (17% total circulation)

Alliance members represent a significant force in the human services sector:

- Cumulative operating budget of \$3.6 billion
- Almost 53,000 FTEs; 7,000 board members
- Serve over 8,000 communities in more than 2,700 locations
- 3.4 million clients participate in Alliance member services annually

History and Prestige

FIS is the oldest and one of the most respected social service journals in North America. Editorial content links scholarship in social work and the social sciences to the world of practice. Originally published as *The Family* by Mary E. Richmond, widely considered the founder of social casework practice, the journal will celebrate its 90th anniversary throughout the 2009 volume.

Visibility and Impact

- 2007 Impact Factor: 0.273; 5-Year Impact Factor: 0.45
- Eigenfactor Score: 0.00092017 (2007); 0.00108 (2008)

FIS is one of five journals that routinely comprise the "core of the social work journal network" with exemplary information on social work education and research.¹ The journal is consistently ranked in the top 20 social work titles for impact factor in the *Journal Citation Reports (JCR) Social Science Edition*.

¹ Sellers, S.L., et al. (2006). Perceptions of Professional Social Work Journals: Findings From a National Survey, *Journal of Social Work Education*.
Furr, L.A. (1995). The relative influence of social work journals: Impact factors vs. core influence, *Journal of Social Work Education*.
Baker, D.R. (1992). A structural analysis of the social work journal network, *Journal of Social Service Research*.

Influence and Reach

FIS content and Web site links are routinely distributed via national and international partners to supplement research compilations on a variety of topics. Recent examples include:

- Administration on Aging (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)
- Children's Bureau (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services)
- Veterans Health Administration (U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)
- Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA)
- International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO)
- Better Care Network (UNICEF/Child Protection Sect.)
- Integrated Policy & Legislation Team (Canadian Ministry of Children and Family Development)
- Australian Association of Social Workers
- The Center for Victims of Torture
- The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Training Program
- Protective Services Training Institute of Texas
- Milwaukee Public Schools

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