

To whom it may concern

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**Letter of Support:
Collaboration with CHILDhealth to address social science determinants and implications**

I am writing to confirm the intention of GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences to collaborate with the CHILDhealth site within the German Center for Child and Youth Health. CHILDhealth focusses on early transdiagnostic risk constellations, brain development, and the longitudinal adverse impact on mental and somatic health. CHILDhealth provides a state-of-the-art translational pipeline aiming to improve healthcare for children and adolescents.

CHILDhealth's strong translational and interdisciplinary research approach is necessary to address the complex nature of child and youth health. Its cohort integration platform is especially apt to be synergistically linked with research in the social sciences, e.g. by means of integrating secondary analyses of existing large cohort studies covering health-related determinants and decision processes within, for example, families and other social contexts.

As the largest infrastructure provider for the social sciences in Europe GESIS will help identify areas for collaboration, e.g. with the Family Research and Demographic Analysis (FReDA) or the TwinLife study. We are also interested in exploring research data management related questions in the context of NFDI where GESIS leads KonsortSWD. Topically, collaborations may pertain to health-related behaviors in parents, young children and adolescents, as well as social aspects including migration, poverty and social surroundings.

We believe that the implementation of research questions and methodological expertise from social sciences into medical projects will maximize the synergistic output of CHILDhealth and the German Center for Child and Youth Health.

Sincerely,


Prof. Dr. Christof Wolf