1. General Information

Aims

The *Journal of the Korean Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* (JKACAP) seeks to promote the well-being of children and families by publishing scholarly papers on subjects that cover mental disorders, health policy, legislation, advocacy, ethnic issues, culture (including gender issues), and service provision as they pertain to mental health for children and their families. The JKACAP aims to provide fast but professional knowledge to diverse and complex topics related to mental health in childhood and adolescence in which interest is rapidly growing.

Scope

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