The Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS is sponsoring a special issue of AIDS, the official journal of the International AIDS Society, on the theme of **Children Born into Families Affected by HIV** for release at the 20th International AIDS Conference from 20-25 July 2014 in Melbourne.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

**SPECIAL ISSUE: Children Born into Families Affected by HIV**

The Coalition for Children Affected by AIDS (www.ccaba.org) brings together funders and technical experts to advocate for the best policy, research and programs for children because children are a vulnerable population and they need to be made a higher priority in the international response to HIV and AIDS. The Coalition hosts an International AIDS Society (IAS) affiliated symposium on children two days prior to the biennial international conference of the society. In collaboration with the IAS, the Coalition also sponsors a Prize for Excellence in Research Related to the Needs of Children Affected by AIDS which is awarded at the conference. Since 2010, the Coalition has produced a special issue of a journal on issues affecting children and families which is launched at a high-profile event at the IAS Conference (see [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/188025/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/issues/188025/) and [http://www.jiasociety.org/index.php/jias/issue/view/1459](http://www.jiasociety.org/index.php/jias/issue/view/1459)).

AIDS, the official journal of the International AIDS Society, has the highest impact of all AIDS-related journals and is read by all the top researchers in the field. The journal is committed to publishing groundbreaking research in the field of HIV and AIDS.

Drs Linda Richter (Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa) and Lynne Mofenson (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, USA) will be co-editing a Special Issue of AIDS for release at the 20th International AIDS Conference in July 2014 in Melbourne.
This is the first Call for Papers on the topic of Children Born into Families Affected by HIV

Included in this theme are topics such as:

* Fertility decisions by HIV-affected couples (including family planning and safe conception)
* Effects of HIV and antiretroviral drug exposure on foetal development, birth outcomes (including stillbirth, prematurity, low birth weight), and early growth and development
* Testing of young children and treatment in the context of the family
* Disclosure of HIV status (of parents or themselves) to young children
* Parental HIV illness and its impact on young children’s development
* Mental health of young children in families affected by HIV
* Interventions and models of care to support young children and families affected by HIV

Papers from all regions of the world are encouraged, as are multi-disciplinary perspectives and papers dealing with neglected populations.

Papers must conform to all submission requirements of AIDS, which are to be found on the website at http://journals.lww.com/aidsonline/Pages/informationforauthors.aspx. Papers will be subjected to the standard review procedures of the journal.

The final date for submission is the 20th December 2013.

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