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Promoting Competence in Children and Families. Scientific Perspectives on Resilience and Vulnerability

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During the last two decades there has been a major shift in child and family welfare practice. More than ever there is a focus on approaches stressing strengths, competencies and resilience, even for the most vulnerable and hard to reach children and families. Empowering clients, helping them re-gain power and control over their lives and stimulating and supporting them in becoming the agents of positive change have become key elements of practice, with the professional as an expert of collaborative dialogue, supported by professional networks and communities.

This book illustrates the great impact this shift has on practice, policy and research. It is on promising competence in children and families and consists of contributions from European and North American colleagues, who all have a link with the European Scientific Association on Residential and Foster care for children and adolescents, a body of scientists voluntarily banded together and concerned with the advancement of knowledge in the field of residential care, foster care and their alternatives for children and youth with psychosocial problems.

Promoting Competence in Children and Families, EUSARF's Festschrift for its founding father Walter Hellinckx, will be useful for all professionals working with children and families in child welfare systems, as well as for students.