

CATHERINE WARD

Short Curriculum Vitae (November 2022)

Catherine L. Ward holds a PhD in Clinical-Community Psychology from the University of South Carolina, USA. She is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cape Town, the Director of the Safety and Violence Initiative at the Centre for Social Science Research, and is registered as a clinical psychologist with the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Much of her current work is focused on preventing child maltreatment, and on understanding the epidemiology of risk factors faced by South African children at school. She is one of the co-developer of the [Parenting for Lifelong Health](#) (PLH) suite of open-access, non-commercialised programmes that aimed to support parents to raise non-violent children in non-violent homes. She is the University of Cape Town lead on the Global Parenting Initiative, a collaborative, multinational research project aiming to increase access to free, evidence-based digital playful parenting support in the Global South.

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Previous Appointments: Chief Research Specialist, Human Sciences Research Council; Research Officer, Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town.

Selected Publications

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Recent Books

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