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We are seeking original manuscripts for a special issue of *Children and Youth Services Review* dedicated to advancing knowledge of biological mothers with children in foster care. *We are especially interested in theoretical papers drawing on family developmental theory and family therapy theory and the possible implications of these models for conceptualizing practice-related issues in child welfare such as responses to child maltreatment, loss of child custody, and reintegration of family members.*

The issue will focus on single mothers who have (or have had) children in foster care. It will include emerging research on descriptions of the population of mothers with children in foster care; descriptions of mothers' service system involvement; and evaluations of reunification programs in which mothers have participated. This issue will include studies representing a range of research methodologies, including qualitative methodologies appropriate for studying the life experiences of this population. The issue may also include theoretical papers relevant to understanding the needs and the strengths of this population and how best to enhance rates of mothers' reunification with their children. However, descriptions of programs will not be included in this issue.

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Preparation of Manuscripts: Please refer to journal's website <http://www.childwelfare.com/kids/cysr.htm> for details. Please note that for this special issue manuscripts may be between 15 and 35 pages in length, and they should be submitted electronically to kathleen.wells@case.edu by August 1, 2009.