

Tackling the metadata challenge of funding attribution for grey literature resources

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Our collaboration

Vanier Institute of the Family (Vanier):

A national think tank committed to **enhancing family wellbeing in Canada** by making information **openly accessible and actionable**

Reimagining Care/Work Policies (RC/W):

A research program focused on **interconnected policies of childcare, parental leave, and employment, and federally funded** by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Collaboration: Vanier will catalogue and host RC/W resources in their Resource Centre to enhance impact and accessibility

Challenge: describing funding/authorship relationships in resource metadata

Why this work matters

Government requirements: Metadata must reflect how federal grants supported the work

Accurate metadata: Linking funders and authors enhances transparency, attribution, and compliance

Knowledge mobilization: Funding metadata helps researchers, policymakers, and the public discover, cite, and share the work

Challenges we encountered

Varying funding language: Funding and authorship acknowledgements differ across resource types

Multiple layers of contribution: Some resources were fully produced and funded by RC/W, others had mixed authorship and were federally funded, or partially funded by RC/W but not produced by RC/W

Metadata limitations: Existing funding statement wording in the Resource Centre did not capture complex funding scenarios

Our approach

Analysed outputs:

Vanier identified **five types of grey literature** from RC/W and examined **how funding and authorship were represented**

Identified key relationships:

Collaborated to identify **three common relationships** between authorship and funding across the resources

Developed funding statements:

Vanier drafted wording to describe the relationships. We collaborated to refine the language and **confirm alignment with SSHRC requirements**

Funding metadata

Fully Produced and Funded by RC/W:

“This resource is produced by Reimagining Care/Work Policies.”

Partially Funded, Partially Produced by RC/W:

“This resource is partially funded and partially produced by Reimagining Care/Work Policies.”

Government Funded, Authored by RC/W:

“This resource is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada and authored by members of Reimagining Care/Work Policies.”

Reflections & next steps

Relationships between funders and authors can be **complex; standardized metadata helps make these relationships clearer**

RC/W is mapping their resources to funding statements – **consistent metadata practices**

Future work includes **expanding and refining** these funding statements and applying them to a wider range of grey literature

Resource example



Reimagining
care/work
Policies

Réinventer
les politiques
soins/travail

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Familydemic Cross Country and Gender Dataset on Work and Family Outcomes During COVID-19 Pandemic

View Resource

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Here we present the Familydemic Cross Country and Gender Dataset (FCCGD), which offers cross country and gender comparative data on work and family outcomes among parents of dependent children, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. It covers six countries from two continents representing diverse welfare regimes as well as distinct policy reactions to the pandemic outbreak. The FCCGD was created using the first wave of a web-based international survey (Familydemic) carried out between June and September 2021, on large samples of parents (aged 20–59) living with at least one child under 12 in Canada, Germany, Italy, Poland, Sweden, and the US. While individual datasets are not available due to country-level restriction policies, the presented database allows for cross-country comparison of a wide range of employment outcomes and work arrangements, the division of diverse tasks of unpaid labour (housework and childcare) in couples, experiences with childcare and school closures due to the pandemic and subjective assessments of changes to work-life balance, career prospects and the financial situation of families (234 variables).

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Geographic Coverage: Canada; Germany; Italy; Poland; Sweden; United States of America

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