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# Getting Care Right for Children & Youth MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE

**Note**: This monthly wrap-up is intended to serve as a compendium of the latest developments in the area of alternative care. We hope you will find it useful and be able to use it in your day-to-day work on research, writing, and practice on child and youth care. Reach out to us at <a href="mailto:icbjournal@udayancare.org">icbjournal@udayancare.org</a> for any suggestions or feedback on the newsletter.

# GENERAL ALTERNATIVE CARE NEWS

#### **INTERNATIONAL:**

- Young people often kept unnecessarily in closed care institutions
- COVID exposes Zimbabwe's orphan emergency
- <u>Ukraine Accuses Russia Of Holding 58 Children From Kherson Orphanage As Hostages</u>
- 214,000 American children lost parents to COVID. They have 'a lifetime of grief ahead of them'

#### ASIA:

- <u>Children from AP school donate books for kids in crisis-hit</u>
  Sri Lanka
- 'We are not able to cook food for children', locals complain amid Sri Lanka crisis





• Turkiye aid agency shares Eid joys with orphans in Afghanistan

#### INDIA:

- <u>Uttar Pradesh government-run orphanage sends kids to private</u> <u>English-medium schools</u>
- Karnataka HC: Adopting non abandoned or non-orphaned child is not an offence

- Gujarat HC allows widowed kaki-ma to keep custody of 5 orphan siblings
- Child trafficking mastermind ran an orphanage that was shut last year
- No takers for KV seats for COVID orphans
- CWC finds it tough to shelter mentally unstable boys

# NEWS RESOURCES (PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH PAPER, STUDY, TOOL KIT, POLICY BRIEF) IN THE ALTERNATIVE CARE SPACE

- The impact of relational permanency and mentorship on care leavers in British Columbia
- <u>Lived Experiences of Young People after They Leave Care</u> Homes/ Centres to Live Independently in Vietnam
- <u>Life after Leaving Institutional Care: Independent Living</u> Experience of Orphan Care Leavers of Mumbai, India
- Listening to care leavers: A case study involving 435 care leavers and 100 child protection key stakeholders in 5 States of India

# YOUNG VOICES THAT APPEAR IN MEDIA

- Somerset care leaver achieves Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Nikhat Zareen targets Olympic glory after winning gold at World Boxing Championships
- Blind, orphan student fights odds to ace Karnataka SSLC exam Times of India



# COUNTRY SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALTERNATIVE CARE

## INTERNATIONAL:





- Kansas is taking a nationally unprecedented move to let foster teens pick their families
- Adoption, Foster Care Bill Package Passes MI House
- Detroit's The Children's Center provides "one-stop-shop" resources for foster care

### ASIA:

- Investing in social service crucial for protecting children in Bangladesh: UNICEF
- <u>The Lighthouse</u>, <u>Beaconhouse launches home for orphans</u> | The Academia

## INDIA:

- Reading skills of children at care homes in Delhi improves: DCPCR
- Welcome Move! COVID Orphans To Be Given Priority For Admission Under Revised KVS Guidelines
- PM Narendra Modi to release benefits under PM CARES for Children Scheme today



# OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS (JOBS, CONFERENCE ALERTS, CALL FOR ABSTRACTS)

- Event: A way forward towards family-based care Eurochild
- Call for Papers for Institutionalised Children Explorations and Beyond (ICB): An International Journal on Alternative Care
- The 4th World Conference on Children and Youth (CCY 2022)
- Global Studies of Childhood: Separated Childhoods Webinar Series Identity, Belonging and Culture in Childhood Separation
- <u>Call for Submissions: Draft Guidelines on Deinstitutionalization, Including in Emergencies Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</u>