



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 icbjournal@udayancare.org for any suggestions or feedback on the newsletter.



GENERAL ALTERNATIVE CARE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL:

- Ukraine's invisible children: the urgency of care reform
- Children's Right Organizations across the country (USA) file Supreme Court Amicus Brief Supporting ICWA
- Charity helping care leavers bridge gap to adulthood - BBC News
- Children living in temporary accommodation at record high - BBC News
- Youth leaving foster care, juvenile and other systems are aim of Washington housing effort
- Welsh government consulting on eliminating profit-making provision for children in care

- Western Australia lifts state care age limit from 18 to 21 following successful trial
- Initial findings from review of residential services for children and young people – council looks for alternatives to residential care by 'strengthening family-based care approaches'
- San Diego Foster Family Network Gives Children Under 5 Loving Homes Amid Surge in Foster Care System

ASIA:

- Afghan Children in immediate need of humanitarian aid: Report
- Danish adoptees call for South Korea to probe adoption issues
- Five years after the Rohingya Exodus, Two Third of children in refugee camps do not feel safer than when they arrived in Bangladesh
- Leave no child behind: protecting the future of Indonesian children through immunization
- NT government to roll out new system for child protection
- Immediate Action Needed to Protect Children from the Global Hunger Crisis

INDIA:

- Foster care in India still relegated to the backburner
- Dip in children coming to adoption agencies points to trafficking or illegal market: Parliamentary Panel
- 'Few kids in adoption pool, couples' wait gets longer
- 15.4% adoption spurt in West Bengal since Covid began, bucking national falling trend
- Finding a Home: On India's Adoption Policy
- Missing baby girls: Is India's skewed sex ratio at birth getting better?
- Allow LGBTQ community members to adopt child: Parliamentary Panel
- Delete 'illegitimate child' from adoption law, says Parliamentary Panel
- Bimonthly checks on all children's homes in Maharashtra
- Madras HC orders adoption panel to consider age relaxation plea
- Panel moots district-level survey to bring more children into adoption

NEW RESOURCES IN THE ALTERNATIVE CARE SPACE

RESEARCH PAPERS:

- Advancing the social rights of care leavers: Towards a new community-based social network and peer support model for supporting young people transitioning from out-of-home care in times of crisis
- The health status and related interventions for children left behind due to parental migration in the Philippines: A scoping review

PUBLICATIONS:

- Compendium on family strengthening and alternative care programs practiced across India

TOOL KIT:

- Helping Young Children and Parents Transition Back to School

POLICY BRIEF:

- Review of Guardianship and Adoption Laws, by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, and Law & Justice



YOUNG VOICES THAT APPEAR IN MEDIA

- Care leavers: 'It's scary as a foster kid reaching 18': BBC News
- Helping care leavers find their place in the world of work
- A group of young people from VOYPIC – Voice of Young People in Care- hosted a special Tea Party Meet & Greet on Tuesday 21 June in the Long Gallery, Stormont
- Learning In Fellowship Together (LIFT)
- Drink Your Tea and Eat It Too: An eco-friendly initiative of care leavers in Vadodara, Gujarat



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

INTERNATIONAL:

- Call for Papers for Institutionalised Children Explorations and Beyond (ICB): An International Journal on Alternative Care (March & September 2023)
- International & National Foster Care Conference 2022 - Finding Ways Forward: Celebrating Identity, Culture, Families and Community
- NAAC 45Th National Child Welfare Law Conferences
- CAFO2022 Summit

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- Call for papers for National Conference on Co-building an Inclusive New Social Order: Reflections from Covid-19 (11th & 12th October 2022) organized by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Jammu in collaboration with Save the Children, India.