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

GENERAL ALTERNATIVE CARE NEWS

INTERNATIONAL:

- Nottingham council to recognise care experience as a protected characteristic
- Escaping the war in Ukraine: A new life for children in care

- Children in care moved home over Christmas period at rate of almost 80 a day
- More than one child a day placed in care as adoption numbers plummet in Oxfordshire
- The Community Connections Youth Project-helps foster care youth transition to adulthood





- California Voice: State must prioritize children in foster care
- New Hampshire: Housing, child care to get special attention this session
- Totnes: Children in care to screen awareness raising animated film on wall of a town centre building
- Swindon: 148 children in care live outside borough
- Global Family Day 2023: Date, History, and Significance
- Child poverty rates highest in states that haven't raised minimum wage
- <u>In 2022, 149 Million of Children Were In Need Of</u> <u>Humanitarian Assistance</u>

ASIA:

- South Asia sees the worst child mortality rate in 2021
- 129 Afghan 'illegal immigrants' with 178 children in Sindh Jails
- Pakistan's rains may have stopped, but children are still dying: UNICEF
- Pakistan: 3.5m displaced students require support to resume education
- Child nutrition drops in Sri Lanka amid economic crisis
- Hungry and cold, Afghanistan's children are getting sick

INDIA:

- The Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) launched a book on children's mental health, *Juveniles Accessing Mental Health (JAMS)*, for childcare institutions.
- Delhi High Court issues notices challenging the constitutional validity of the Juvenile Justice Act's clauses on DCPCR's plea
- No Better Place to Start Than India: UNICEF Representative
- Leveraging Social Mobility: What India's Schools are Missing
- Substance abuse among India's youth hits emergency levels

NEW RESOURCES IN THE ALTERNATIVE CARE SPACE

PUBLICATIONS:

• Home for Christmas: Become's briefing on "placement" moves for children in care over the Christmas period





- Levels and Trends in Child Mortality: Estimates developed by the United Nations Inter-Agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation
- New Texas: 5th Foster Care Report

STUDY:

- Finding from the Big Ask: Children in Care
- More than 20 Million children in Pakistan are still out of school: Pakistan Economic Survey 2021-22

TOOL KIT:

- New Years' resolution and other goals for teens in care
- Take Time: How to recognise social anxiety in yourself and your children
- Children in care and the impact of recording

YOUNG VOICES THAT APPEAR IN MEDIA

- Chloe grew up in state care, then she had to fight to keep her own baby
- Finding faith and family through foster care
- Experience of the Civil Service Care Leaver Internship
- Entering care: The real reasons children come into care
- Care leavers: Young people say they feel 'isolated and deserted' after support stopped
- Sibling separation in care







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

INTERNATIONAL:

- Virtual workshop on 'Blocked care: You are not alone, it's a brain thing' on 22nd February 2023
- Online training on how to increase the educational outcomes of children with a social worker on 23rd February 2023
- ISPCAN European International Congress on 24-27 September 2023