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:

- New Zealand to halt removal of ‘at risk’ children from families
- Biden admin. releases new guidance to support mental health in schools
- More than 140,000 U.S. children lost a primary or secondary caregiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Court Rules Canada Must Compensate Indigenous Foster Children For Discrimination

- Low literacy, early marriage impede rights, girls’ voices

ASIA:

- UN Agencies: 800 Million Children in Asia ‘at Risk’ Over School Closures
- Child marriage kills more than 60 girls a day globally and 6 girls daily in South Asia: Report
UNICEF concerned over 'grave child rights violations' in Afghanistan

Children in Asia face far more scorching heatwaves, floods than grandparents

**INDIA:**

Children in Child-Care Institutions Are Not There for Reasons of Their Own, Rehabilitation Must Be Prioritised

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

Changes in Attachment Disorder symptoms in children internationally adopted and in residential care

Are residential care homes really bad for children? Voices of alumni of residential child, youth care in Trinidad & Tobago

Link Between Resource Use and Customer Satisfaction: The Case of Charitable Children Institutions in Kibera-Langata Sub County, Nairobi County, Kenya

**ADVOCACY/IMPACT/DATA/CALL FOR PROPOSALS/ FELLOWSHIP RELATED NEWS**

We must do better to protect children with disabilities: Daily Star contributor

‘The passionate pursuit of social justice’

**YOUNG VOICES THAT APPEAR IN MEDIA**

Ain Husniza to speak at Unicef conference on children's rights

HIV/AIDS activist Sibulele Sibaca uses her voice to uplift girls and young women

[Monday Motivation] How 68-year-old Mangal Shah is supporting over 100 children affected by HIV/AIDS in India

Top 10 postgraduate fellowships in Public Policy in India

UN Committee on Child Rights Cites Mangalorean Preethi L Nagaveni’s Work in its Report
COUNTRY SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALTERNATIVE CARE

INTERNATIONAL:
- A safe space for young people
- Community leaders decry plight of foreigners’ children
- Australia’s leading child-focused aid agencies demand more meaningful climate policy involvement for the young people most impacted

ASIA:
- WHO meet: SE Asia health ministers seek to end TB
- ASIA/BANGLADESH - Cardinal D’Rozario: guaranteeing dignity and protection to the Rohingya

OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS (JOBS, CONFERENCE ALERTS, CALL FOR ABSTRACTS)
- Faith and child safeguarding virtual summit
- Ending corporal punishment in the early years of childhood: an essential right and need of young children
- Transforming Children's Care Webinar #6 - Trauma-informed approaches to care
- IN FOCUS: After losing parents to COVID-19, Malaysian children and caregivers are picking up the pieces
- How Homes of Hope – India Ends the Poverty Cycle
- 845 Covid-19 orphans identified so far for receiving benefits under PM Cares Fund
- ‘A sea of broken children’: COVID-19 leaves orphans, child labourers in its wake in India
- Safeguarding risks for children who have lost parents/caregivers to covid-19 and the potential role of FBOs and faith communities
- 4th Biennial Conference on Alternative Care for Children in Asia (BICON) 2021