

Oz Child Information Service

The Oz Child Information Service is a comprehensive, efficient and personalised service designed specifically to meet the information needs of human service professionals, researchers, workers and students in the child and family area. It provides current information which is targeted, in-depth and easily accessible.

The Collection

The basis of the Information Service is a specialised collection of over 5000 books, about 250 videos, and approximately 120 journal subscriptions, from Australia and overseas. All books and videos are included on the Information Service database, as are abstracts of all relevant journal articles, forming the basis of a powerful information resource of almost 32,000 items.

SUBJECT AREAS

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| • child abuse/protection | • child rearing/parenting | • children with disabilities |
| • domestic violence | • family relationships | • adoption/fostering |
| • child/family legal issues | • child/adolescent psychology | • social work |
| • early childhood | • child health | • research |
| • psychotherapy | • family counselling | • management |

The Services

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Nexus is the Information Service's principal vehicle for the dissemination of information. It is published monthly and contains abstracts of about 200 articles drawn from the current issues of journals, grouped under broad subject categories and including keywords for easy identification of relevant topics. Photocopies of the full text of any articles can be requested. *Nexus* also contains listings of newly acquired books and videos, which are available for loan.

Database searches are available, either on a subscription basis or as a one-off request, for information on specific topics. The Information Service database includes all books and videos in the collection, as well as the cumulated resource of journal articles indexed for *Nexus* over many years. Again, full text photocopies of articles can be requested, and books and videos can be borrowed.

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Report links poverty with poor health

By JO CHANDLER, medical reporter

Research by the Strategy has shown a overwhelming ineffectiveness in the health of Australia, disease, disability and death rates blow out at the socio-economic divide.

Poor people are more likely to be disabled, to have chronic illness, to have mental illness and to have a shorter life expectancy.

Compared with the rich, the disadvantaged are more likely to die from influenza, bronchitis, asthma, lung cancer and other forms of heart disease and diabetes.

Their children are more likely to die from sudden infant death syndrome and meningitis. Boys from disadvantaged areas are 164 per cent more likely to be in hospital and 27 per cent more likely to be in residential care.



Homeless prove One Nation

By RUSSELL SKELTON

McCaughy is convinced that the recession is hitting the most vulnerable in our society. He says that the government should be doing more to help the homeless, particularly in the areas of housing and social services.

Single mothers live in poverty

Single mothers are more likely to live in poverty than other groups. The report highlights the financial struggles of these women and their children, including issues like housing, food, and access to services.

Poor have more health problems

A nationwide study shows that people living in poverty have significantly more health problems and are more likely to be hospitalized. The study also found that these individuals often lack access to necessary medical care.

THE AGE THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 1996

Families in \$400 a week

For some families, the cost of living is so high that they are struggling to make ends meet. The report discusses the impact of inflation and rising costs on low-income households.

More young migrants grow up in poverty-stricken homes

By JEFFREY SEXTON

The number of children growing up in poverty is increasing, and this is particularly true for young migrants. The report notes that these children often face additional challenges such as language barriers and cultural differences.

For some families this means difficulty affording medication and clothing for their children, while housing is a serious problem. Ms Janet MacFarlane, of the Brotherhood of St Laurence in Melbourne, says that many families are struggling to meet their basic needs.

Commitment pledge... TUESDAY, MARCH 14

Millions living in poverty: report

More than 2 million Australians had paid their housing costs, a major report on social welfare has found. The report also highlights the challenges faced by single-parent families and the need for better social support systems.

Judge slams child poverty inaction... The Victorian Government has been accused of inaction in addressing child poverty. The report calls for more comprehensive measures to support vulnerable families.

One billion people live in poverty worldwide

The World is One-way

\$10 are new

end global

Child poverty still a problem

Justice Nicholson also attacked the public and the media for the hysteria that has surrounded the issue of child poverty.