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FOSTERCARE POLICY & PRACTICE IN SWEDEN

What lessons are there for Australia?

Kathryn Richardson

This article describes the development of fostercare policy and practice in Sweden from the 1600's to the present. It highlights the significance and extensive use of fostercare compared to alternative child care measures. The recruitment, assessment and training of fosterparents and the degree of support for both foster and biological parents is examined. An overview is given of research concerning the outcome of fostercare in Sweden. It concludes with a discussion of the factors likely to affect the future of fostercare in Sweden. Implications for Australian fostercare are drawn from comparison with Swedish developments in fostercare.

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AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN IN SUBSTITUTE CARE

John Edwards, Graeme Gregory and Denis Oakley.

In a paper presented at the International Conference on Child Abuse in Paris (September, 1982), the authors report on the findings of the Australian National Survey on Substitute Care.

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NEW FINANCIAL REPORTING SYSTEM

Graham Withers.

In the first part of a two part article, the author identifies problems of financial recording and reporting in the area of residential child care. He suggests a model to aid in identifying costs.

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Returning to School After Burn Injuries

Anne Giljohann.

In the first paper the author presents the findings of a survey of the adjustment of children to school after they have suffered severe burn injuries.

Burns Emergency and Emotional Support — A Self-Help Group.

In her second paper she describes a self-help programme for people who have suffered disfiguring scars through burning.

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