



Note: This monthly wrap-up is intended to serve as a compendium of the latest developments in the area of family strengthening and 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:

- [Two California foster care bills miss the mark](#)
An opinion piece reflects on two foster care reform measures of the California Legislature and states that neither of the bills addresses the core issues with foster care
- [North Lincolnshire: People urged to consider hosting care leavers](#)
The Supported Lodgings Scheme in North Lincolnshire, UK aims to provide a stepping-stone for young people leaving

care aged between 16 and 24. Their hosts help them to learn valuable skills like budgeting, cooking, and home management

- [Colorado Department of Human Services takes bold action to re-imagine child welfare system](#)
A new Child Welfare Family Advisory Council was established by the Office of Children, Youth, and Families (OCYF) of the Colorado Department of Human Services with the goal of strengthening and improving the child welfare system. To help develop and improve planning, policies, and

procedures of child welfare and maltreatment prevention services, the Council will elevate the voices of people who have had contact or participation with the child welfare system

- [Uganda Care Leavers Statement regarding the participation of institutionalised children in Britain's Got Talent](#)

The Uganda Care Leavers Association appreciate the participation of the children from the organisation 'Ghetto Kids' on Britain Got Talent some may see the opportunity for these talented children to showcase their skill on an international platform, but it cannot be an endorsement of institutionalisation of children.

ASIA:

- ["Families in Hong Kong should receive larger cash incentives and educational support to foster children"](#)

An expert panel tasked with reviewing childcare policies to combat abuse of youngsters at care centers calls for citywide promotion efforts to encourage more people to foster children as a substitute for residential care centre

- [The urgent need to strengthen child protection measures in Sri Lanka](#)

The government needs to adopt a comprehensive and multi-pronged approach that includes strengthening laws on child protection, implementing strict regulations that protect children from all forms of abuse and exploitation, creating awareness among parents, teachers, and caregivers on the importance of safeguarding children's rights

- [US Marine's adoption of Afghan war orphan voided](#)

In a highly unusual ruling, a state court judge in Charlottesville cancelled a U.S Marine's adoption of an Afghan war orphan, more than a year after he took the little girl away from the Afghan couple raising her

INDIA:

- [Union Government comes out with the standard operating procedure for child helpline 1098](#)

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) said the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) will provide necessary technical infrastructure for setting up of control rooms in all states and UTs where child helpline and women helpline call takers shall be co-located so as to handle women and child related calls in a single location.

- [The problem with universal child rights: Cultural differences abound in how we raise children](#)

An opinion piece on the cultural differences in child-rearing practices in the wealthy West and the developing world countries stricken with resource constraints

- ['Medieval conservative concept of a family': Bombay High Court sets aside civil court order refusing to let single, working woman adopt](#)

Bombay High Court quashed the order of the district court that had rejected a 47-year-old single woman's plea to adopt her niece noting that she would not be able to give personal attention to the child as a single, working mother.

- [Himachal Pradesh passed Sukhashraya \(Care, Protection, and Self-Reliance of Children of the State\) Act, 2023](#)

The Act states that orphans and persons with special needs will become ‘children of the state’. The State government will provide financial and institutional benefits between the age of 18-27 years.



NEW RESOURCES IN THE ALTERNATIVE CARE SPACE

PUBLICATIONS:

- [The procedural and preparedness challenges of deinstitutionalisation in India: Learning from the Families Together initiative in Delhi](#)

A new article published in the journal titled Relational Child and Youth Care (Volume, 35, No.3) examines the deinstitutionalisation of the children and family-strengthening interventions in the Indian context during the post-pandemic period

STUDY:

- [Kinship Care in India: A Case Study Documentation](#)
A report documents eight case studies across the four states- Assam, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu. The report presents the experience of children and caregivers in kinship care, and provide insights and recommendations for better outcomes for children in kinship care

- [Gone too far preventing children in care from being moved miles from the people and places that matter to them](#)

The study examines the issue of children in care and finds out that being moved away from their homes, friends, school, and family disrupts their education, lives, and relationships. It can create feelings of loneliness, isolation, and stigma



YOUNG VOICES THAT APPEAR IN MEDIA

- [Transitions: What it is like to move foster placements](#)
A care experienced youth sharing the real-life experiences transitions of what is like to move foster placement, the challenges that come with this process, and what it truly means to find permanency.
- [How to talk to teenagers so they talk back to you: The Care Leaders' Podcast](#)
The podcast aims to provide insights and strategies for anyone working with young people, particularly those in care, to improve communication and build stronger relationships



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

INTERNATIONAL:

- [Online symposium on Child's right to identity in family relations on 16th May 2023](#)
- [Webinar on "A Home for me?" A comparative review of the value of different forms of permanence for children: adoption, SGO and fostering on June 12, 2023](#)