

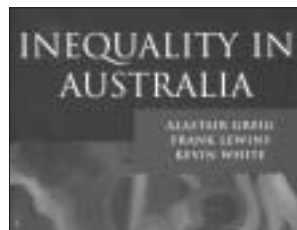
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These selected books on family-related topics are recent additions to the Institute's Family Information Centre. They are available through libraries, through the Family Information Centre via the Inter Library Loan system, or for purchase from good book shops. Prices are given as and when supplied.



***Designing family support programs: Building children, family and community resilience*, by Margaret Sims, Common Ground Publishing, Altona, Victoria, 2002. Price: \$49.00.**

From their beginnings in the United States in the 1970s, family support programs have continued to grow and generate the interest of policy makers and government. This practical book aims to provide the reader with an understanding of family support programs, from an Australian and New Zealand perspective. The intent of the book is not to provide a formula for developing specific programs, rather it aims to provide a general framework that can be applied to the development of programs at the policy and procedural levels. Initial chapters outline why family support programs are needed, the aims of family support programs, and the theoretical underpinnings of family support. Chapters are also devoted to specific types of programs – for example, early intervention programs and community focused programs such as those targetting schools, child abuse and neglect, and mental illness. Final chapters address administrative issues such as staffing and evaluating programs. This book would be a valuable addition to all practitioners in the family support/social welfare fields.



***Inequality in Australia*, by Alastair Greig, Frank Lewins and Kevin White, Cambridge University Press, Port Melbourne, 2003. Price: \$44.95.**

In this text the authors argue that, although many Australians believe that they live in an egalitarian society, this is indeed a myth, and that Australian society is now more unequal than at any stage of its past. Aimed at tertiary students, the book analyses and explains inequality, and offers a new critical perspective on the forms of inequality in Australia. Chapters look at: class, mortality and morbidity; gender, age and disability; the inequality of social resources; cultural differences and inequality; the inequality of life choices; and the myth of egalitarianism and political struggles for equality. At the end of each chapter, key terms and concepts used within the chapter are listed, as is a list of further study questions. A substantial bibliography is also included.



***Part of the family: Pathways through foster care*, by Gillian Schofield, British Association of Adoption and Fostering, London, 2003.**

How can or does long-term foster care meet the needs of children? What are the different

pathways that foster children follow through childhood and into adult life? In investigating the experiences, feelings and memories of 40 adults who were fostered long term, the author attempts to answer these two questions. From the interviews, the author developed seven different groupings or pathways that the young persons' lives had followed. Subsequent chapters analyse these pathways, which examine the quality of caregiving, the continuity of placement, the attachment of the child to the family, and the role of factors outside of the family – for example, school, friendships, and the role of professional personnel such as social workers. In conclusion, the author puts forward suggestions for the development of long-term foster care so that it can best meet the needs of children.



***Parenting and disability: Disabled parents' experiences of raising children*, by Richard Olsen and Harriet Clarke, Policy Press, Bristol, 2003. Price: UK 18.99.**

While much has been written on the subject of parents raising disabled children, much less research has focused on parents who are themselves disabled. This UK study of parenting, disability and mental health aims to redress this lack of research. Parents and children in 75 one-parent and two-parent families were interviewed for the project. The disabilities of the parents included both physical disabilities (such as

multiple sclerosis) and mental impairment (such as depression). Topics include: disabled parents' access to support (both formal and informal), children's involvement in caring for their parents, and how changes in the life-course affect disabled parents (for example, relationship breakdown). The authors also advocate for measures to be introduced which support disabled parents and their families. This book would make important reading for anyone working in the disability or wider social services fields, as well as policy makers who have an interest in this area.



**What to do when your children turn into teenagers?, by David Bennett and Leanne Rowe, Random House, Milson's Point, 2003. Price: \$29.95.**

This book is aimed at providing practical and down-to-earth advice to the parents of teenagers. Written by two medical doctors who specialise in adolescent health, Section One covers puberty, teenage behaviour, authoritative parenting, teenagers and the media, eating habits, and sexuality. Section Two, entitled "Home and away", looks at the importance of parents, families getting on together, teenagers, school and the community, and the effects of parents on teenagers. The final Section, "It won't happen in our family", looks at teenagers and risk-taking. Written in an accessible

style, this book would make interesting and entertaining reading for all parents of teenagers. References for further reading, and a list of useful website addresses is also included.



**Family focused grief therapy: A model of family-centred care during palliative care and bereavement, by David W. Kissane and Sidney Bloch, Open University Press, Buckingham, UK, 2002.**

This book presents a model of family-centred care, which can be applied during the period of palliative care of the patient, and also during the period of bereavement after the death of the patient. The model provides a structured approach that supports the family in their care-giving role, and also guides them through the journey of illness, death and bereavement. Individual chapters look at how life-threatening illnesses and grief affect families; how family-focused grief therapy can be applied in different family situations; and what implications its introduction would have for service providers. This book would make valuable reading for anyone concerned with the care of people facing life-threatening illness and their families.

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## ASKING THE CHILDREN

As part of its submission to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commission's (HREOC) National Inquiry into Children living in immigration detention, the New South Wales Commission for Children and Young People has produced a booklet called *Ask the children: Kids speak out about immigration detention experiences*.

Copies of the booklet and the Commission's complete submission can be accessed from their website at:

<http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/ourwork/immigrationdetention.html>

Details of HREOC's Inquiry can be found at:

[http://www.hreoc.gov.au/human\\_rights/children\\_detention/index.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/human_rights/children_detention/index.html)

