

CHILDREN WITHOUT APPROPRIATE CARE

TOP TEN RESOURCES

The *Top Ten Resources* are lists of the currently most relevant materials on Child Protection, as identified by Save the Children's Child Protection Initiative (CPI).

The lists aim to guide practitioners who are new to Child Protection and support those already familiar with it in furthering their knowledge in Save the Children's Child Protection priority areas. The *Top Ten Resources* have been selected by CPI and are regularly updated. If you have feedback, please contact cpi@rb.se.

You can also find this *Top Ten Resource list* on [Save the Children's Resource Centre](#).

In alphabetical order:

1 [Away from Home: Protecting and Supporting Children on the Move](#)

(Save the Children, 2008)

This report looks at what we mean by children on the move, what their experiences are, what support they need, and how protection systems can be adapted to meet those needs.

2 [Because We Care: Programming Guidance for Children Deprived of Parental Care](#)

(World Vision International, 2009)

This paper discusses care models for children deprived of parental care. It promotes community and family-based care over institutional models and analyses which models support the holistic development of children.

3 [Best Interests Determination for Children on the Move: A Toolkit for Decision-Making](#)

(Save the Children, 2010)

This toolkit aims to meet the need for a clear, rights-based decision-making tool which will guide practitioners to ensure that the best interests of an unaccompanied migrant child affects the support the child gets in the context of the South African child protection system.

4 [Better Care Network Toolkit](#)

(Better Care Network, 2010)

This toolkit aids social workers, child care practitioners and policy makers in planning and providing better care for children, including family strengthening and out of home placement. The toolkit contains practical guides and manuals to support a quality care system and the delivery of alternative care.



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5 [Children without Appropriate Care: Training Manual for Asia Pacific](#)
(Save the Children, 2012)

This manual is meant for capacity-building of policy makers, professionals, and para-professionals who either are or will be working in the area of care reform. The training focuses on children in developing contexts, who require support within their families and those who need an alternative care placement.

6 [De-institutionalising and Transforming Children's Services: A Guide to Good Practice](#) (University of Birmingham, 2007)

This document aims to assist policy makers and practitioners to transform systems of institutional care into systems based on family and community support.

7 [Economic Strengthening for Vulnerable Children](#)
(Save the Children, USAID and Academy for Educational Development, 2008)

This document illustrates best practices in economic strengthening for vulnerable children. It gives principles for program design and implementation and technical recommendations on how to implement economic strengthening activities.

8 [Exploring Methods to Protect Children on the Move. A Handbook for Organisations Wanting to Prevent Child Trafficking, Exploitation and the Worst Forms of Child Labour](#) (Terre des Hommes, 2011)

This handbook helps organisations assess if they are using the most appropriate methods to prevent children from being exploited or abused. It also helps finding out how a more detailed understanding of the experience of children helps when identifying ways to protect them. It also gives a good general understanding of children on the move.

9 [Manual for the Measurement of Indicators for Children in Formal Care](#)
(UNICEF and the Better Care Network, 2009)

This manual aims to introduce common indicators for children in formal care, including institutional or foster family care or formally arranged kinship. It provides a common measurement approach with the aim of improving childcare practices and facilitating comparison within and between countries.

10 [Scaling Down: Reducing, Reshaping and Improving Residential Care around the World](#) (EveryChild, 2011)

This paper summarises the evidence-based research on residential care to promote better decision-making among policy-makers and child welfare practitioners on the use of residential care.

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