



# Oz Child Information Service

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- family relationships
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- family counselling
- children with disabilities
- adoption/fostering
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# Report links poverty with poor health

By JO CHANDLER, medical reporter

Research by the Strategy has shown a worrying link between the health of Australian children and their parents' socio-economic status.

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 people in other countries, Australian children are disadvantaged and have higher death rates from influenza, bronchitis, asthma, lung disease and other forms of heart disease and diabetes.

Their children are more likely to die from sudden infant death syndrome and have lower birth weights (less oxygen). Boys from low-income families are 164 per cent more likely to be overweight than those from high-income families.



Single mothers with children are estimated to be 27 times more likely to live in poverty than those with two parents.

# 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's policies are not addressing the needs of the homeless, and that the One Nation government's policies are likely to make the situation worse.

# Single mothers live in poverty

By RUSSELL SKELTON

Single mothers with children are estimated to be 27 times more likely to live in poverty than those with two parents. The report highlights the financial struggles of single mothers and the impact on their children's health and education.

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By FIONA CARRON

Research shows that children of single mothers are more likely to experience behavioral problems and lower educational attainment compared to children of two-parent families.

# Poor have more health problems

By DEANE CARRON

A nationwide study shows that people living in poverty have significantly higher rates of chronic health conditions, including heart disease, diabetes, and asthma.

Residents need fortitude to cope with the challenges of poverty, including limited access to healthcare and social services.

# Families in \$400 a week

By DEANE CARRON

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.

Ms Elizabeth O'Connell, a social worker, says that such families are often overlooked by government services and need more support.

# More young migrants grow up in poverty-stricken homes

By JENNIFER SEXTON

The number of children growing up in poverty is increasing, and this is particularly concerning for young migrants who may face additional challenges.

English-speaking children from low-income backgrounds are more likely to experience health and educational difficulties. The report calls for targeted interventions to support these children.

Immigration pledges... The government has committed to providing support for new migrants, but more needs to be done to ensure they can integrate into the workforce and community.

# Millions living in poverty: report

By MARK RILEY

More than 2 million Australians live in poverty, according to a new report. The report identifies the causes of poverty and suggests ways to reduce it.



The report highlights the increasing number of children living in poverty and the impact on their development. It calls for a comprehensive strategy to address the issue.

# One billion people live in poverty worldwide

Worldwide, one billion people live in poverty, a stark reminder of the global scale of the problem. The report discusses the international context of poverty.

The World Bank's report on poverty highlights the need for global cooperation to address the issue. It notes that poverty is a major barrier to economic growth and social progress.

# Judge slams child poverty inaction

By RACHEL HAWES

Judge of the Family Court Justice Nicholson has slammed the government for its inaction on child poverty. He argues that the current policies are inadequate and call for more aggressive action.

Nicholson's criticism is part of a broader debate about the government's responsibility for addressing child poverty. He points to the long-term consequences of inaction.

The judge's comments have sparked a national conversation about the role of government in social welfare. It is clear that more needs to be done to support vulnerable families.

Justice Nicholson also criticized the media for its portrayal of the issue. He believes that the media should focus on solutions rather than just highlighting the problems.

Child poverty is still a problem that requires urgent attention. The report emphasizes the need for a multi-faceted approach to tackle the issue effectively.