Volume 28 Number 4

2003

Children

Australia

In this issue ...

Speech and language impairment
A neglected issue for abused and neglected children

Challenges posed by kinship care A study focussing on New South Wales

'Good enough parenting' when government is 'the parent'

Disrupted adolescents in foster care Their perspectives on placement breakdown

The silent minority
The voice of the child in family law

Children Australia

Volume 28 2003

Children Australia is a quarterly journal which aims to provide an opportunity for service providers, academics and others concerned with children and families to report on their work, to raise issues and to share their views.

The opinions expressed in *Children Australia* are those of its contributors, and are therefore not necessarily endorsed by the Editor or members of the editorial board.

EDITOR:

Lloyd Owen Senior Lecturer School of Social Work & Social Policy La Trobe University

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT/SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Larraine Redshaw c/- Oz Child: Children Australia

NATIONAL EDITORIAL BOARD

ACT

Dr Howard Bath

Director

The Thomas Wright Institute

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dr Elizabeth Fernandez Senior Lecturer, School of Social Work

University of New South Wales

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mrs Vicki O'Halloran

Chief Executive Officer

Somerville Community Services Inc

QUEENSLAND

Ms Chris-Maree Sultmann

Encompass Family & Community

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dr Freda Briggs

Emeritus Professor

University of South Australia

TASMANIA

Ms Scilla Weber

Senior Policy Officer

Child and Family Services Support Unit

Department of Health & Human Services

VICTORIA

Associate Professor Chris Goddard

Director, Child Abuse & Family Violence Research Unit

Monash University

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr David Vicary

Executive Director

Office for Children and Youth

EDITORIAL CONSULTANTS

Dr Yao Jinchao – Asia Pacific Region

Dr Frank Ainsworth

Research Scholar and Lecturer [Adjunct]

School of International Community & Cultural Studies

Edith Cowan University

Ms Margarita Frederico

Director, Post-graduate Programs

School of Social Work & Social Policy

La Trobe University

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2003/2004

 Standard [inc GST]
 \$66.00

 Student [inc GST]
 \$55.00

 Overseas
 Aus\$85.00

ENQUIRIES

For subscription enquiries, or to advise change of address, please contact:

Larraine Redshaw, Children Australia

PO Box 1312, South Melbourne, Vic 3205, Australia

Tel: [03] 9695 2200 Fax: [03] 9696 0507

Email: l.redshaw@ozchild.com.au

© Children Australia ISSN 1035-0772

Printed by XL Colour Printing

Children Australia

2003 Volume 28, No. 4

CONTENTS

Editorial	2
Speech and language impairment A neglected issue for abused and neglected children Kellie Grant and Fred Gravestock	4
Challenges posed by kinship care A study focussing on New South Wales Leonie Gibbons and Jan Mason	12
'Good enough parenting' when government is 'the parent'	19
Disrupted adolescents in foster care Their perspectives on placement breakdown Robyn Gilbertson and Jim Barber	25
The silent minority The voice of the child in family law Amanda Shea Hart	31
Book reviews	39



The financial support of the La Trobe University Publications Committee is gratefully acknowledged

