

BCN Develops Toolkit for Child Care Practitioners

WHO: The Better Care Network Toolkit has been created for people who want to know how to implement better care at policy and practice levels. It is for social and community professionals and paraprofessionals; trainers of staff and caregivers working with children; caregivers and those working in care settings; children and young people in care; and policy level staff in government or non-governmental organizations who are in a position to influence policy development and resource allocation for children who require alternative care.

WHAT: The BCN Toolkit has been developed to support practitioners and policy makers around the world in planning for and delivering better care for children – including family strengthening and out of home placement. It contains a selection of practical guides and manuals, chosen as examples of good practices and for their global relevance particularly for low resource settings. They cover the types of policies required to support a quality care system, and practice guidance and tools for the delivery of alternative care.

Divided in five categories, the BCN Toolkit contains a selection of practical guides and manuals on topics directly connected to alternative care.

1. Developing an Informed National Care Strategy
2. Standards and Policies for Quality Alternative Care
3. Individual Assessments, Care Planning, and Family Reunification
4. Supporting Children in Care, their Families, and Alternative Caregivers
5. Protection and Care in Emergencies

WHERE: The documents in the BCN Toolkit have been selected because they have been considered globally relevant. They may describe best practices which are easily adapted to other contexts, or they may offer a good example of a practice on which another country can base their work e.g. an example country situation analysis. While the BCN Toolkit does not contain documents which can only be used in a specific country, it does include resources which relate to practices in particular countries.

HOW: To view the BCN Toolkit visit: <http://bettercarenetwork.org/toolkit/bcn!> To assist users, the BCN Toolkit website includes:

- BCN Toolkit guide: <http://bettercaretoolkit.org/BCN/Toolkit/Guide/index.asp>
- Glossary of key terms: <http://bettercaretoolkit.org/BCN/Toolkit/Glossary/index.asp>
- Advanced search function

To learn more about the Better Care Toolkit,
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