Young carers and their families


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Abstract

Young Carers are children and young people who provide care for an ill or disabled parent or relative in the community, usually within their own home. They perform many of the same domestic, caring and other duties as adult carers, but often without the recognition and support which many adult carers receive.

This is the first comprehensive text on young carers and their families. It examines how young carers are perceived, their varied situations, their rights and needs, and uses case studies to illustrate the dynamics of experiences and relationships. It discusses the effects of caring on the child's health and psychosocial development. It considers the policy and legal context for young carers and their families. In particular, the book considers the role and responsibilities of welfare professionals and organisations, offering guidance on how to implement policy to offer the best support. The experiences of young carers in other countries are also considered.

Key Features:
A topical book for all involved in child and family welfare
Case studies highlight the dynamics of experiences and relationships
Promotes improvement of policy and practice
Authors founded internationally renowned Young Carers Research Group

This is a valuable book for all student and practising social workers and community care workers and those involved in service planning and provision. It is essential reading for teachers and for students studying health and social care, social policy, sociology and nursing.

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Young people form many of their attitudes about work and careers as a result of interactions with the family. Family background provides the basis from which their career planning and decision making evolve. However, within each family, the level of involvement can vary, offering both positive and negative influences. This Digest examines the research on family influences on career development and describes implications for practice. The influence of family background. “Family background factors found to be associated with career development include parents’ socioeconomic status (SES)” Young carers make an invaluable contribution in looking after their loved ones. That’s why we changed the law to improve how we identify and support them and their families,” a spokeswoman says. Many experts believe that more could be done. “To some extent, as we face more austere times,” says Prof Becker, “the prognosis for young carers and young carers’ services gets bleaker and bleaker.” A normal life. In the past two years, Katie and Charlotte have been through intensely challenging times.