

Child well-being, child poverty and child policy in modern nations

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Child poverty and the well-being of children is an important policy issue throughout the industrialised world. The recent UNICEF report on child poverty found that 47 million children in 'rich' countries live in families so poor that their health and well-being are at risk. In Britain, 20% of children live below the poverty line, compared with just 5% in Sweden, Norway and Finland.

This book brings together economists, sociologists and social policy analysts from America, Australia, and Europe, who have been studying the extent of child poverty, its consequences for children and the effectiveness of social policy in preventing child poverty. The approach is multidisciplinary and international in scope. Main themes addressed are:

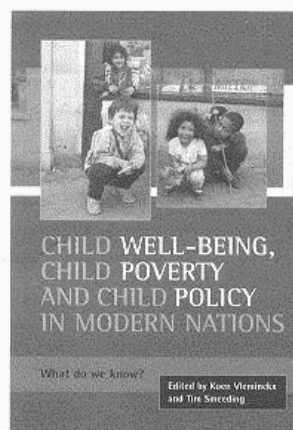
- the extent and trend of child poverty in industrialised nations;
- outcomes for children;
- country studies and emerging issues;
- child and family policies.

All the contributions underline the need for a comprehensive policy to reduce child poverty rates and to improve the well-being of children. Clear findings are presented which allow for easy identification of focus points for policy makers committed to the reduction of child poverty. This book is therefore important reading for everyone interested in poverty and inequalities, welfare and social exclusion, and child and family welfare.

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"This volume assembles some of the world's greatest experts on child poverty and welfare. Comparative in scope, it provides us with a truly comprehensive, rigorous, and up to date treatment of all the major issues. This book is an absolute must for policy groups and policy makers - by far the best available today."

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