



Getting Care Right for All Children: Implementing the UN Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children

Who is this learning opportunity for?

This course is designed for practitioners and policymakers from both state and non-state bodies (such as NGOs, CBOs and private service providers) and anyone working in providing services around children's care.

This might include social workers, para-social workers, community support workers, lawyers, psychologists, child protection professionals, teachers, medical workers and care workers, including those in family-based and residential settings.

The course will also be accessible for people not working directly in this field and others with an interest or responsibility in the field of child protection and child care.

Learning outcomes

Taking the UN Guidelines as a framework, this free online course will help you gain insight into how the unnecessary placement of a child in alternative care can be prevented; how alternative care can constitute a suitable, positive experience for a child when it is necessary; and how children and young people who are leaving care can best be supported. Learn with alternative care specialists from CELCIS, UNICEF and the UN.

Course structure and content

This is an online course developed by the University of Strathclyde and CELCIS (Centre for excellence for looked after children in Scotland). The course will take 6 weeks to complete at 4 hours per week and will cover:

- Week 1 - Introduction to the Guidelines, the Principles, and Gatekeeping
- Week 2 - Upholding the 'necessity principle': Supporting and Strengthening Families
- Week 3 - Upholding the 'necessity principle': High-Risk Children and Gatekeeping
- Week 4 - Upholding the 'suitability principle': Selecting from a Range of Formal Care Settings
- Week 5 - Upholding the 'suitability principle': Deinstitutionalisation
- Week 6 - Leaving Care

How to book

Next free cohort begins on 19 February 2018, additional dates to be announced. Register through Future Learn on: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/alternative-care/>