

Child Care and Child Welfare: Two Reports from the GAO

The first investigation in this combination of two Government Accountability Office reports was conducted because very little is known about sexual abuse among children regularly cared for by the more than 1.3 million child care providers in the United States. This study reviews federal and state laws pertaining to this topic and examines several cases where convicted sexual offenders were subsequently employed or present at child care facilities. The second report focuses on the relationship between the foster care system and the corrections agencies when children of incarcerated parents are in foster care. This report contains several GAO recommendations, including improving data on such children and promoting collaboration between agencies in facilitating communication between these foster children and their incarcerated parents.



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