Young carers and their families

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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These people truly have made their family their highest value. When their kids grow up and out, parents can find themselves without that highest value, without a career, and without a clear sense of self. It doesn’t have to be that way. It shouldn’t be that way, as Ayn Rand so eloquently showed in Atlas Shrugged and The Virtue of Selfishness. Family to me has always come a little ahead of career and work because in the end, who is left is them. If I were laid off or lost my job, my family would still be there. In my old age, weak and sick, it is family who will be there with love provided I had sown my seeds with love. Family and career. Many years ago, women rarely went to work outside their house. Instead, they usually stayed at home and did the housework. Therefore, it is quite often that they have to choose between their career and their family life. In this essay I would to reflect about choosing between family or career in women's lives. Firstly, the women who choose building career. I would like to mention they usually stay single. In other words, they may be successful at work and earn enough money to support themselves and even their relatives; however, they are considered as the ones who lose, not win at all, in the battles for love, for marriage and for the so-called ‘common’ life. They lead an unusual life – the life of ‘a spinster'. Bergen, Rebecca June-Schapeler, Family Influences on Young Adult Career Development and Aspirations, Doctor of Philosophy (Counseling Psychology), December 2006, 116 pp., 14 tables, 4 figures, references, 116 titles. The purpose of this study was to examine family influences on career development and aspirations of young adults. Families provide financial and emotional support, and also transmit values, goals, and expectations to their children, which can impact the career development process. Theories suggest that parents assist in shaping children’s self-concept and can serve as role models (Crites, 1962; Super, 1957).