

MEDIA COVERAGE: CPAG REPORT 'LEFT BEHIND'

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Child Poverty Action Group report

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The Child Poverty Action Group released a report yesterday entitled:

Left Behind: How Social and Income Inequalities Damage New Zealand Children

Family care responsibilities, especially where grandparents or kin carers are the primary caregivers, often mean people are vulnerable to living in poverty. Caregivers of children can't always work, and those on NZ Super get very little from Working for Families unless they are able to work the hours required says Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ. Despite repeated requests, children whom are being raised by grandparents or whanau are still the poor cousins.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00422.htm>

Child poverty report welcomed

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The Government welcomes the release of the Child Poverty Action Group's analysis of how social and economic influences affect the wellbeing of our children, Social Development Minister Ruth Dyson said today.

"There is never a bad time to debate the issues affecting the health and welfare of our children and, with a general election approaching, this is a particularly good time for New Zealanders to consider options presented by the political parties.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0804/S00601.htm>

Suffer the Little Children

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"Its time to stop bludging off the children of the poor," says the Problem Gambling Foundation. CEO John Stansfield says the Child Poverty Action Group has got it right when it points to the pokies as a major social hazard which has a devastating effect on low-income neighbourhoods he says.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00420.htm>

Tax cuts for poorest families, says Maori Party

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Tax cuts should be directed to eliminating poverty, especially among our most vulnerable citizens, our children, says the Maori Party. "There has been quite a bit of discussion about how big a personal tax cut the government can afford, given rising costs and fear of inflation in an unstable global economy," said Pita Sharples.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0804/S00602.htm>

End Of Child Poverty Worthy Goal

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The end of the child poverty described in the Child Poverty Action Group's report Left Behind should be a goal aspired to by all political parties says New Zealand First family spokesperson Barbara Stewart.

"The report, which defines inequality and its consequences to children, makes sobering reading, especially with regard to the way in which income and social inequality compound.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0804/S00607.htm>

Green Party response to petition shortfall – time

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Green Party response to petition shortfall - time to move on Green Party MP Sue Bradford says she is not surprised the petition aiming to force a referendum on physical punishment of children has failed to collect enough signatures. "There has been massive public debate on the issue of whether it should be legal to hit children in the name of discipline.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0804/S00614.htm>

"Left Behind" report welcomed

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Barnardos New Zealand welcomes the report "Left Behind" published yesterday by The Child Poverty Action Group and it supports the call for an end to child poverty in New Zealand by 2020. "It is a simple fact that children raised in poverty suffer negative impacts on their health and development that can stay with them for a lifetime.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00432.htm>

Kids biggest victims of current food price crisis

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Striking food workers say kids biggest victims of current food price crisis Striking food workers say kids are the biggest victims of the current food price and low wage crisis, says the National Distribution Union.

The Foodstuffs distribution workers began a series of indefinite extended lunch time strikes in Auckland today.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00427.htm>

“Tail” of underachievement is tale of poverty

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Child Poverty Report – Long “tail” of educational underachievement is the long tail of poverty. This latest report from the Child Poverty Action Group should be a rallying call for all New Zealanders, including our politicians, to recognise the damage being done to thousands of our children.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00419.htm>

Give Breaks To Those Who Need It – NZCCSS

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Give the breaks to those who need it – our poorest children. To start lifting all children in Aotearoa New Zealand out of poverty we need to set measurable targets to reduce the unacceptably high number of children who continue to live in severe or significant hardship.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00414.htm>

CPAG Commended For Highlighting Child Poverty: CTU

Tuesday 29 April 2008

CPAG commended for keeping child poverty issue at the forefront. "The Council of Trade Unions commends Child Poverty Action Group for their persistent work in keeping child poverty in the public domain and on everyone's agenda," CTU secretary Carol Beaumont said tonight, following the release of CPAG's latest research report.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00413.htm>

More Money Needed To Eradicate Child Poverty - PHA

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Public Health Association says money needs to be spent now on eradicating child poverty. The Public Health Association (PHA) says money spent now on eradicating child poverty will be nothing compared to the money that would need to be spent in later years to counter its aftermath.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO0804/S00412.htm>

Link Between Poverty And Learning Difficulties

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Report Underlines Link Between Poverty And Learning Difficulties. The latest report by the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) underlines the fact that children who live in poverty find it harder to learn, the education union NZEI Te Riu Roa says.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED0804/S00081.htm>

Playcentre supports the call to end child poverty

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The Child Poverty Action Group released tonight a report detailing the effects which entrenched poverty is having on our most vulnerable citizens, with a call for the government to set targets to end child poverty by 2020.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/ED0804/S00079.htm>