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To the Better Care Network:

BCN Wants Your Opinion on Common Definitions of Formal Care for Children!

BCN, Save the Children, EveryChild, ISS Geneva, and SOS Kinderdorf International commissioned, independent consultant, Nigel Cantwell (who was largely responsible for drafting the UN Guidelines on the Alternative Care of Children) to develop a working document of "common" definitions for the different forms of formal care mentioned in the UN Guidelines on the Alternative Care of Children. We want to ensure that the wider alternative care community has an opportunity to review and comment on this document; therefore, **we would greatly appreciate your comments on the working document of definitions.**

This [document](#) includes a cover letter explaining in more detail the types of comments that we are looking for and the procedure ahead. Please send your comments by April 16th, at the latest, to Richard Ponsford at EveryChild (Richard.Ponsford@everychild.org.uk), copying Ghazal Keshavarzian (gkeshavarzian@unicef.org)

To view the document visit:

http://bettercarenetwork.org/BCN/details_news.asp?ID=24680&themeID=1001&topicID=1007

Best,

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Better Care Network Secretariat

General Information

As of 13 April, the listserv has 2169 participants who are working on issues related to the care and support of vulnerable children across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Americas.

The purpose of the newsletter is to enable members to exchange information on matters of mutual concern. If you would like to share a document, raise a specific issue, or reach out in any other way to the Network, please send the information to us at kriordan@unicef.org. In the interest of keeping messages consolidated, we will manage announcements on the newsletter and send out a few messages each month.

We would like to involve as many people as possible who are concerned with better care issues in the Network. Please advise anyone who would like to be added to the newsletter to send us a message at kriordan@unicef.org with "listserv request" in

the subject line. Alternatively, visit the homepage of the Better Care Network website, and click on the upper right box where it says "click here to sign up for our email announcements".