



Strengthening compliance with the Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children

International Alternative Care Conference, 3 to 5 Oct 2016, Geneva



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REGISTER NOW: 3 to 5 October 2016, Geneva

Early bird registration deadline 1 July 2016

Poster applications will still be considered for children with disabilities, gatekeeping etc.

See <http://www.alternativecaregeneva2016.com>

How we respond to children without, or at risk of losing, parental care affects millions of children globally, for a wide variety of reasons. Getting it wrong can result in long-term – even permanent – damage for a child when alternative care is provided unnecessarily or in an unsuitable setting. Getting it right prevents unwarranted family separation and ensures that a child requiring alternative care is looked after in ways that protect his/her human rights and meet his/her individual needs.

Join a worldwide group of committed experts, academics, researchers, government delegates, practitioners and young people with experience of alternative care to make sure we get it right for these children. The Guidelines for the Alternative Care of Children, welcomed by the UN General Assembly in 2009, have already inspired and underpinned a growing number of initiatives on all continents to secure improved policy and practice in the sphere of alternative care. Now is the time to build on that momentum.

This International Alternative Care Conference will make a key contribution to doing so, acting as a bridge between research, policy and practice in the overall sphere of alternative care, from prevention and family strengthening to gatekeeping and providing quality forms of alternative care. “Building on the momentum” will enable professionals whose work concerns alternative care to participate in an exceptional exercise in mutual learning and networking – helping us to move forward with the needed reforms.

This is the 2016 edition of the annual conferences hosted jointly by the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IIRC) and the Centre for Children's Rights Studies at the University of Geneva (CIDE). For this conference, the two hosts are partnering with a Steering Group of concerned international agencies*. We all look forward to welcoming you to Geneva in October.

IDE, CIDE and steering group



***Steering group members**