

# Remember the children: Mothers balance work and child care under welfare reform <sup>[1]</sup>

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The report looks at how welfare reform has affected the lives of children and examines whether the welfare-to-work imperative alters maternal practices, homes, or child care settings in ways that advance children's well-being.

The findings include:

- young children are moving into low-quality child care settings as their mothers move from welfare to work (most participating children were placed in home-based care rather than centers);
- child care subsidies reach unequal fractions of poor families and encourage the use of unlicensed care;
- maternal depression was higher than the national average, which affects a child's early development.

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mother's labour force participation <sup>[6]</sup>

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