

Education Issues in Foster Care Children

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Literature Review

- Foster Care System
- Educational Outcomes for Foster Care Children
- Possible Educational Solutions for Foster Care Children



Methodology

- RQ: How do schools assist children in the foster care system with educational issue?
- Qualitative Case Study
- Six social workers from one school district



Results

- Six Themes Emerged:
 - Foster Children in the School System
 - Behavioral Differences
 - Intellectual Differences
 - Special Education Differences
 - Notification/transferring a foster child to a new school
 - Social workers assistance/resources



Discussion

- Behavioral Differences
 - Security, Relationships, Trust, Aggression, Resiliency, and Trauma
- Intellectual Differences
 - Grade level, Truancy, Frequent moves



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Limitations & Future Research

- Limitations
 - Small sample size
 - Prior experience/relationship
- Future Research
 - Residential Educational Facilities



Discussion Questions

- What additional educational issues might influence foster care children?
- Besides school social workers, what other individuals have the opportunity to provide insight on the educational issues foster care children face?

