Weblinks for Resources

Weblink 6.1 Examples of studies that used in-depth, semi-structured interviews


Weblink 6.2 Examples of research where children as participants were interviewed


‘semistructured individual conversations’ and ‘small focus groups’ (Daly, 2009: 464) with children aged 8–12; 13–17 and 21 years, on ‘who makes a good foster carer’ (Daly, 2009: abstract.)


Tilbury, C., Buys, N. and Creed, P. (2009) ‘Perspectives of young people in care about their school-to-work transition’, *Australian Social Work*, 62 (4): 476–490. (Using in-depth, semi-structured interviews with a convenience sample of 14 young people aged between 14 to 20 years, who had been in long term foster care or had left long term foster care two years before, to find out their ‘school-to-work transition’ (Tilbury et al., 2009).)

Weblink 6.3 Examples of studies that included (participant) observation with children


Weblink 6.4 Examples of journals and diaries


Weblink 6.5 Examples of journalling, stories, autoethnographies and essays by social workers and others


Lorde, A. (1982) Zami: A New Spelling of my Name, Hammersmith, London: Pandora. (Story of identity as an experience of social structure and inequality, including experiences of gender, race and sexuality for a black girl growing up in the United States.)

 auto-ethnography to reflect on the intersection of “whiteness” and immigrant status [in the] dynamics of a Canadian university classroom.


Weblink 6.6 Examples of research using photography and other methods with children


MacNaughton, G., Smith, K. and Lawrence, H. (2003) Hearing Young Children’s Voices: Consulting with Children Birth to Eight Years of Age. ACT Children’s Strategy, Children’s Services Branch, ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Canberra, and Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood, The University of Melbourne, Australia. (Consultation with children using stories, art work and photographs.)

Weblink 6.7 Examples of research where secondary sources were used


McLaughlin, H. (2010) “‘You’ve got to be a saint to be a social worker’”. The (mis)operation of fitness to practise processes for students already registered onto English social

Pockett, R., Walker, E. and Dave, K. (2010) ‘“Last orders”: dying in a hospital setting’, Australian Social Work, 63 (3): 250–265. (Used agency documents such as case files to investigate ‘dying in a hospital setting’.)


Saunders, P. (2002) The Ends and Means of Welfare: Coping with Economic and Social Change in Australia. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. (Statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) complementing data obtained from a survey of Australian people’s ‘attitudes to economic and social change and a range of related welfare issues’ (Saunders, 2002: 16), comparing Australia and other countries on a range of measures and indicators of economic performance (Saunders, 2002: 26–8, 32–3, 35).)

