

Innocenti Report Card no. 8

The Child Care Transition

ADDENDUM

This addendum has been issued to reflect updates in some data presented in the Report Card no. 8, which were made available after the report had been printed. The conclusions of the report remain largely the same.

Fig. 4, p 27 Public Expenditures: *In December 2008, UK Department of Children, Schools and Families and OECD revised the UK figure for 2003 from 0.5 % to 0.7% - the OECD average.*

The data for Spain and Netherlands are 0.53% and 0.52% respectively; their places in the graph are correct.

p. 15: In the United Kingdom and the United States, for example, a majority of children under the age of one year are now in some form of childcare for a substantial portion of each working day. ([Belsky 2001](#)).

The UK Department of Children, Schools and Families 2007 Parents' Childcare and Early Years Survey (May 2008) showed that only 18% of children under 1 used any formal childcare. 24% of children under 1 used some informal childcare, but the vast majority of this was provided by grandparents. (In total, 42 % in some form of care).

p. 18: It has been estimated that Sure Start is currently reaching only about a third to a half of their intended target groups. ([Kuyk \(ed.\) Arnhem, CITO, 2006](#))

The UK National Evaluation of Sure Start report, March 2008, showed a marked improvement on the findings of the earlier study published in 2005. According to Government figures over 2,900 Sure Start Children's Centres provide access to services for 2.3m children under 5 and their families.

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