

Alliance for Children's Entitlement to Social Security

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Dear Ms Vice,

Please find attached the ACESS submission on the Children's Amendment Bill [B19B of 2006].

Our submission makes a number of recommendations concerning the use of the Foster Care system to provide support for orphaned and vulnerable children. The submission addresses chapters 8 (Prevention and Early Intervention Services), Chapter 11 (Alternative Care), Chapter 12 (Foster Care) of the Children's Amendment Bill and also relates to the Social Assistance Act.

We hope that our submission will alert the Portfolio Committee on Social Development to the problems and crisis facing the current Foster Care and Child Protection system in South Africa. It is our intention that the proposed ACESS alternate model for orphans and vulnerable children and the recommendations made will contribute towards the development of appropriate strategies to address the crisis.

Yours Sincerely,

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