

CHILD HELPLINE VIETNAM: A SOLUTION TO CULTURAL ELEMENTS CHALLENGING THE SYSTEM OF CHILD PROTECTION, CARE AND EDUCATION IN VIETNAM

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ABSTRACT

This paper describes cultural elements and their influence on child protection, care and education in Vietnam. What may be considered as child abuse elsewhere is often considered acceptable methods of child discipline in the Vietnamese context. This results in many cases not being reported for immediate intervention, except in cases where it is manifestly clear from bodily and mental evidence that the child has suffered serious violence and abuse. Although Vietnam has a legal framework and services for the protection of children, it is not easy for victims of child abuse to access them. Child Helpline, Vietnam, is one organization, which works to facilitate the development of better child protection, care and education in the country.

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