

# Day Care

### Does it produce brats?

- 1 Just what America's beleaguered moms needed—yet another study that blames them for ruining their kids' lives, said **Sue Hutchinson** in the **San Jose Mercury News**. The National Institute of Child Health and Development last week released a multi-year study on day care's impact on children. Keeping preschoolers in day care for a year or more, the study found, increased the likelihood that they would later become disruptive in class. "What are we supposed to do with this information?" asked Tina Nelson, a single mother of two from San Jose. "Are we all supposed to take our kids out of day care?"
- 2 According to **The Salt Lake Tribune** two and a half million children under 5 are in day care for one simple reason: Their families "cannot pay for food, clothing, and shelter on one paycheck." Sure, "in an ideal world, all little children would spend their earliest years at home in the loving care of two parents." In the real world, only a shrinking minority of families has one stay-at-home parent. "It's good that we are keeping a watchful eye on what is happening to these kids," said **Caryl Rivers** in **Newsday**. But it won't help to "demonize" day care. 10, let's figure out how to improve it.
- 3 In fact, the new study is hardly a serious accusation of day care, said **Emily Bazelon** in **Slate.com**. Despite the blaring headlines about "bad behavior", the study found only slightly more unruly behavior among schoolchildren who had spent three or four years in day care. A closer look at the data shows that the more disruptive children had gone to lower-quality day-care centers—probably reflecting what their parents could afford. Most of the disruptive kids also started day care in infancy; babies need a lot more one-on-one attention than a 1- or 2-year-old. Those factors could explain the differences in later behavior. And when it came to a child's ultimate behavior and performance in school, the research team said, "parenting quality" was far more important than time spent in day care. But when there's an opportunity to make working moms feel guilty, who cares about the details? "The downside of day care is what everyone wants to talk about." ■

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- 1p 9 Wat zou volgens het in alinea 1 genoemde onderzoek het gevolg van dagopvang zijn voor kinderen?
- 1p 10 Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 2?  
A For instance  
B Furthermore  
C Instead  
D Nevertheless
- 1p 11 Which of the following is true according to paragraph 3?  
The results of the study mentioned in paragraph 1  
A held no great surprises for professional childcare experts.  
B showed that even expensive day-care centres have bad standards of care.  
C were bound to be ignored by the people depending on childcare.  
D were not taken seriously by fellow scientific researchers.  
E were presented in the media in a biased, accusatory way.
- 1p 12 What does the last sentence make clear about people's attitude towards day care?  
A They are unwilling to accept that day care can be harmful to children.  
B They feel rather indifferent about the subject and its implications.  
C They tend to focus on discussing the negative aspects of day care.  
D They want to participate in the debate on this controversial matter.
- 2p 13 Geef van elk van de volgende beweringen aan of deze wel of niet overeenkomt met wat in het artikel staat.  
1 De kinderdagopvang heeft meer invloed op de opvoeding van kinderen dan hun ouders hebben.  
2 Of kinderdagopvang nu goed of slecht is voor kinderen, je kunt er de moeders die er gebruik van maken een schuldgevoel mee aanpraten.  
3 Sue Hutchinson vindt het onderzoek van The National Institute of Child Health and Development nuttig voor werkende moeders.  
4 Uit het onderzoek van The National Institute of Child Health and Development blijkt dat het met de kinderdagopvang steeds beter gaat.  
Noteer het nummer van elke bewering, gevolgd door "wel" of "niet".

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