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This comprehensive study represents an effort to respond to a growing need for information on respite care by seeking a clearer understanding of specific needs these services are attempting to address. Key factors that need to be considered when developing and implementing respite care programs for families of disabled children and also when assessing their value and impact are also highlighted.

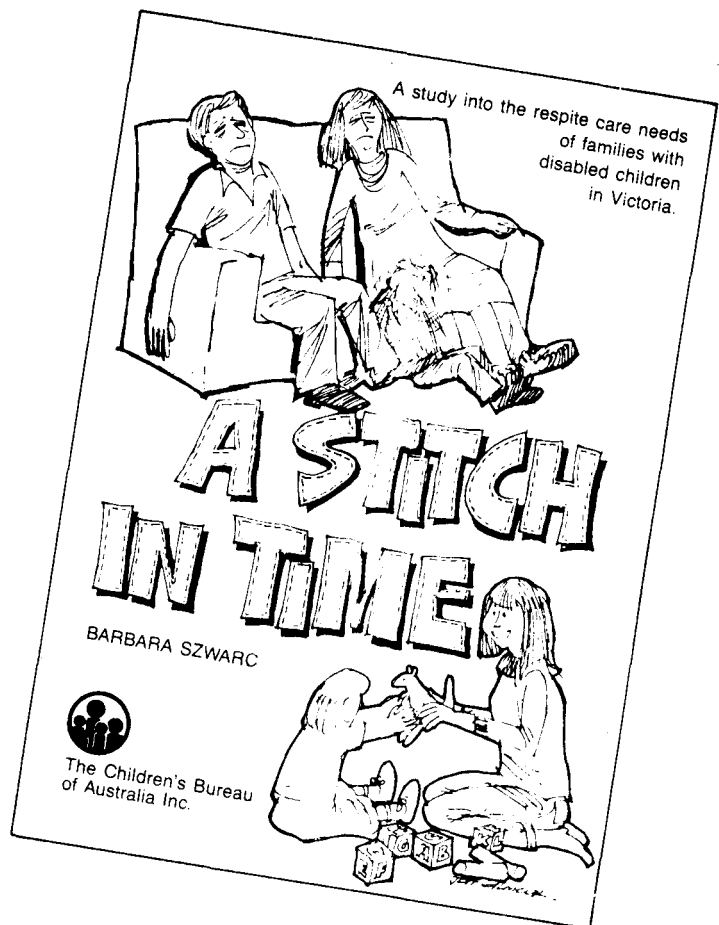
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Frank Bates, Professor of Law at the University of Newcastle, explores the changing attitudes to children as property

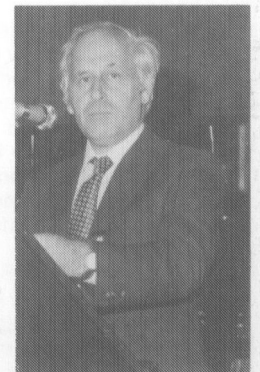


and examines how current social and legal decisions influence the status of children in this regard.



Neville Turner's recent stay in Malaysia confirmed for him that the functioning of family life is influenced by the laws of the country in which the family resides.

The multicultural nature of Malaysia provides an interesting study of family law and its implementation.



Peter Boss, Phillip Anderson and Wendy O'Brien discussed different aspects of family support work at a one day conference organized by the Children's Bureau of Australia Inc. in March.



The Patron of the Children's Bureau, Sir Ninian Stephen, opened the National Conference held in Brisbane in July – the theme 'A Commitment for the Future'.