

Health and social condition of adoptees in Greenland - a comparative register and population based field study. Creation of an “adoptees-database”

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Update:

This Danish study examined the health and social condition of adoptees in Greenland. Greenland has a significant number of adoptees and the number of children placed at institution is large (Eol # 1201). The study explored how adoption and collective care have an impact on well being, family health and social conditions. Adoption is closely linked to social organization, identity, cultural openness and collective consciousness, this study identified settings in which adoption was linked to child neglect and lack of care. The study also examined parents' and care givers' control and coping strategies. The study concluded that contrary to findings related to adoptees in Western societies, that being an adoptee in Greenland does not increase the risk for psychiatric admission (Laubjerg and Petersson, 2009).

Laubjerg, M. and B. Petersson, 2010. Greenlandic adoptees' psychiatric inpatient contact. A comparative register-based study *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*, 38: 64–70.

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