

Why the campaign against the Named Person is necessary and right

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Debate

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6xbKFlawOk&sns=em>

The Act don't lie

- Function of the NP is doing such of the following
- **'...where the named person considers it to be appropriate** in order to promote, support or safeguard the wellbeing of the child or young person—
- (i) advising, informing or supporting the child or young person, or a parent of the child or young person, (ii) helping the child or young person, or a parent of the child or young person, to access a service or support, or (iii) discussing, or raising, a matter about the child or young person with a service provider or relevant authority,

The rise and rise of prevention science

Something significant is happening to the relationship between parents and the state

in the UK. *There is a consensus across all political parties in the four nations that 'early intervention' is imperative to safeguard children's health and development. This*

is exemplified in the establishment of the Early Intervention Foundation in England, and is arguably at its most explicit and pervasive in Scotland. In 2014, The Scottish Government passed the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act (CYPA) 2014.

This designates a 'named person', typically a professional from health or education services, to oversee the family and mitigate risks to the child

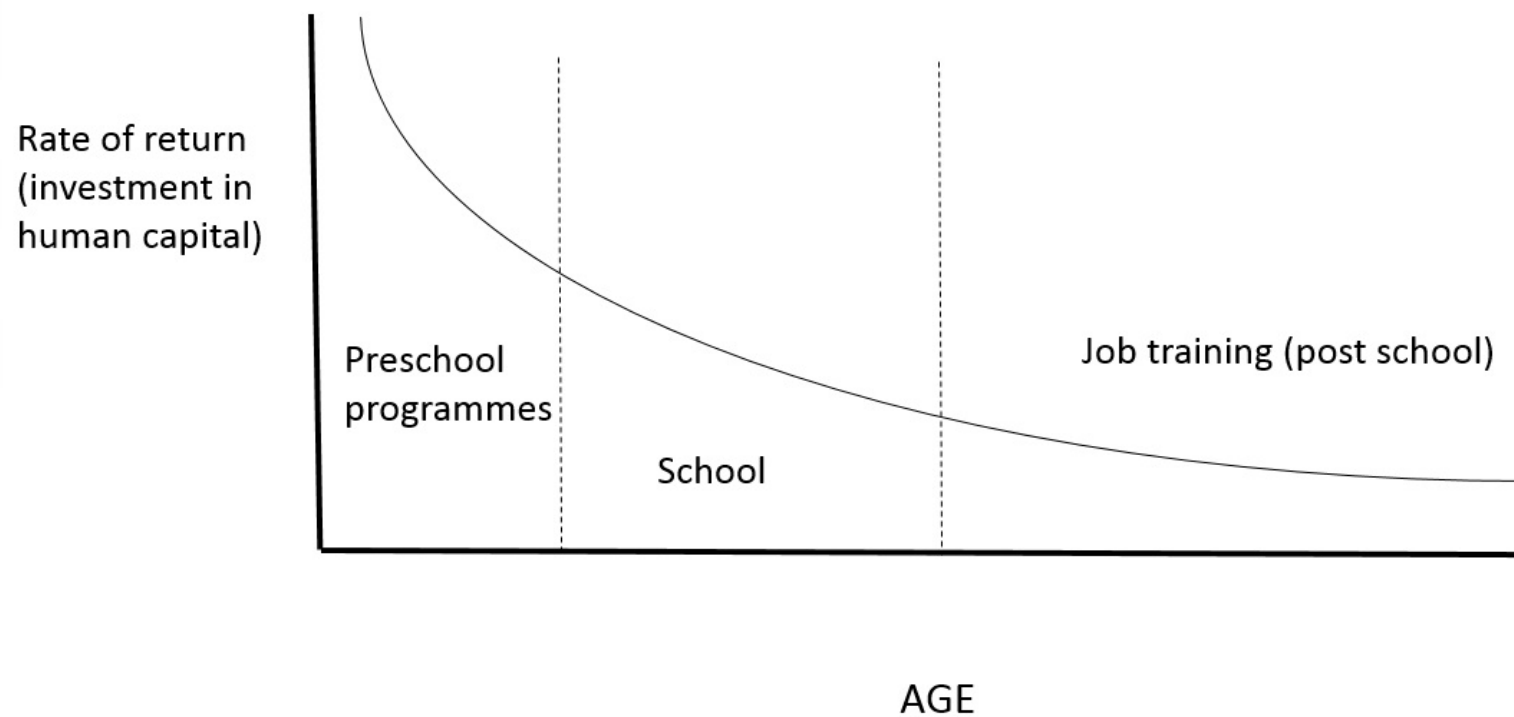
White and Wastell The rise and rise of prevention science (2016)

The rise and rise cont'd

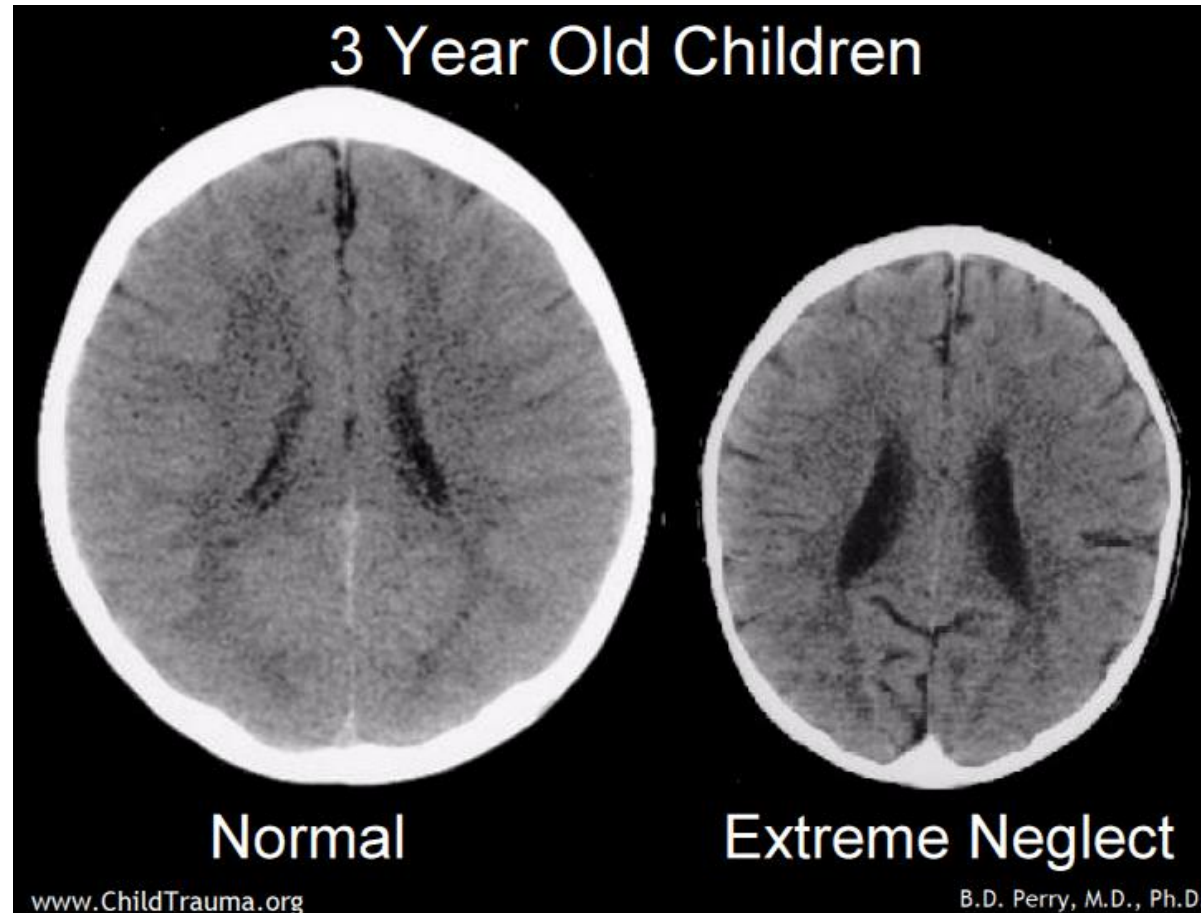
Alongside the attention to primary prevention, the UK has a policy allowing the permanent removal and placement for adoption of children without parental consent, pejoratively dubbed by its critics 'forced adoption'. Early intervention and forced adoption may seem polar ends of a spectrum of state intervention in family life but, as we shall show, they are closely related in terms of their legitimating narratives.

- White and Wastell The Rise and Rise...

The 'Hackman Curve'



The Bruce Perry images purporting to show neglect



A Marriage Made in Hell: when early intervention met child protection

“ We call for a debate on the current settlement between the state and family life and for a recognition that a perfect storm has ensued from the unholy alliance of early intervention and child protection.”

A Marriage Made in Hell..... Featherstone, White and Morris BJSW 2014

“Suffer the Little Children”

- **Stopping the forced separation of children from their mothers & the privatisation of child protection**(Legal Action for Women 2017)

‘emotional abuse’ and ‘neglect’

- Now the highest categories for child protection referral and registration
- And for removal
- Both highly subjective
- Assessments are based on ‘risk of future harm’ predicted on the basis of ‘domestic violence’, ‘failure to engage’, ‘disguised compliance’