

## CHILDREN

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### **Almost Home**

25 minutes/1995

Added: 9/96 Requests: 6 User rating: 5.0

*Fanlight Productions  
Boston, MA*

This offers a raw look at the lives of children in a homeless shelter in the Bronx. Nine year-old, Ranier, and eleven year-old, Frank, dream of living in castles and taking karate lessons. In reality, they live in an uncertain world where walking to school means stepping over crack vials and dodging gunfire. Ranier has witnessed the shooting of his father and worries about his mother. Frank endures taunts from classmates and frustration at feeling left out. At the center of their world is "Big Dave," a recreation counselor who teaches them friendship, courage, and self-respect. Eventually, their families make the transition to permanent housing. Narrated by the children themselves, this is an evocative portrait of poverty and youth. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington St., Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. (800) 937-4113.

### **Child Abuse**

28 minutes/1985

Added: 9/96 Requests: 21 User rating: 4.7

*Medcom/Trainex  
Cyprus, CA*

This video emphasizes the need to understand why child abuse and neglect occur. It focuses on prevention, detection, and management. The video profiles high-risk parents and pregnant high-risk mothers, and discusses nurses' role, team approach, legal responsibilities, group support, and therapeutic programs. Topics also include recognition and assessment of injuries, presentation in the emergency department, and listening to and observing parents and children. Approved for CE credit. AVAILABLE FROM: Medcom, Inc., PO Box 3225, Garden Grove, CA 92642. Phone: (800) 877-1443.

### **Children and Trauma: The School's Response**

21 minutes/undated

Added: 3/03 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Alameda County Mental Health Services  
Oakland, CA*

This video provides an overview of how educators and mental health providers can help children heal from traumatic events. Children who are on the margins of society are most impacted by traumatic events, and for some, school is their only stability. The video presents experts who talk about the need on the part of educators for assistance from mental health professionals to help them deal with children's reactions to trauma. The types of assistance are also discussed.

### **Shelter Stories**

14 minutes/1990

Added: 9/96 Requests: 4 User rating: 3.8

*Fanlight Productions  
Boston, MA*

Five formerly homeless teenagers collaborate with a professional videographer to tell about life without homes. Through interviews and dramatizations, they convey a vivid picture of shelter conditions, the effects on school and family lives, and harassment from other children. Yet, *Shelter Stories* carries a message of hope, as well as a compelling plea for respect and fairness that will be highly effective with both teen and adult audiences. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113.

### **Shooting Back**

30 minutes/1990

Added: 9/96 Requests: 2 User rating: 5.0

*Fanlight Productions  
Boston, MA*

Through photographer Jim Hubbard's workshops, homeless children learn the powerful language of black and white images. The resulting photographs eloquently express not only the harshness of homeless children's daily lives, but their unbroken spirit, creativity, and, despite everything, tenderness. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113.