

## LITERATURE REVIEW 2011

Lindsey, Duncan Child Poverty and Inequality Securing a Better Future for America's Children, 2009.....The author describes how many families in the United States are in worse economic shape than ever. He further provides data that illustrates that many persons who once would have made up the Middle Class have been pushed downward. The author suggests that policies in this country could be changed so that all children have a chance to be successful later in life. He discusses the country's policy of providing Social Security for the elderly and compares it to the means tested government assistance available to poor families with children. He points out how children in poverty often are hampered from achieving success by living in areas that have poorly equipped schools or simply being born into a particular family especially if that family is not white or is headed by a single parent. The author suggests several specific policy changes that he believes would decrease the amount of child poverty. He believes in a better policy to collect child support for all children, a program to create a child allowance and a program to support child savings accounts for all. He believes these three policy changes would equalize the playing field for all children so that the poor can gain some economic ground.