



UNMET NEEDS OF LOW-INCOME SINGLE PARENTS IN SINGAPORE

What are the unmet needs of low-income single parents in Singapore? Recent studies suggest that, even in contrast to other low-income families, single-parent families in Singapore often struggle with mental health, housing, employment, food security and income sufficiency. Some of these families have adopted strategies that help to ameliorate these problems. Even more recently, government policies and economic conditions have changed in ways that directly affect the situation of single parents. To what extent have these changes help address the identified needs of low-income single parents and their families? How have these changes helped to bolster or impede their survival strategies? Based on a recent study involving interviews with dozens of current and former single parents, this talk will focus on adaptation and change among single parent-headed households in Singapore. The conclusions will inform suggestions on what works and what does not in terms of helping single parents.



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