Lenzer champions growing field of children's studies

"When you watch what children can do, we learn a lot from them. If one really participates in the growing up of a child and watches the process alone, human development is a miracle. We can learn how the emotional, intellectual and other faculties develop."

—Gertrud Lenzer, center of a children's studies program at Brooklyn College

Q: What drew you to this field?
A: There have been various things that have motivated me. One is the work on children in poverty by the U.S. Children's Defense Fund. A second is the fact that children today have never been more socialized, and I think that is fascinating. The third is the work on social responsibility and social consciousness.

Q: Do traditional routines of family life have strengths that are different from those of children's studies?
A: Yes, children's studies have strengths that are different from traditional routines of family life. Children's studies are much more focused on the development of children and their needs, whereas traditional routines are more focused on the development of adults and their needs.

Q: Are there any challenges to implementing children's studies programs?
A: Yes, there are several challenges to implementing children's studies programs. One challenge is the lack of funding for these programs, as they are often not considered as important as other areas of study. Another challenge is the lack of recognition for the work that these programs do, as they are often not acknowledged as important by society.

Q: Are there any benefits to implementing children's studies programs?
A: Yes, there are several benefits to implementing children's studies programs. These programs can help to improve the quality of life for children, as they can provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in life. Additionally, these programs can help to improve the quality of life for adults, as they can provide them with the knowledge and skills they need to be effective parents and caregivers.

Q: What is the future of children's studies programs?
A: The future of children's studies programs is bright. As society becomes more aware of the importance of children and their development, these programs will become more widely recognized and supported. Additionally, as technology continues to advance, these programs will be able to utilize new technologies to create a more effective and engaging learning environment for children.