

Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Conference 2018
MONDAY 20 August 2018 - WEDNESDAY 22 August 2018
International Convention Centre, Sydney

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Monday, 20 August 2018

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09:00	Welcome and Plenary						
	Welcome by Chair						
09:00	Bob Mulcahy						
	Chair, ACWA Conference						
09:05	Welcome to Country						
09:15	Cultural Performance						
09:25	Opening address The Hon Pru Goward MP Minister For Family & Community Services, Minister For Social Housing, And Minister For The Prevention Of Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault						
09:40	Keynote Address Dr Jenny Driscoll King's College London The Rights of Children in the Child Protection System: A Case Study in Ambivalence						
10:15	Response Janet Schorer NSW Office of the Children's Guardian						
10:30	Morning Tea In Exhibition						
11:00	S1: Child Protection Frameworks and Practice	S2: Children's Safety and Wellbeing	S3: Child Safe Organisations	S4: Family Inclusive Practice	S5: Responding to Children	S6: Supporting Aboriginal Children Families Communities	S7: Leading and Managing in Community Services
11:00	1. A National Snapshot Of Child Protection Services In Australia, 2016-17 S Georg (Analyst, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare)	5. The Royal Commission's Recommendations About Reportable Conduct Schemes And Child Safe Standards: Potential Implications For The Ombudsman's Jurisdiction And Functions S Kinmond (NSW Ombudsman)	9. How Organisations Can Become Child Safe Organisations Through The Implementation Of The Royal Commission's Child Safe Standards M Blanco (Child Safeguard)	13. A Community That Values Its Children Will Cherish Their Parents – Supporting Family Inclusion And Parent Led Change In Child Protection And Out Of Home Care J Cocks (Life Without Barriers)	17. Building Children's Resilience: Reaching Consensus On The 'What' And The 'How' D McCormack (Parenting Research Centre)	21. Family Finding A Return To Country K Ireland (CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay), C Burkey (CatholicCare)	24. Supporting Excellent Practice From The Board To The Front Line - A Practice Governance Framework G Calvert (Life Without Barriers)
11:20	2. Barriers To Information Exchange About Child Abuse And Neglect Among Australian Mandatory Reporters A Hawkins (LSC Psychology)	6. Developing Quality Child Safe Training Assets – The Experiences Of The NSW Children's Guardian J Stewart (Office of the Children's Guardian)	10. Client Safety In Action: Establishing A Dedicated Child Safety Assurance Team In UnitingCare Queensland B Power (UnitingCare Queensland)	14. Young Parents And Their Children: A Human Rights Issue M Mitchell (Australian Human Rights Commission)	18. Understanding Children's Lived Experiences Of Domestic And Family Violence D Noble-Carr (Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University)	22. Woon-Yah Ngullah Goorlanggass: Towards A Model Of Culturally Strong, Therapeutic Kinship Care For Aboriginal Children, Young People And Their Families G Kickett (Australian Childhood Foundation), S Chandran (Australian Childhood Foundation)	25. Organisational Innovation - The Role Of Leadership In The Implementation Of Evidence Based Practice P Dixon (Wanslea)
11:40	3. Evidence-Based Practice In Child Protection: Review Of Commonly Used Child Protection Practice Frameworks L Bromfield (Australian Centre for Child Protection)	7. Monitoring Children's Perceptions Of Safety Across Multiple Programs In A Community Organisation N Lindsay (Wesley Mission)	11. Child Protection Across A Multi-Disciplinary Organisation: Streamlining Best Practice Processes, Data Collection And Reporting A Edler (Wesley Mission)	15. Doing Things Differently: Hearing The Voice Of The Parents B Downes (Red Cross - Birth Family Advocacy Support Service)	19. Empowering Children In Out Of Home Care B Sheehan (The Pyjama Foundation)	23. Culturally Informed Practice And Cultural Support Planning: A Practical Guide For Intervention, Family Preservation And Reunification In Out Of Home Care B Kendall (Curijo Pty Ltd), T Mcghie (Curijo Pty Ltd)	26. Bringing In The New: Adaptive Leadership For Change And Innovation G Leotta (Affirm Organizational Development and Training)
12:00	4. Evidence Based Framework In This Reformed World Of Accountability: Utilising Dashboard Reporting As A Service Quality Monitoring And Communication Tool S Lin (Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT)	8. We Put Children First: A Multilayered Child Safety Strategy At Life Without Barriers M Clarke (Life Without Barriers)	12. Prevention: A Child Focused Approach R Best (Bravehearts)	16. A Beacon Of Light, Guiding Families To Safety M Dawson (OzChild)	20. Empowerment, Connection And System Improvement: The Voice Of Children And Young People In Child Protection I Daziani (Department for Child Protection)		27. The Risk Of Doing Business With Government A McCallum (ACWA), W Foote (ACWA)
12:20	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
12:30	Lunch In Exhibition						

13:30	S8: Implementing Frameworks for Practice	S9: Child Protection: Partnership and Policy	S10: Frameworks for Practice: Implementation and Learnings	S11: Early Intervention and Prevention	S12: Residential Care: Practice Developments	S13: Contact and Reconnection in Care	S14: Family Inclusive Practice and Reunification
13:30	28. The Attachment Style Interview: Introducing An Evidence Based Assessment To OOHc And Child Protection In Australia L Sanders (SAL Consulting)	32. National Policy On Child Safety And Wellbeing: Progress And Future Directions B Babington (Families Australia)	36. From Oregon To Australia: Learnings From The First 18 Months Of Evidence-Based Foster Care, TFCO O Hill (OzChild)	40. The Linker Network Model: Improving Early Intervention Service Experiences For Children And Families Through Systemic Collaborative Practice C Vianello (Family and Community Services NSW), D Rochford (Family and Community Services NSW)	44. Residential Care In Australia: The Role Of Trauma And Attachment J Bollinger (Monash University)	48. Children's Experiences Of Supervised Contact In Kcontact Study R Thorpe (Institute of Child Protection Studies)	52. Parent Leadership In Child Protection And Out Of Home Care. Partnerships To Build Family Inclusive Practice C Mullins (Samaritans), T Bain (FISH), F Kime (FISH)
13:50	29. Examination Of The Impact Of The Signs Of Safety Child Protection Practice Framework On Child Protection Outcomes M Salveron (Australian Centre for Child Protection)	33. How Many Children Are Known To Child Protection Services And Who Are They? An Australian Data Linkage Study Demonstrating The Importance Of Tertiary And Government Partnerships J Petersen (Department for Child Protection)	37. Taking An Evidence Based Model To A National Scale: Exploring The Key Elements Of Implementation B Mayfield (Life Without Barriers)	41. The Vulnerable Families Project - Improving Health Outcomes For "At Risk" Children, Young People And Families In Western Sydney G Skelly (Department of Family and Community Services), K Hughes (NSW Health, Western Sydney Local Health District)	45. Leading The Way - Improving Outcomes For Children And Young People In Residential Out Of Home Care C Deveigne (The Westhaven Association, Dubbo), N Anne (NSW Department of Education, Out of Home Care Program)	49. Parents Participating In The Kcontact Study: Preliminary Findings S Taplin (Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU)	53. Family By Family - A Social Capital Enterprise. How To Create A Movement E Johnston (Family by Family - Uniting Communities)
14:10	30. Post-Traumatic Growth, How Reframing Vicarious Trauma Can Enhance Workplace Wellbeing H O'Shea (St Vincent de Paul Society)	34. Using The Evidence From Research To Develop New Practice Initiatives For Improving The Outcomes For Families And Their Children P Dixon (Wanslea)	38. "I've Done The Training, Now What?" How Coaching Supports Caseworkers To Embed New Skills In Their Day-To-Day Practice C Tran (Parenting Research Centre), N Deneve (Parenting Research Centre)	42. Is Using Old Principles Innovative? Listening To Girls And Young Women D Thomas-Kenworthy (Illawarra Women's Health Centre)	46. Respecting Sexual Safety In Out-Of-Home Care: A Prevention Initiative For Residential Care N Halfpenny (MacKillop Family Services), G Mckibbin (University of Melbourne)	50. Carers And Children In The Kcontact Study – Preliminary Outcomes A Suomi (Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU)	54. Catholiccare Hunter Manning Restoration Project V Tsang (CatholicCare Hunter Manning)
14:30	31. Finding Eagles: Building Strength And Hope A Pilot Program To Support Attachment And Build Skills In Traumatised Families D Stocker (Community Activities Lake Macquarie)	35. Beyond The Bubble Bath-Making Better Use Of Organisational Strategies To Enhance Staff Wellbeing And Promote Healthy, Effective And Sustainable Services M Lamelas (ACWA CCWT)	39. Creating Communities Of Practice In Large Organisations C Hadfield (Life Without Barriers)	43. Preventing Mental Illness Early Is Everyone's Business K Kent (CentaCare Wilcannia Forbes)	47. Giving Voice To Perspectives Of Residential Child Care: Some Reflections On The Scottish Journal Of Residential Child Care I Matheson (Research Centre for Better Outcomes from Fostering and Residential Care (Better Outcomes)), A Kendrick (University of Strathclyde)	51. Workers Account And Experiences Of Supervised Contact In Kcontact Study D Noble-Carr (Institute of Child Protection Studies, Australian Catholic University)	55. Restoration Of Children From Out Of Home Care R Harper (Harpers Legal)
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15:00	Afternoon Tea In Exhibition						
15:30	Plenary Session: Early Intervention <i>Chairperson: Elizabeth Fernandez</i>						
15:30	Keynote Address Dr Carmel Devaney National University of Ireland Evidence For Prevention, Partnership And Family Support; The Irish Experience						
16:05	Keynote Address Professor Karen Broadhurst Lancaster University Birth Parents Beyond Child Removal – Why Should We Care? Quantifying The Scale Of Recidivism In Family Justice Prompts Major Policy And Practice Change In The UK						
16:40	Response Claire Robbs CEO, Life Without Barriers						
16:50	Discussion						

12:30	Lunch In Exhibition Book Launch - 'The Three Pillars of Transforming Care: Trauma and Resilience in the Other 23 Hours' by Howard Bath and John Seita Meeting Room C2.3 at 12:45pm with Howard Bath and Frank Ainsworth					
13:30	Plenary Session: Kinship Care <i>Chairperson: Wendy Foote</i>					
13:30	Introduction Wendy Foote ACWA					
13:40	Keynote Address Dr Leland Ruwhiu Poutaki Maori, Orange Tamariki Ministry for Children, New Zealand Dr Moana Eruera Orange Tamariki, Ministry for Children, New Zealand					
14:20	Response Tim Ireland SNIACC					
14:40	Keynote Address Dr Meredith Kiraly University of Melbourne Kinship Care					
14:55	Discussion					
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15:30	Plenary Session: Out of Home Care					
15:30	Keynote Address Professor Nina Biehal University of York Permanence, Progress And Belonging For Children In Family Foster Care					
16:05	Keynote Address Professor Diana English University of Washington Seattle Residential care					
16:40	Highlight's on Children's Symposium Isaiah Dawe NSW Youth Advisory Council Chair Reporting From Children's Symposium					
16:55	Discussion					

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09:00	<i>Plenary Session: Child Wellbeing</i>						
09:00	Keynote Address Andrew Johnson NSW Advocate For Children And Young People						
09:30							
09:50	Isaiah Dawe NSW Youth Advisory Council Chair Engaging And Mentoring Young People						
10:05	Discussion						
10:30	Morning Tea in Exhibition						
11:00	S22: Children and Young People with Diverse Needs	S23: Supporting Educational Outcomes in Care	S24: Enhancing Wellbeing for Children and Youth	S25: Kinship Care: Conceptual and Practice Trends	Masterclass 1	Masterclass 2	Masterclass 3
11:00	84. Keeping Vulnerable Children Visible: Children, Disability And Child Protection H Ferguson (HNEKidsRehab, Hunter New England Local Health District), J White (HNEKidsRehab, Hunter New England Local Health District)	88. Education Project W Foote (ACWA)	92. International Youth Advocate Program - Connecting Families D Neal (Life Without Barriers), M Dib (Life Without Barriers)	96. Using The Secure Base Model: Embedding A Therapeutic Framework Across Foster And Kinship Care Programs J Hill (Berry Street)			
11:20	85. Are We There Yet? M J Mc Veigh (Cara House)	89. Raising Expectations: Increasing The Number Of Children And Young People In Out Of Home Care To Go On To Higher Education And University J Humphries (Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare)	93. Uniting And FFT-CW: Implementation And Service Delivery O George (Uniting), M Nimac (Uniting)	97. 'Neither Fish Nor Fowl': Developing A Conceptual Framework For Public Kinship Care J Borenstein (Social Work & Social Policy, La Trobe University)	Masterclass Professor Carmel Devaney National University of Ireland	Masterclass Professor Harriet Ward Loughborough University, UK	Masterclass Dr Leland Ruwhiu Poutaki Maori, Orange Tamariki Ministry for Children, New Zealand Dr Moana Eruera Orange Tamariki, Ministry for Children, New Zealand
11:40	86. Improving The Wellbeing Of Refugee Children And Families: Child Development, Family Preservation, Community And Settlement Challenges Opportunities For Children And Families Who Are Also Today's Asylum Seekers And Refugees G Noujaim (SSI), M Solomon (SSI)	90. Live, Learn, Grow - Supporting Access To Higher Education E Fuller (University of Newcastle), L Rak (University of Newcastle)	94. Survive And Thrive R Rosetta (Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT)	98. An Innovative Platform For Providing Tailored Support To Young Kinship Carers M Kiraly (University of Melbourne)	Prevention, Partnership And Family Support In Practice In Ireland	Assessing Parental Capacity To Change When Children Are On The Edge Of Care	
12:00	87. Respecting and preserving culture – improving practices that enhance opportunities for children and young people to maintain meaningful cultural connections. K Karatasas (SSI), G Noujaim (SSI)	91. Supporting The Improvement Of Educational Outcomes Of Children And Young People In Out-Of-Home Care (OOHC) L Genoud (Youth Plus Institute/Life Without Barriers)	95. Working With Transgender Youth And Their Families E Ceissman (The Gender Centre)	99. Kinship Care Unmasked In The NSW Permanency Support Program – The Realities Of Relative/Kinship Care Exposed As OOH Services Reform In NSW K Moore (Barnardos Australia), T Bolte (Barnardos Australia), V Smith (Barnardos Australia)			
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13:30	S26: Fostering and Adoption: Challenges in Practice	S27: Responding to Vulnerable Families	S28: Kinship Care and Carers	S29: Responding to Carers Needs	Masterclass 4	Masterclass 5	Masterclass 6

13:30	100. Implementing The New Permanency Support Program: An Indigenous Approach B Kendall (Curijo Pty Ltd), T Mcghee (Curijo Pty Ltd)	104. Working With Family – A Systemic Approach To Care, Partnerships And Advocacy H J Choi (Ozchild), M Yeo (Ozchild)	108. When It Comes To Separated Parents Who Gets To Decide What Is In The Best Interests Of Their Child? L Robinson (Uniting, Counselling and Mediation)	112. Redesigning Foster Care - Evidence, Congruence And Best Practice M Mckinnon (Life Without Barriers)	<p>Masterclass</p> <p>Professor Karen Broadhurst Lancaster University</p> <p>Understanding And Responding To Complicated Grief Responses Following Child Removal: Making The Case For Skilled Mental Health Intervention With Vulnerable Birth Parents</p>	<p>Masterclass</p> <p>Professor John Simmonds CoramBAAF</p> <p>Attachment, Trauma, And Developmental Uncertainty: Creating A Professional Framework For The Provision Of Support To Children</p>	<p>Masterclass</p>
13:50	101. It Takes A Village: Assessing Carer Networks And Building Resilience Towards Adoption J Mrakovcic (Barnardos Find-A-Family), J Rodricks (Barnardos Find-A-Family)	105. Successful Parent Advocacy For Parents With Intellectual Disability K Clift (Intellectual Disability Rights Service), J Wren (Intellectual Disability Rights Service)	109. The Child's Voice, Are We Really Listening? P Kong (University of Sydney, Sydney Counselling Centre), G Banks (Sydney Counselling Centre)	113. Caring Matters: A Journey To Enhanced Support For Carers S Mcrae (OzChild), A Mackenzie (OzChild)			
14:10	102. Finding A Family - Placement Matching Principles For Permanent Care And Adoption M Jordan (Barnardos Australia)	106. Violence And Healing: Implementing A Therapeutic Response To Family Violence T Smith (MacKillop Family Services), M Colletti (MacKillop Family Services)	110. The Messi Study: The Perceptions Of HRECS In Their Decisions About Children's Participation In Research S Taplin (Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU)	114. Procedural Fairness And Care Concerns K Ryan (University of South Australia)			
14:30	103. Achieving Permanency For Children: Barnardos' Practice Model For Young Children Entering Care K Moore (Barnardos Australia), M Andrews (Barnardos Australia)	107. A Window Into Family Group Conferencing And Sustainability A Smith (Children Need A Happy Home)	111. Does Money Encourage Children Into Riskier Research? Findings From The Managing Ethical Studies On Sensitive Issues (Messi) Study S Taplin (Institute of Child Protection Studies, ACU)	115. Encouraging And Sustaining Quality Care To Improve Outcomes For Children And Young People In Care: Where To From Here? Using Research And Evidence To Better Inform Australian Practice And Enhance Outcomes Now And In The Future B Orr (Australian Foster Care Association)			
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15:30	S30: Open Adoption Practice	S31: Enhancing the wellbeing of Children and Young People in Care	S32: Foster and Kinship Carers: Assessment and Support	S33: Kinship Care Practice	Masterclass 7	Masterclass 8	Masterclass 9
15:30	116. Beyond The Black Fences K Wilcock (Barnardos Australia), E Nichols (Barnardos Australia)	120. The Use Of Social Stories To Support Children's Understanding Of The OOHCA And Legal System D Palacios (Barnardos), E Edwards (Barnardos)	124. Encouraging and sustaining quality care to improve outcomes for children and young people in care: foster and kinship care recruitment and retention: current national trends G Richmond (Institute of Child Protection Studies Australian Catholic University)	128. A Challenge For Practice: What Young People Want From Public Kinship Care J Borenstein (Social Work & Social Policy, La Trobe University)	<p>Masterclass</p> <p>Professor Nina Biehal University of York</p> <p>Is Family Foster Care Good For Children? Disentangling The Evidence</p>	<p>Masterclass</p> <p>Dr Jenny Driscoll King's College London</p> <p>Getting On In Education: Messages From English Care Leavers</p>	<p>Masterclass</p>
15:50	117. Supporting Family Connections For Children In Permanent Care S Collings (The University of Sydney), A Conley Wright (The University of Sydney)	121. Investing In Children J Dudfield (Social Ventures Australia), C Baker (Social Ventures Australia), J Hourigan Ruse (Fams)	125. Recruit, Retain And Train Foster Carers V Tsang (CatholicCare Hunter Manning)	129. Fairy Godparents And Fake Kin: Exploring Community Kinship Care M Kiraly (University of Melbourne)			
16:10	118. Face-To-Face Contact For Adoptees From Out-Of-Home Care: Advantages, Disadvantages And Implications For Practice L Moggach (Barnardos Australia), H Ward (University of Loughborough, UK)	122. Addressing Civil Law Problems Of Young People In Out Of Home Care To Reduce Contact With The Criminal Justice System K Wong (Legal Aid NSW)	126. Valuing The Assessment And Training Of Relative And Kinship Carers J Roach (ACWA)	130. Grandparent Kinship Carers: Important Yet Feeling Convenient And Unsupported S Gair (James Cook University)			
16:30	119. Shifting Goalposts: When A Concurrent Plan Moves From Open Adoption To Restoration D Willick (Barnardos Australia), D Robinson (Barnardos Australia)	123. Future Planning For Young People Leaving Care R Woodward (Barnardos Australia)	127. Legal Processes Required For Guardianship R Harper (Harpers Legal)	131. A Kinship Care Practice Framework: Using A Life Course Approach. The Impact Of Carer's Life Stage One On Carer Support Needs M Di-Blasio (OzChild), C Walsh (OzChild)			
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