

Conferences and events

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The following list of forthcoming conferences is taken from the Conferences and Events page on the Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse website. For the latest entries, visit www.aifs.gov.au/afrc/conferences.html

6th National Intensive Family Support Symposium 2007

28–30 March 2007
Caloundra, Qld

Anglicare Strengthening Families Service presents this symposium with the theme “Family Centred Practice: innovation, controversy and imagination”. Three streams will be the focus of the symposium: Practice, Leadership and Research. Practice workshops will be held on 28th March.

Further information: Email IFSS2007@tracc.org; Phone Anglicare Strengthening Families Service on (07) 5495 8718.

National Youth Conference – Are We There Yet?

1–2 May 2007
Melbourne, Vic

The Youth Affairs Council of Victoria is hosting the first national youth conference in 8 years, to look at past learnings, current realities and future directions for youth affairs in Australia. The conference is for young people, youth workers, educators, policymakers, academics and researchers, community workers and anyone interested in youth affairs in Australia.

Further information: Youth Affairs Council of Victoria website – www.yacvic.org.au

CAFWAA & PeakCare Queensland’s National Symposium 2007 Their Lives, Our Work – building hope through practice excellence

15–17 May 2007
Brisbane, Qld

A not to be missed practice development opportunity for those working with children, young people + families with complex needs. The symposium theme challenges delegates to explore the diverse and complex needs of children, young people and their families and how best to meet these needs in the contemporary context.

Further information: Conference website – www.theirlivesourwork.com.au

AFCC 44th Annual Conference – Children of Separation and Divorce: The Politics of Policy, Practice and Parenting

30 May – 2 June 2007
Capital Hilton, Washington DC, USA

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to the resolution of family conflict. The AFCC Annual Conference convenes the innovators, thinkers and reformers that have influenced the practice of family law, mediation, custody evaluation and parent education. Participants network, share ideas and interact with the experts on children and families. The conference features nearly 70 sessions on the latest topics that impact children and families of separation and divorce, and more than 150 presenters from Canada, Taiwan, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Further information: www.afccnet.org/conferences/afcc_conferences.asp

Children and Young People are Key Stakeholders

23–25 July 2007
Perth, WA

This inaugural, international conference addresses the area of children and young people as key stakeholders in their world experience – now and in the future. It aims to contribute significantly to our understanding of children, young people and their families in the community, and factors which impact on their wellbeing as stakeholders in policy, programmes and service delivery. It will also highlight issues and challenges facing vulnerable children and young people today and explore preventative and strengths-based strategies for improving positive outcomes for them at a local, national and international level. The conference will be of interest to children and young people; parents/carers/family and community members; practitioners from all fields who support, work with and advocate on behalf of children, young people and families; policy makers and managers; and researchers and educators.

Further information: Conference website – www.caypaks.com