

# Conferences

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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](http://www.aifs.gov.au/afrc/conferences.html)

## 12th Annual Smart Marriages Conference

2–5 July 2008  
San Francisco, California, USA

This conference is for marriage educators, counsellors, clergy, social workers, family life educators, therapists, policy makers, family advocates, teachers and the public. There will be a wide range of keynote presentations and workshops, as well as pre- and post-conference training institutes.

Further information: Smart Marriages website: [www.smartmarriages.com/conferencedetails.html](http://www.smartmarriages.com/conferencedetails.html)

## 10th Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference—Families Through Life

9–11 July 2008  
Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Vic.

This national event offers a forum for extensive debate surrounding a wide range of family issues that are of key relevance to researchers, policy makers and practitioners. It provides a platform for researchers to report findings from their family-related research and to contribute to ongoing discussions and provide policy input.

The conference will focus on five major themes: Family relationships; Children, youth and patterns of care; Families and work; Families and community life; and Violence and protection issues.

Further information: conference website: [www.aifsconference08.com](http://www.aifsconference08.com); Email: [info@aifsconference08.com](mailto:info@aifsconference08.com); Phone: (03) 9682 0500

## First National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy

10–11 July 2008  
Massachusetts, USA

Bridgewater State College's School of Arts and Sciences invite conference submissions/research abstracts that focus on promising child and family programs, interventions, preventions, rules/regulations, and policies. Research that has strong implications for child and family programs/policies is also invited.

Further information: [www.bridgew.edu/ExternalAffairs/CCFPP%20Welcome%20Page.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/ExternalAffairs/CCFPP%20Welcome%20Page.cfm); Email: Logistics information: Jenna Stephenson, [jstephenson@bridgew.edu](mailto:jstephenson@bridgew.edu); Conference topics: Dr. Emily M. Douglas, Emily.Douglas@bridgew.edu

## Drugs, Alcohol and Family Violence

14–16 August 2008  
Port Douglas, Far North Qld

RANZCP Section of Forensic Psychiatry Bi-National Conference 2008. Keynote Speaker: Dr Mark Schuckit.

Further information: The Conference Organiser: [http://conorg.com.au/library2008/Forensic\\_Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_2008.pdf](http://conorg.com.au/library2008/Forensic_Call_for_Papers_2008.pdf); Phone: (03) 9349 2220; Email: [info@conorg.com.au](mailto:info@conorg.com.au)

## ACWA08—Strong, Safe and Sustainable: Responding to Children, Young People and Families in a Civil Society

18–20 August 2008  
Sydney, NSW

The Association of Children's Welfare Agencies invites you to attend the 2008 ACWA conference. This conference has become the most important event for the children, youth and family industry. The conference will allow delegates to network with local, interstate and international colleagues.

Further information: ACWA: [www.acwa08.com](http://www.acwa08.com)

## 2008 National SARRAH Conference—Many Paddocks: One Herd

27–30 August 2008  
Yeppoon, Qld

The biennial Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) conference is the peak opportunity for rural and remote allied health and oral health professionals to come together and present, discuss, debate and summarise elements of our professional lives that bind us together.

Further information: [www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=87530](http://www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm?display=87530)

## 5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders—From Margins to Mainstream

10–12 September 2008  
Melbourne, Vic.

Accepting responsibility for mental health should be everybody's business. This conference will explore new ways that health services, governments and community organisations can promote mental health and prevent mental illness. Topics will include: social participation, freedom from violence, freedom from discrimination, and increasing access to economic resources.

Further information: conference website: [www.margins2mainstream.com](http://www.margins2mainstream.com); Email: [info@margins2mainstream.com](mailto:info@margins2mainstream.com); Phone: (03) 9370 1265

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## Contributing to *Family Relationships Quarterly*

### Guidelines for contributors

The *Family Relationships Quarterly* newsletter aims to provide a lively forum for ideas, argument and comment on family relationships. The newsletter includes literature highlights, research updates, upcoming conference and event listings and information about training opportunities. Articles include reviews of policy developments, program spotlights, summaries of research, and practitioner updates. These range from short reviews of books, conferences, workshops and projects to more substantial articles on significant issues relevant to family relationships.

Service providers, researchers and those interested in family relationships in Australia are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter. We welcome readers' letters, comments and feedback on issues discussed in AFRC publications.

The average length of contributions is 1,000–1,500 words, but may be as short as 300–500 words. If you would like to submit a longer article, or if you are unsure about the appropriateness of a piece, contact the Manager of the Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse prior to submission.

Acceptance of all material is subject to a review process. Consideration will be given to whether articles are relevant, clearly written, and accessible. Consideration will also be given to the following criteria: timeliness of article; significance of the topic; factual accuracy; clear presentation and logical organisation of material; conclusions substantiated by convincing analytical argument; argument supported by references; quality and balance of the argument or information presented; and balance and relevance of any policy implications drawn.

Please email contributions in a Microsoft Word document to [afrc@aifs.gov.au](mailto:afrc@aifs.gov.au), or post to the Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse, Level 20, 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 (Electronic provision of material is preferred where possible). For further information contact Elly Robinson, Manager of the Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse, phone (03) 9214 7888, fax (03) 9214 7839, email: [elly.robinson@aifs.gov.au](mailto:elly.robinson@aifs.gov.au)

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