

Australian Institute of Family Studies

**Consultation, Visitors, and Representation at Meetings and
Workshops**

2003-2004

Consultations

The Institute maintains a consultative role with individuals, government and non-government bodies. Staff conduct these consultations, either individually or as members of planning or advisory teams, to inform others of the Institute's research and research findings, and to provide advice on existing family research or on formulating research in areas not well covered by existing data. Such consultation is an indication of the Institute's involvement in the policy process.

In 2003-2004, consultations covering many broad issues took place between all Institute research programs and representatives of various international and national organisations or bodies.

Children and Parenting Research Program

Consultations regarding the Australian Temperament Project

University of Melbourne (Dr. Mary Ainley)

Australian National University (Professor Richard Eckersley)

University of Otago, New Zealand (Associate Professor Rob Mc Gee)

Australian Council for Educational Research (Judy Nixon)

University of Otago, New Zealand (Dr. Richie Poulton)

Australian Catholic University (Dr. Gill Terrett)

University of Canterbury, New Zealand (Dr. Lianne Woodward)

University of Melbourne (Dr. Johanna Wyn)

Consultations regarding the Child Care Choices Study

Charles Sturt University (Dr Linda Harrison)

NSW Parenting Centre, NSW Department of Community Services
(Associate Professor June Wangmann and Dr Johanna Watson)

Macquarie University (Dr Jennifer Bowes and Dr Judy Ungerer)

Information exchange on policy-related research studies on child and family issues

City of Yarra, Family Services (Dianne Edwards and Kathy Panjari) re current research findings re children and families

Department of Family and Community Services (Stephen Hunter, Deputy Secretary) re update of current program activities

Department of Family and Community Services (Robert Knapp, Executive Director, Strategic and Ageing Cluster and Alex Dolan) re liaison about emerging issues and provide update on program activities

Department of Human Services (Dushanka Jovanovsha, Primary School Nursing Program Adviser), re families and schools

Department of Human Services (Julie Green, Project Manager, National Child Health Public Health Strategy, National Public Health Partnership)

Early Childhood Australia (Pam Cahir, National Director) re the establishment of an Australian early childhood website for families and professionals

Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand (Anne Hartley, Manager of Family, Child and Youth Policy and Richard Joblin, Senior Policy Analyst, Family Policy Team) re exchange of information on current research projects

NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (Dr Ruth Lawrence) re exchange of information on survey measurement issues

Premier's Drug Prevention Council (Julie Rolfe) re Drug Prevention Monitoring and Data Collection Strategy project

Relationships Australia (Gary Dornau) re Fathering Project

Singapore General Hospital (Dr Sylvia Choo, Associate Consultant, Child Development Unit, KK Women's and Children's Hospital) re Australian Temperament Project, Children and Family Life study, Longitudinal Study of Australian Children

University of London, Goldsmith College (Professor Peter Smith, Professor of Psychology and Head of the Unit for School and Family Studies) re grandparenting research in the UK

University of New South Wales (Dr. Catherine Spooner) re project investigating structural determinants of substance use

Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, London re findings from a normative study of a representative sample of a new study of stepfamilies (Professor Marjorie Smith)

University of Melbourne, Key Centre for Women's Health in Society (Maggie Kirkman, Post-doctoral Research Fellow) re collaborative research endeavours

University of Tasmania (Dr Heather Smigiel) re research into Art in the lives of children

Family and Marriage Research Program

Family law and families post-separation

Child Support Agency (Allan Shephard) re child support data collected for the Caring for Children after Separation project

Deakin University (Associate Prof David Crawford) re developing a short-form on household composition

Family Mediation Centre (Ian Permezel)

La Trobe University (Dr Jenn McIntosh & Associate Professor Lawrie Moloney) re methodological advice on the utility of a lagged research design.

NZ Ministry of Social Development (Anne Hartley and Maree Roberts)

Rehabilitation Consultant & Occupational Therapist, CRS Australia (Annet Peart) re design of evaluation study

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) (Robert de Young and Dr Katie Hughes) re shared care research

University of Bath (Prof Jane Millar) re Australian research on divorce

University of New South Wales (Richard Fletcher) re fathering research

Fertility trends, policies and research

Ministry of Community Development and Sports, Singapore (Choo Kin Wee, A. Yoganathan, Charlotte Back) re AIFS research, especially fertility

Monash University (Genevieve Heard, PhD Student) re research on fertility

University of Leeds, (Carol Smart) re fertility project and longitudinal research

Marriage, cohabitation, and couple relationship wellbeing

Centacare Australia, re Marriage and Relationship Education Program Review

Griffith University (Dr Liz van Acker), re marriage and relationship education research and related policy issues

The Urban Institute, Washington DC, USA (Katherine Kortenkamp) re evaluation of marriage and relationship education programs

General family trends and Australian research relating to family policy

Australian Bureau of Statistics (Canberra and Brisbane branches (Patrick Corr and Ron Casey) re ABS publications of relevance to AIFS

Department of Family and Community Services, International Branch (Annabelle Cassells and Leon Trainor) re East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families

Department of Family and Community Services, Strategic Ageing Branch and Means Test Branch (Robert Knapp and Alex Dolan) re AIFS ageing-related research

Ministry of Community Development and Sports, Disability Branch, Singapore (Elizabeth Yee and R. Jai Prakash)

The Age (Muriel Reddy)

The East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families in Hanoi

The Scientific Institute for Population, Family and Children (Vietnam Commission for Population, Family and Children)

General information exchange

ABS Canberra, Demography (Patrick Corr)

ABS Queensland, Health and Vital Statistics Unit (Ron Casey)

Focus on Family Australia (Glenn Williams, CEO)

Human Right and Equal Opportunity Commission (Gail Balding)
National Council of Single Mothers and their Children (Elspeth McGuinness)

Relationships Australia (Quinn Pawson and Gary Dornau)

The Key Centre for Women's Health in Society, University of Melbourne (Maggie Kirkman)

University of London (Prof Peter Smith)

University of Manitoba, Department of Family Studies (Carol Harvey) re research in the AIFS Family and Marriage Program

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Ageing

Business Work & Ageing (BWA) Centre, Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne (Louise Rolland & Libby Brooke).

Cambridge Interdisciplinary Research Centre on Ageing (CIRCA) Cambridge University, UK (Philip Taylor)

National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), London, UK (Carli Lessof)
Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG), University of Surrey, UK.

Work and family policies and related issues

Centrelink - Area North Central Victoria

Department of Family and Community Services:

- Parenting Policy Branch, FaCS, Canberra
- Participation Strategy Branch, FaCS, Canberra
- Family & Children branch, FaCS, Canberra

Social Research Centre, Melbourne

Social capital

Advice provided to the ABSm community and non-government organizations, state government, academic researchers and to current meeting of the OECD around the development of social indicators

Social policies and related family trends

Department of Family and Community Services, Welfare Reform Taskforce, (Maria Luteria, Kate Murphy, Phillip Brown & Yvonne Dunlop)

General information exchange

Brotherhood of St Laurence (Steve Ziguras)

Department of Family and Community Services (Linda and Alan Groth)

La Trobe University, Sociology, Prof. David de Vaus, Melbourne

University of Manitoba, Department of Family Studies, Canada (Carol Harvey)

Bible College of New Zealand (Bruce Knox)

South Australian Attorney General's Department on research on costs of children

Demographic Trends

Ministry of Community Development and Sports, Singapore (Choo Kin Wee, A. Yoganathan, Charlotte Back) re AIFS research, fertility

Australian Bureau of Statistics (Canberra and Brisbane branches (Patrick Corr and Ron Casey) re ABS publications of relevance to AIFS

Growing Up in Australia study (the longitudinal study of Australian children) (LSAC)

Information exchange on longitudinal studies

ESRC Millennium Cohort Study, Centre for Longitudinal Studies, Institute of Education, UK (Professor Heather Joshi (Project Director) and Kate Smith (Project Manager)

National Longitudinal Study of Children and Youth (N:SCY) (Dr Satya Brink)

Implementation of LSAC and other related issues

NZ Ministry of Social Development (Maree Roberts)

NZ Ministry of Social Development (Dr Angela Mansell)

Department of Family and Community Services, Strategic Policy and Knowledge Branch (Paula Chevalier, Jane Dickenson, David Hazelhurst, Peter Walkear and Karen Wilson)

Consultations with the Consortium Advisory Group

Australian Council for Educational Research (Dr John Ainley and Dr Sheldon Rothman)

Australian National University (Dr Dorothy Broom, Dr Bryan Rodgers and Dr Lyndall Strazdins)

Charles Sturt University (Dr Linda Harrison)

Institute for Child Health Research, WA (Professor Fiona Stanley, Professor Steve Zubrick and Professor Sven Silburn)

Macquarie University (Assoc Professor Judy Ungerer)

Murdoch Childrens Research Institute (Dr Melissa Wake, Professor Frank Oberklaid, Professor John Carlin)

Queensland University of Technology (Dr Jan Nicholson and Dr Donna Berthelsen)

University of Adelaide, Department of Paediatrics (Professor Michael Sawyer)

University of New South Wales, Social Policy Research Centre (Mr Michael Bittman and Dr Kimberly Fisher)

University of Melbourne, Department of Psychology (Professor Margot Prior)

University of Newcastle, Child Adolescent and Family Health Service (Professor Graham Vimpani)

Consultations with members of the Scientific and Policy Advisory Group

Professor Jeanne Brooks-Gunn
Teachers College, Columbia University, USA

Professor Jan Carter
Adjunct Professor, University of Queensland
Project Leader, Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth

Professor Judy Dunn
Social, Genetic and Developmental Psychiatry Research Centre
Institute of Psychiatry
Kings College, University of London

Dr Sarah Friedman
National Institute for Child Health and Development, USA

Professor Alan Hayes
Dean and Head of Division
Australian Centre for Educational Studies
Macquarie University

Professor Clyde Hertzman
Department of Health Care and Epidemiology
University of British Columbia, Canada

Dr Christa van Kraayenoord
Director
Schonell Special Education Research Centre
University of Queensland

Professor Terry Nolan
Head
School of Population Health
The University of Melbourne

Dr Richie Poulton
Dunedin School of Medicine
New Zealand

Dr Gary Resnick
Senior Study Director
Child and Family Studies, Westat
USA

Professor Sue Spence
Head of Psychology
University of Queensland

Professor Fiona Stanley
Director
Institute of Child Health Research

Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (ACSSA)

Operations of ACSSA and other issues relating to sexual assault

Australian Bureau of Statistics re submission to consider data items for the preparation for the Personal Safety Survey

Urbis Keys Young re development of "A National Framework for Sexual Assault Prevention"

National Child Protection Clearinghouse (NCPC)

Against Child Abuse, Hong Kong, re: child protection and child abuse prevention

Colmar Brunton Social Research

ISPCAN Brisbane Congress

International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Chicago, USA, re: child protection and child abuse prevention

Ministry of Community Development and Sport (Hon. Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister and Minister in charge of Muslim Affairs)

Ministry of Social Development, New Zealand re child protection policy

National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN)

NSW Department of Community Services

NZ Ministry of Social Development

NT Department of Health and Human Services

Professor Nigel Parton, re: child protection and child abuse prevention

National Bodies

Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Inc (ACWA) re child protection and child abuse prevention

Australian Council for Children and Parenting re child protection and child abuse prevention

Australian Childhood Foundation re child protection and child abuse prevention

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program (CSAPP) re child protection and child abuse prevention

Childwise [previously ECPAT (End Child Prostitution Pornography and Trafficking) Australia] re child protection and child abuse prevention

Department of Community Services, New South Wales, re child protection and child abuse prevention

Department of Human Services, Community Care Division re child protection and child abuse prevention

Department of Human Services, South Australia re child protection and child abuse prevention

Department of Family and Community Services, Family Relationships Branch re child protection and child abuse prevention

Families Australia re child protection and child abuse prevention

Family Services Australia re child protection and child abuse prevention

Indigenous Services Working Group, Community Services Ministers Advisory Council

'Innocence in Danger' South Pacific Regional Action group (KIDs.AP) re child protection and child abuse prevention

NAPCAN Australia re child protection and child abuse prevention

NSW Commission for Children and Young People re child protection and child abuse prevention

NT Department of Health and Community Services

Prevention & Education (Child Abuse & Neglect) – (PECAN), NT Dept of Health and Community Services re child protection and child abuse prevention

Stronger Families Learning Exchange

Action research and the work of the Training and Support Team

ATSI Tasmania (Jim Walker State Manager; Kim MacInally Policy Officer)

Centre for Aboriginal Health Education, University of Melbourne (Bill Genet, Lecturer)

Chisholm Institute of TAFE (Stephen Fisher, Co-ordinator, Community Development)

CRS, Australia (Ranjit Baghwandis)

Department of Human Services (Fofi Christou and Mariella Camilleri, Active Participation Strategy)

Griffith University (Dr Jan Hamill)

Home Instruction for Pre-School Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY), (Joanne Dunn, Australia Co-ordinator)

Relationships Australia (Quinn Pawson and Gary Dornau)

Research and Policy Officer NPY Women's Council (Arial Couchman)

Riuwana Aboriginal Education, Launceston TAFE (Tjanarra Goreng Goreng, Co-ordinator,

TAFE Swinburne University (Greg Smith)

Telstra Foundation (Fiona Moore and Georgia Simmons)

Stephanie Tonkin Magistrate Townsville Queensland

Victorian Aboriginal Childcare Co-operative Association (VACCA)

Visitors

In 2002-2003, a number of academics and representatives of government and non-government bodies from within and outside Australia met with Institute researchers to exchange ideas on a range of issues of relevance to the research program.

Children and Parenting Research Program

Australian Temperament Project

ATP/CPV collaborative project

Dr Inez Dussuyer
Crime Prevention Victoria

Dr Patricia Brown
Children's Court Clinic

Nigel D'Zouza
Victorian Department for Victorian Communities

Mary Gledhill
Victorian Department of Human Services

Bill Mathers
Victoria Police

John Prent
Victorian Department of Human Services

Uma Rao
Victoria Police

Julie Millar
Victorian Department of Education and Training

Dr Stuart Ross
University of Melbourne

Dr Sheldon Rothman
Australian Council for Educational Research

Sue Rowlands
Tenix Solutions

Leanne Sargent
Victoria Police

Associate Professor John Toumbourou
Royal Children's Hospital

ATP/TAC/RACV Collaborative project

Ms Samantha Cockfield
Manager, Road Safety
Transport Accident Commission of Victoria

Ms Anne Harris
Chief Behavioural Scientist, Public Policy Department
Royal Automobile Club of Victoria

Mr Warren Harrison
Eastern Professional Services Pty Ltd

Alison McIntyre,
Transport Accident Commission of Victoria

Donor Insemination Project

Professor Gabor Kovacs
Monash Medical Centre Box Hill Hospital

Briefing on Program A projects

Minister The Honorable Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
Ministry for Community Development and Sport
Singapore

Ruth Lawrence
NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

Dr Kathyn Beckett-Millburn
Co-Director
Centre for Research on Families and Relationships
The University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Family and Marriage Research Program

Family and Marriage Program research projects

Anne Hartley and Richard Joblin
New Zealand Ministry of Social Development

Minister The Honorable Dr Yaacob Ibrahim
Ministry for Community Development and Sport
Singapore

Fertility trends, issues and research

Information exchange on longitudinal studies

Relationships

Family and Society Research Program

Work and family policies and related issues

Briefing on Family and Society Research Program research projects

Melinda Cilento
Business Council of Australia

Alex Dolan
Department of Family and Community Services

Brian Howe
University of Melbourne

Annette Peart
CRS

*Growing Up in Australia (the longitudinal study of
Australian children) (LSAC)*

Information exchange on longitudinal studies and other research issues

Dr Angela Mansell
Ministry of Social Development
New Zealand

National Child Protection Clearinghouse (NCPC)

Dr Emma Davies
Program Leader - Children & Families
Institute of Public Policy
Auckland University of Technology
Auckland, New Zealand

Ms Anne Hartley
Manager Family Child and Youth Policy
Ministry of Social Development
Wellington, New Zealand

Mr Richard Joblin
Senior Policy Analyst Child & Family
Ministry of Social Development

Wellington, New Zealand

Prof Nigel Parton
Centre for Applied Childhood Studies
School of Human and Health Sciences
University of Huddersfield, UK

Australian

Dr Reina Michaelson
Executive Director
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program (CSAPP)

Lee Peters
WA Department for Community Development

Carol Peltola
Assistant Secretary
NT Department of Health and Community Services

Mark Watson
Centre for Inclusive Schooling
WA Dept of Education
Perth, WA

Stronger Families Learning Exchange (SFLEX)

SFLEX operations, the work of the Training and Support team and/or participatory action research methods

Evan Lewis, Wendy Mouat, Gai Stern, Tracey Noble
Department of Family and Community Services Canberra

Jim Walker
Manager
ATSIIS, Tasmania

Representation at meetings and workshops

Staff attended and represented the Institute at various conferences as part of their staff development and training program. Likewise several staff were asked to participate and share their expertise at workshops organized by government and non-government bodies as well as university bodies.

Children and Parenting Research Program

Invited participant in the National Workshop *Framework for Family-School Partnerships*, Old Parliament House, Canberra, 27 May 2004 (J. Duffie).

Invited session to progress the outcomes of the forum at Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare and Children's Welfare Association of Victoria, Melbourne, 30 April 2004 (S. Wise).

Invited attendee, Extended Family and Kinship Care Forum, Melbourne, 28-29 April 2004 (S. Wise).

Invited participant at the Parenting Information in Australia: A National Workshop, Melbourne, 28-29 April 2004 (J. Duffie).

Invited attendee at "A picture of Australia's Children National Workshop", Sydney, 16 March 2004 (S. Wise).

Invited participant, National forum of stakeholders in early childhood education conducted by the Australian Education Union in Melbourne, 21 October 2003 (J. Duffie).

Participation in Workshop on child health inequalities prior to 35th National Public Health Association of Australia Annual Conference, Brisbane, 28 September 2003 (J. Duffie).

Melbourne Docklands Authority "Planning for Child care and other Children's Services" Workshop (S. Wise).

Family and Marriage Research Program

VLA Roundtable Dispute Management

FRSP – Progressing Partnerships in Policy and Practice" National Forum, Department of Family and Community Services, Sydney, 28 June 2004.

Invited participants, Attorney-General's Department Family Law Research Planning Seminar 11 June 2003.

Family Law Council Meeting, 5-6 June 2003, Newcastle (R. Weston).

Family Law Council Meeting, 13-14 March 2003, Adelaide (C. Caruana).

Invited participants, Department of Family and Community Service's HILDA Roundtable, 14 March 2003, Melbourne (B. Smyth and R. Weston).

Invited participant, workshop run by Professor Michael Lawler, Creighton University, Nebraska, USA, organised by Centacare, Melbourne, 28 February 2003 (R. Parker).

Family Law Council Meeting, Rockhampton, 22-23 August 2002 (R. Weston).

Family Law Council Meeting, Canberra, 21-22 November 2002 (R. Weston).

Family Law Council Meeting, Adelaide, 13-14 March 2003 (C. Caruana).

Family Law Council Meeting Newcastle, 5-6 June 2003 (R. Weston).

Invited participants, Workshop on families, law and social policy: Future research strategy, organised by School of Law, Griffith University, Brisbane, 11 July 2002 (B. Smyth and R. Weston).

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Participation in workshop on "Working Mothers and Social Change", RMIT University, 4-5 July 2003 (J. Hughes).

Invited participant on labour market change, participation and the structure of income support, Welfare Reform Round organised by the Department of Family and Community Services and Department of employment and Workplace Relations, Canberra on 3 April 2003 (M. Gray).

Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault (ACSSA)

Improving Justice Responses to Sexual Assault: Setting the Agenda roundtable, Australian Institute of Criminology, Canberra, 11 April 2003 (A. Tomison).

National Child Protection Clearinghouse (NCPC)

International Conference of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates, Melbourne, 26-31 October 2002 (K. Kovacs and J. Stanley).

Australia/Davos leadership Forum, Queensland, 6-8 September 2002 (J. Stanley).

Forum on the Innovations Program, Department of Human Services, Victoria, 24 October 2002 (J. Stanley).

Forum on Issues in Foster Care, Children's Welfare Association of Victoria, chaired by Professor Jan Carter, Victoria, 27 September 2002 (J. Stanley).

Representation at a Forum on Prevention of Child Abuse, Children's Welfare Association, Victoria, 25 September 2002 (J. Stanley).

Stronger Families Learning Exchange (SLFEX)

"Doing Participatory Evaluation Communities", Participants in a Workshop, IAP2, Brisbane, 15 May 2004 (M. Haviland and R. Munt).

Journaling Workshop, Buda Historical Gardens Castlemaine, St Lukes, 2 June 2003 (K. Bredhauer).

Strengths based evaluation Workshop, University of Newcastle, 5 May 2003 (C. Turner, M. Haviland and A. Garrow).

Critical Early Childhood Years: Rethinking Current Interventions and Strategies conference, The Queen Elizabeth Centre, University of Melbourne, 8-9 November 2002 (T. Lienert and C. Turner).