



Conferences & events

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1–4 May 2003

***Our Children the Future 3 –
Early Childhood Conference
Adelaide, SA***

An initiative of the Government of South Australia, this conference will bring together early childhood professionals involved in the care and education of children in South Australia, interstate and overseas. The conference theme 'Respect Connect Reflect' embodies the ideals that will be reflected throughout the conference.

Further information: Secretariat, Department of Education, Training and Employment, GPO Box 1152, Adelaide SA 5000. Tel: (08) 8226 9548. Fax: (08) 8226 0099. Email: octf@saugov.sa.gov.au. Web: <http://www.octf.sa.edu.au>

5–7 May 2003

***World Forum on Early Care and Education
Acapulco, Mexico***

The World Forum is designed to benefit early childhood professionals who provide direct services to young children and their families. On offer will be 'a world of ideas on caring for the children of the world'. The Australian Early Childhood Association is one of the organisations which has partnered with the Child Care Information Exchange to support the World Forum.

Further information: Child Care Information Exchange, PO Box 3249, Redmond WA 98073-3249, USA. Web: <http://www.ChildCareExchange.com/wf/index.cfm>

18–20 May 2003

***European Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome
Edinburgh, Scotland***

The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome invites you to this conference, which will focus on current practices, research methodology, public awareness and policies related to shaken baby syndrome.

Further information: The European Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome, Department of Child Life and Health, 20 Sylvan Place, Edinburgh EH9 1UW Scotland. Tel: 1 801 627 3399. Fax: 1 801 627 3321. Email: registration@dontshake.com. Web: <http://www.dontshake.com>

21–23 May 2003

***Second National Sexual Assault Response Team
(SART) Training Conference
New Orleans***

The Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute is pleased to announce partici-

pation as a co-sponsor of the Second National Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Training Conference. The conference will offer a multidisciplinary approach to training SART professionals, who provide victims of sexual crimes with victim-centred care through the criminal justice process.

Further information: Web: <http://www.sane-sart.com/info.htm#May%202003%20Conference>

23–25 May 2003

***1st NSW State Conference –
The Australian Psychological Society
Newcastle, NSW***

This conference is to be hosted by the Newcastle branch of the APS and the School of Education and School of Behavioural Sciences, University of Newcastle.

Further information: Web: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/school/education/news/apsstateconf2003/index.html>

26–28 May 2003

***4th International Conference on Drugs
and Young People
Wellington, NZ***

Key areas of interest at this conference will be drug use within youth populations; workforce development; legal issues, law enforcement, justice prevention, education, health promotion; early intervention/treatment; drug policy; indigenous populations and groups; culturally diverse communities; parent roles; and media impact.

Further information: Conference Secretariat, Australian Drug Foundation, PO Box 818 North Melbourne 3052. Fax: (03) 9328 3008. Email: events@adf.org.au. Web: <http://www.adf.org.au>

5–6 June 2003

***African American Children and Domestic
Violence: Prevention and Intervention
Minneapolis, Minnesota***

The Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community's Forum on African American Children will examine the impact of domestic violence on children and recommend ways in which the African American community can collaborate with helping institutions to address the devastating effects that violence has on children and child development. The conference also will recommend interventions that may be more responsive.

Further information: University of Minnesota, School of Social Work 290 Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108-6142. Web: <http://www.dvinsti.tute.org>

13–15 June 2003

***International Family Strengths Conference
Guangzhou, People's Republic of China***

Sponsored by the South China Normal University, the International Family Strengths Consortium/University of Nebraska, and Webster University, Missouri, USA. The objective of this conference is to unite professionals and laypersons interested in helping to strengthen families around the world.

Further information: Nancy Swarts. Email: nswarts2@unl.edu

15–18 June 2003

***4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Health Workers' Conference
Adelaide, SA***

An invitation is extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, their colleagues, and all those who have an interest in the health of Indigenous communities, to attend the 4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers' Conference. Conference themes are: professional development; program innovations; health and community development; partnerships and policies.

Further information: Contact Project Officer on Tel: 1800 888 575 or (02) 9311 2593. Email: journal@aihwhj.com.au. Or contact the Secretariat – SAPMEA Conventions, 68 Greenhill Road, Wayville SA 5034. Tel: (08) 8274 6060. Fax: (08) 8274 6000. Toll Free Number: 1800 674 668. Email: aihwh4thconf@sapmea.asn.au. Web: <http://www.sapmea.asn.au>

20–21 June 2003

***Tresillian Family Care Centres Conference
Homebush Bay, Sydney, NSW***

This conference for health professionals working in child and family health will focus on the psycho-social issues for parenting and the health of young children and their families.

Further information: Dr Catherine Fowler, Education and Research, Tresillian Family Care Centres, McKenzie Street, Belmore NSW 2192. Tel: (02) 9787 0869. Fax: (02) 9787 0880. Email: cathrine@email.cs.nsw.gov.au

20–22 June 2003
Country Children's Services Association
of NSW Conference
Canberra, ACT

Each year CCSA hosts a three-day conference for people involved with the delivery and management of children's services across NSW. The theme of the 2003 Conference is 'Embracing Complexity and Risking Change'.

Further information: Country Children's Services Association of NSW, PO Box 118, Katoomba NSW 2780. Tel: (02) 4782 1470. Fax: (02) 4782 4425. Email: conference@ccsa-nsw.asn.au. Web: <http://www.ccsa-nsw.asn.au>

21–26 June 2003
Second World Conference on Family Violence
Prague, Czech Republic

The World Congress is co-sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and is convened under the auspices of the International Network on Family Violence (INFV) and its Secretariat, the National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence (NCCAFV) in the United States. The congress theme is: 'Protecting Every Generation – Sharing Solutions that Prevent Child Abuse, Spouse/Partner Abuse (Domestic Violence), and Elder Abuse'.

Further information: INFV Secretariat, National Council on Child Abuse and Family Violence (NCCAFV), 1025 Connecticut Avenue NW – Suite 1012, Washington, DC 20036 USA. Email: WCFV@aol.com. Fax: 1 831 655 3930. Web: <http://www.wcfv.org>

22–24 June 2003
Equal Play – A Vision for Children:
11th ENSAC Conference
London

The 11th European Network for School-age Childcare Conference aims to raise the profile of children's rights and equality for children.

Further information: Web: <http://www.ensac-conference2003.org.uk/>

26–28 June 2003
Joined Up Services: Linking Together
for Children and Families
Dunedin, NZ

A preliminary notice and call for papers has been issued for the Fifth Child and Family Policy Conference from the Children's Issues Centre, University of Otago. Papers which cover the issue of strengthening collaborative links, and the joined up nature of services are particularly welcomed.

Further information: Children's Issues Centre, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin NZ. Tel: +64 3 479 5038. Fax: +64 3 479 5039. Email: cic@otago.ac.nz. Web: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/CIC/CIC.html>

7–11 July 2003
36th World Congress of the International
Institute of Sociology
Beijing, People's Republic of China

The theme of this 36th Congress will be 'Social Change in the Age of Globalization'. The host institute will be the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, which covers not only sociological and anthropological issues, but also social psychology, social policy and youth studies.

Further information: 36th World Congress, International Institute of Sociology, c/- Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, 5 Jianguomen Nei Dajie, Beijing 100732, P.R. China. Fax: (86 10) 6513 3870. Email: ioscass@public.bta.net.cn. Web: <http://www.iis2003.beijing.com.cn/en/index.htm>

9–11 July 2003
International Narrative Therapy
and Community Work Conference
University of Liverpool, UK

This international narrative therapy and community work conference is being organised by Dulwich Centre Publications and the Centre for Narrative Practice (Sheffield, UK).

Further information: Dulwich Centre Publications, Hutt St PO Box 7192, Adelaide SA 5000. Tel: (08) 822 33966. Fax: (08) 8232 4441. Email: dulwich@senet.com.au. Web: <http://www.dulwichcentre.com.au/ukconference.html>

9–11 July 2003
Australian Social Policy Conference –
'Social Inclusion'
University of New South Wales

The biennial Australian Social Policy Conference (formerly known as the National Social Policy Conference) run by the Social Policy Research Centre will involve a mix of plenary sessions, forum discussions and contributed papers in parallel sessions. The overarching theme for the 2003 Conference will be Social Inclusion. The SPRC invites offers of papers from researchers, teachers, students and practitioners of social policy.

Further information: Events and Promotions Coordinator, Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW, NSW 2052. Tel: (02) 9385 7802. Email: d.aldridge@unsw.edu.au. Web: <http://www.sprc.unsw.edu.au>

9–12 July 2003
NetSafe II: Society, Safety and the Internet
Auckland, NZ

This conference will focus on the themes of safety in the home, business, workplace and school, and legal, ethical and cultural issues regarding the Internet. The conference is presented by the Internet Safety Group, the University of Auckland, and the New Zealand Police.

Further information: Web: http://www.net-safe.org.nz/conferences/conferences_default.asp

10–13 July 2003
Children – the Core of Society – Australian Early
Childhood Association Conference
Hobart, Tas.

The Australian Early Childhood Association Conference invites you to participate in the 2003 Biennial Conference, which promises the opportunity to debate, reflect and challenge practice and policy in order to support the theme that children are the core of society.

Further information: Conference Secretariat, Convention Wise, Mures building, Victoria Dock, Hobart Tas 7000. Tel: (03) 6234 1424. Fax: (03) 6231 5388. Email: mail@conventionwise.com.au

13–16 July 2003
8th International Family Violence
Research Conference
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

The University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory and Crimes against Children Research Center are pleased to announce this conference.

Further information: Sarah M. Giacomoni, Conference Administrator, Family Research Laboratory and Crimes Against Children Research Center, University of New Hampshire, 126 Horton Social Science Center, Durham, NH 03824. Tel: (603) 862 0767. Fax: (603) 862 1122. Email: sarahg@cisunix.unh.edu

20–23 July 2003
British Association for the Study and Prevention of
Child Abuse and Neglect 5th National Conference
University of York, England

The conference theme is 'Child Maltreatment – Strengthening the Links Between Research, Policy and Practice: How effectively does research influence policy and enhance practice?'. Papers are invited from social work, health, psychology, psychiatry, voluntary agencies, police, probation, the legal profession and international perspectives.

Further information: BASPCAN National Office, 10 Priory Street, York, YO1 6EZ, UK. Tel: +44 (0) 1904 613605. Fax: +44 (0) 1904 642239. Email: congress@baspcan.org.uk. Web: <http://www.baspcan.org.uk>

24–26 July 2003
Building Better Beginnings: Perinatal
and Infant Initiatives in Context
Adelaide, SA

The Australian Association for Infant Mental Health and the Marce Society welcome you to this conference, which will be a joint conference in conjunction with the Helen Mayo House. The conference and day workshops will focus on making the earliest connections – between parent and infant, between parents, infants and

professionals and between different cultural approaches and perceptions. It will be relevant to all people working in the early intervention area.

Further information: The Conference Organiser, PO Box 385, Malvern, Vic 3144. Tel: (03) 9509 7121. Fax: (03) 9509 7151. Email: info@conorg.com.au

29–31 August 2003
9th ISPCAN Regional European Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Warsaw, Poland

The main theme of this conference is Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to Child Protection. The Congress will cover a wide range of issues dealing with child abuse and neglect. This includes general topics, such as 'interdisciplinary procedures and practices', 'the legal aspects of child protection' and 'prevention policies'; and those focusing directly on chil-



dren, including 'sexually abused children', 'street and abandoned children' and 'interviewing children'.

Further information: Web: http://www.ispcan2003.info/ispcan2003/_index/index.php?lang=en

11–14 September 2003
Connections that Count – Young People, Social Capital and Empowerment
University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Main themes of this conference from the Faculty of Education, University of Strathclyde will include: definitions and dimensions of social capital; building social capital through social networks; creating trust and social connectedness; family, peer group and the community; youth participation; citizenship, community and young people; peer mentoring and mediation; self help networks and action groups; the development and strengthening of social networks.

Further information: Email to sarah.harper@strath.ac.uk and type in your postal address

16–20 September 2003
8th International Conference on Family Violence
San Diego, California

Conference co-hosts are: Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, San Diego;

Children's Institute International, Los Angeles; and Alliant International University. The theme is 'Advocacy, Assessment, Intervention, Research, Prevention and Policy'.

Further information: FVSAI at Alliant International University, 'FV Conference 2003'. Attn: Lisa Conradi, 6160 Cornerstone Court East, San Diego, CA 92121. Tel: (858) 623 2777 ext. 427. Fax: (858) 646 0761. Email: fvconf@alliant.edu. Web: <http://www.fvsai.org>

17–19 September 2003
CAFWAA Practice Symposium – The Potential of Treatment Models in Out of Home Care
Canberra, ACT

The Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA) invites participation in three days of cutting-edge debate and practice exchange to explore the development of effective treatment mod-

els for children and young people in out of home care. With the theme 'When care is not enough', the practice symposium will feature keynote addresses, practice papers, extended workshops, showcase presentations and hot topic debates.

Further information: CAFWAA, Locked Bag 13, Haymarket NSW 1240. Fax: (02) 9281 8827. Email: cawaa@acwa.asn.au

21–24 September 2003
One World: Many Childhoods – Strengthening Early Childhood International Links
Melbourne, Vic.

This XXIV World Congress of The World Organisation for Early Childhood Education will be a unique opportunity to highlight OMEP's concern for early childhood development across the world. The overall theme of the Congress is One World: Many Childhoods. The Congress program will provide opportunities to explore issues such as children in difficult circumstances; innovation in service delivery; Indigenous children's needs and services; and children's health and social services. You will be challenged to think carefully about the types of programs delivered to young children.

Further information: The Meeting Planners, 91–97 Islington Street, Collingwood, Vic. 3066. Tel: (03) 9417 0888. Fax: (03) 9417

0899. Email: omep@meetingplanners.com.au. Web: <http://www.omepaustralia.com.au/contact.htm>

24–27 November 2003
9th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Sydney, NSW

The Ninth Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect will be hosted by the NSW Department of Community Services. This special event brings together people from across Australia who work to strengthen communities and families to protect children and young people. The theme for 2003, 'Many Voices, Many Choices', recognises that child abuse and neglect is of concern to a wide range of people across society and that there are many ways to address child abuse and neglect issues.

Further information: Jeanette Morgan, Conference Manager, Department of Community Services, New South Wales. Tel: (02) 9209 6229. Fax: (02) 9209 6233. Email: jeanette.morgan@community.nsw.gov.au. Web: <http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/acan/>

30 November–3 December 2003
Building a Truly Civil Society – Third Australian Family and Community Strengths Conference
University of Newcastle, NSW

This conference is about the successes and challenges of applying different forms of strengths perspective, such as asset-based community development, strengths-based practice, narrative therapy, appreciative inquiry and brief solution-focused therapy. The main themes of the conference are: promoting strengths-based leadership/management; linking schools, family and community; working from a strengths perspective in a problem-focused environment; exploring resilience; mobilising people and community resources (practical application). Abstracts must be submitted before 2 May 2003.

Further information: Email: familystrengths@pco.com.au. Web: <http://www.pco.com.au/familystrengths>

19–22 September 2004
15th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect
Brisbane, Qld

NAPCAN is hosting the 15th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in partnership with ISPCAN (International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect). The planning process has begun, and more detail will be provided as it becomes available.

Further information: National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, PO Box K241, Haymarket NSW 1240. Tel: (02) 9211 0224. Fax: +61 (0) 2 9211 5676. Email: napcanaus@aol.com. Web: <http://www.congress2004.com>