

**International Interdisciplinary Course
on Children's Rights
Ghent, Belgium**

26 November – 3 December

The course deals with the concept of children's rights and provides extensive basic information and in-depth knowledge on the origins, motivation, strategies and main trends in the field of children's rights. The course consists of a mixture of lectures, workshops and informal sessions with time for questions and discussion.

Further information: Children's Rights Centre, Department of Social Welfare Studies, Ghent University, Henri Dunantlaan 2, B - 9000 Ghent. Phone: + 32 9 264 6285. Fax: + 32 264 6493. Internet: www.cen-trumkinderrechten.org

**Child Abuse and Neglect
Leuven, Belgium**

1–3 December 2004

This international conference, "Child Abuse and Neglect, the Facts: Meeting the Experts", is presented by Confidential Centre for Child Abuse and Neglect Flemish-Brabant in cooperation with Province Flemish Brabant Catholic University of Leuven. The conference organisers state: "During the conference we will

exclusively present a state of affairs in scientific research about child abuse. Attention will therefore be given to empirical data and quantifiable knowledge. In order to achieve this we will appeal to ten internationally acknowledged experts with extensive research experience. Each of these experts will take a provocative statement as their starting point."

Further information: Kathleen Vleugels, Scientific Administration. Email: Kathleen.vleugels@uzleuven.be Internet: www.kindermishandeling.leuven.be/congres

**Central Coast "Connexions" Conference
The Entrance, Central Coast,
NSW**

3 December 2004

"Think About the Links – Violence, Abuse and Neglect" is the theme of this conference presented by Central Coast Health: Violence, Abuse and Neglect Services. The conference will explore ways of thinking about the links between different forms of family violence, including domestic violence, animal cruelty, child abuse and neglect, and sexual violence.

Further information: Central Coast Health: Violence, Abuse and Neglect Services, Email: talee@doh.health.nsw.gov.au Internet: www.aifs.gov.au/institute/conf/ccconnexions.pdf (PDF 488K)

Who's Who

at the National Child Protection Clearinghouse

The second half of 2004 saw a new team of three research staff for the National Child Protection Clearinghouse (NCPC). In addition, the Clearinghouse draws on existing Australian Institute of Family Studies staff and services.

RESEARCH STAFF

Dr Daryl Higgins is the NCPC Manager responsible for the day-to-day management of the Clearinghouse. As the Senior Research Fellow, Daryl supervises the specialist research and advisory services and is responsible for writing and editing publications.

Leah Bromfield, Senior Research Officer, and **Nick Richardson**, Research Officer, are involved in the provision of research and advisory services and write many of the publications. Nick is the moderator for "childprotect", the NCPC email discussion forum.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STAFF

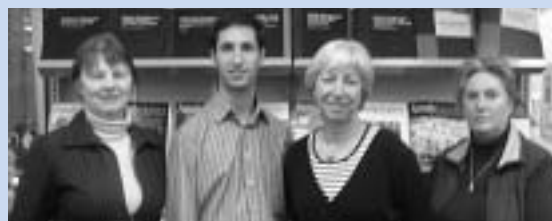
Under the direction of the Library Manager, **Judy Adams**, many of the Australian Institute of Family Studies library staff facilitate the work of the Clearinghouse. In particular, **Joan Kelleher**, Reference Librarian, provides assistance to clients through the Institute's library help desk and is responsible for developing the specialist NCPC library collection. **Susan Fooks** has responsibility for the development and management of the Clearinghouse website, and **Tom Fooks** provides assistance with maintaining the mailing list.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Dr Daryl Higgins, Leah Bromfield and Nick Richardson.



Judy Adams, Tom Fooks, Susan Fooks and Joan Kelleher.

**Children's Forum
Hong Kong**

18–19 December 2004

This forum, "Have Your Say, Don't Delay!", has been organised by Against Child Abuse, UNICEF and the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights. The forum will aim to promote children's rights to participation. It offers an opportunity for children in Hong Kong and overseas to exchange their ideas and experience on child participation. Through the experience shared, it will also help to explore the readiness of setting up a child-led organisation in Hong Kong.

Further information: Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights. Internet: www.childrenrights.org.hk/E_applform.htm

**Child and Family Maltreatment
San Diego, California
USA**

24–28 January 2005

The purpose of this 19th Annual San Diego Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment is to enhance the skills of professionals in the prevention, recognition, assessment and treatment of all forms of child



abuse and neglect, including those related to family violence. An international audience representing medicine, mental health, law, criminal justice, child welfare, public policy, and research depends upon this meeting for state-of-the-field accredited continuing education and research, and review of pertinent issues of public policy.

Further information: Chadwick Center for Children and Families. Email: sdconference@chsd.org Internet: www.chadwickcenter.org

***childprotect* e-discussion list**

The goal of the email discussion list, *childprotect*, established by the National Child Protection Clearinghouse at the Australian Institute of Family Studies, is to provide a venue for scholarly discussion of child maltreatment and child protection research, policy and practice issues.

childprotect is designed to promote the exchange of information and ideas and encourage scholarly debate between Australasian and other professionals working in the field of child abuse prevention and child protection. It is not a case discussion forum.

Appropriate topics for discussion include:

- all areas of child abuse and neglect research
- requests for research, policy or practice information
- developments and changes to child protection and child abuse prevention, policy and practice
- best practice in child abuse prevention and child protection
- discussion of broader family violence issues
- discussion surrounding the rights of children and young people
- education and training issues
- notices about upcoming conferences, workshops, events, etc.
- pointers to new publications, online papers, resources/links, websites, etc

Subscribers to the list include: child protection workers, other health and welfare service providers, people working in the criminal justice system, in education and training, or in policy and service planning, researchers and information providers. If you are new to the list, please introduce yourself as we would like to know about you and your interests.

childprotect is moderated. When you send a message to the list, it goes to the moderator who has the option to accept or discard it, or request you to post a revised message that conforms to the policy outlined on the website www.aifs.gov.au

To join *childprotect*, send the following e-mail:

To: majordomo@aifs.gov.au
Subject: (leave blank)
In body of email, type the following: subscribe childprotect

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To check for future updates on these guidelines, please see: www.aifs.gov.au/nch/dlist