

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

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New Developments in Science and Practice: Influences on Child Protection: ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
Berlin, Germany

11-14 September 2005

This conference will be organised by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the German Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The theme chosen for the conference is New Developments in Science and Practice: Influences on Child Protection. The main official language of the conference will be English.

Further information: Conference Secretariat: 25 W. 560 Geneva Rd., Suite L2C, Carol Stream, IL 60188, USA. Email: euroconf2005@ispcan.org. Internet: www.ispcan.org/euroconf2005

Twelfth Annual Conference - The Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
Perth, Western Australia

16-17 September 2005

This conference is aimed at those working with adult survivors of childhood trauma and/or traumatised children. Presentations will be from international, national and local experts addressing traumatised children and adult survivors of childhood trauma. The theme of the conference is "the impact of childhood trauma across the lifespan: Historical denial - current challenges", with the two broad streams of trauma in childhood/youth and the impact of childhood trauma in adulthood. Presentations will address research, public policy, rehabilitation and clinical practice in a number of fields, with an emphasis on the latest treatment approaches, psychological/ neurobiological/ social identification of both at risk individuals and of protective factors, and the impact of trauma on the family and community.

Further information: Email: waconferenceorganiser@astss.org.au. Internet: www.astss.org.au.



Tenth International Conference on Family Violence
San Diego, California, USA

18-21 September 2005

The Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute is hosting this international conference, which will cover domestic violence, elder abuse, child maltreatment, youth violence, sexual assault, and trauma. The theme of the conference is "bridging differences: Expanding tools, best practices, and collaboration" and it will bring together international leaders, researchers, practitioners, advocates and those working on the front line with children, adult victims and offenders.

Further information: Email: fvconf@alliant.edu. Internet: www.fvsai.org

Ninth International EUSARF Congress - Troubled Children in a Troubled World
Paris, France

21-24 September 2005

This international conference is organised by the European Scientific Association for Residential and Foster Care for Children and Adolescents (EUSARF). The congress will focus on social factors that put young people at risk, and will provide an opportunity to bring together researchers, decision makers and practitioners from a wide range of agencies working in the field of child and youth care.

Further information: Internet: www.netx.u-paris10.fr/eusarf/indexa.htm

Family Services Australia 2005 National Conference: Supporting Australian Families
Adelaide, South Australia

28-30 September 2005

The Family Services Australia (FSA) conference will bring together members of the FSA network and the broader family services sector to workshop and explore the theory, program and practice of work in family services, and to examine the connection between practice and the policy response of government. The themes within the context of "supporting Australian families" are relate, negotiate, integrate. The conference will be organised into the streams of practice, program and policy.

Further information: Phone: (02) 6281 1788. Internet: www.fsa.org.au

**Early Childhood Australia Biennial Conference – Kaleidoscope: Changing Images of Childhood
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia**

28 September-1 October 2005

The main themes of this conference are: popular culture and technologies – effects of popular culture on literacy, effects of popular culture on children's growth and learning, curriculum in response to the effects of popular culture, use of technology in preservice education/training, service delivery, curriculum development, and impact of technology on children's lives; cultural diversity – rights of children, cultural context of service/program delivery, and leadership in diverse communities; changing relationships – effects of change on children, changing roles of professionals, changes in leadership/management, curriculum change, and communication; young children's health – effects of societal change on children's health; effects of popular culture on children's health, and nutrition, obesity, physical activity.

Further information: Phone: (07) 3368 2644. Email: eca2005@ccm.com.au. Internet: www.eca2005.com

**Australian Police Summit 2005
Melbourne, Australia**

5-6 October 2005

Now in its third year, the Australian Policy Summit will combine a two-day conference and exhibition designed to educate, develop and inspire today's law enforcement professionals. Topics include: crime and community; technology and information technology; and strategic leadership issues.

Further information: Marisa Miller for enquiries. Phone: (02) 8437 4723. Email: marisa.miller@keymedia.com.au. Internet: www.policesummit.com

**Working with parents in the context of intergenerational child abuse
Ringwood, Victoria, Australia**

6 October 2005

This workshop will provide a framework for working therapeutically with parents who have unresolved experiences of trauma relating to abuse in their own childhoods.

Further information: Australian Childhood Foundation. Internet: www.childhood.org.au

**Their lives, our work: Critical questions for practice in child, youth and family services
Preston, Victoria, Australia**

10-12 October 2005

The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare and the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia are hosting this National Symposium. The

symposium will showcase the practical approaches that assist in responding to, and supporting children, young people and families with complex needs.

Further information: Phone: (03) 9614 1577

**Child Development in the 0 to fives
Noble Park, Victoria, Australia**

21 October 2005

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Further information: Queen Elizabeth Centre, Email: theqec@qec.org.au. Internet: www.qec.org.au

**Making it fair: Respectful intervention with disadvantaged young people who have enacted violence and abuse
Sydney, New South Wales**

24 October 2005

Intervention with young people who have engaged in violence and abusive behaviour can foster a sense of justice, equity and respect. However, we can also inadvertently oppress and victimise while seeking responsibility and accountability. This workshop will address the politics of intervention by highlighting dilemmas and principles for just and respectful practice.

Further information: New South Wales Family Therapy Association, Internet: www.nswfta.org.au

**Twenty Sixth Australian Family Therapy Conference
Sydney, New South Wales**

25-27 October 2005

The theme for this year's conference is "adversity, abuse and restorative action", highlighting the challenges faced in working with families who have experienced adversity and abuse, and the therapeutic opportunities for witnessing the complexities of adversity and abuse and orienting to resilience and restorative action. The conference committee welcomes participation from individuals and/or organisations that reflect Australia's cultural and linguistic diversity; and the myriad ways that this Australian community faces the complex issues of abuse, adversity and restorative action.

Further information: Phone: (02) 8824 8822. Fax: (02) 8824 8822. Email: conf@nswfta.org.au. Internet: www.nswfta.org.au/conf

**From “parentification” to expertise:
Therapeutic work with children and their
families in the context of violence or
parental mental illness
Sydney, New South Wales**

28 October 2005

The presenters are currently working on a research project exploring relational processes in families with “precarious parenting”, where there has been domestic violence, parental mental illness and parental drug abuse. During the workshop they will focus on therapeutic work with children and their families in the context of violence or parental mental illness.

Further information: NSW Family Therapy Association. Internet: www.nswfta.org.au

**Trauma and resilience in children 0 to five years
Noble Park, Victoria, Australia**

4 November 2005

This is a workshop that will explore the physical, cognitive and social/emotional effects on infants and children who have experienced traumatic events. Learning objectives include: signs of trauma in children; understanding attachment issues in situations of trauma; manifestations of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD); knowledge of different levels of resilience in young children; development of strategies to foster resilience; and strategies for assisting the child and the family designed for child protection workers, foster carers, family support workers and early childhood workers. Information will be provided on: understanding of normal development; indicators of delay; knowing when to refer.

Further information: Queen Elizabeth Centre, Email: theqec@qec.org.au. Internet: www.qec.org.au

**Protecting children: Asian perspectives and
beyond – Sixth ISPCAN Asian Regional
Conference
Singapore**

16-18 November 2005

Organised by the Singapore Children’s Society under the auspices of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), this conference is open to anyone involved in combating the problem of child abuse and neglect. Under the theme of “Protecting Children: Asian Perspectives and Beyond”, topics covered will include: identification and management of child abuse and neglect; prevention of child abuse and neglect; social and cultural issues; children’s rights and voices; legal, medical and educational aspects; interdisciplinary collaboration; and research and policy.

Further information: Internet: www.ispcansingapore.com

**Honoring the child, honoring equity 5:
Reconsidering rights and relationships
Parkville, Victoria, Australia**

17-20 November 2005

Honoring the Child, Honoring Equity 5 is the Annual International Early Childhood Conference from the Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood (CEIEC) at the University of Melbourne. Themes of the conference will include: challenges and possibilities in building respectful relationships with children and their communities; exploring resistances and responsibilities in creating greater equity with and for children; social justice and reciprocity in relationships with children relationships; rights and early childhood pedagogies; and innovative practices and policies for enacting children’s rights.

Further information: Phone: (03) 8344 7780. Email: education-ceiec@unimelb.edu.au. Internet: www.edfac.unimelb.edu.au/LED/CEIEC/newsandevents/events/conferences/current/CEIECAnnualConf

**Survivors of sexual abuse, and its effects on
parenting 0 to 5 year-olds
Noble Park, Victoria, Australia**

18 November 2005

Trauma associated with child sexual abuse can re-surface when survivors themselves have a child, creating problems in the parent-infant relationship. This workshop will explore internal and external factors resulting from abuse, its influence on child and adult behaviour and parenting, and ways to assist these families. Learning objectives: short term effects of childhood sexual abuse; increased knowledge of survivors of child abuse and neglect; effects on attachment, relationships and intimacy; the effects of becoming pregnant; parenting when you have “ghosts in the nursery”; parenting and the effects on the child in the first 12 months; encountering obstacles; and how children provide a second chance of a positive parent-child relationship.

Further information: Queen Elizabeth Centre, Email: theqec@qec.org.au. Internet: www.qec.org.au



**The Fourth Australian Family and Community Strengths Conference
Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia**

5-8 December 2005

The National Family and Community Strengths Conference aims to bring together practitioners and organisations with an interest in and a commitment to a strengths approach to supporting families and communities. The conference will provide a platform to explore: the impact of strengths based approaches; how to build accountable practice; how to make the best uses of resources available; what counts as evidence in strengths based practice; how we use research to strengthen practice; how can we use our practice to strengthen research; and how can we use practice based research to influence policy.

Further information: Conference Secretariat, Email family@pco.com.au. Internet: www.pco.com.au/family

**World Congress on the Family - Restore Family Life and Sustain World Peace
Chennai, India**

1-5 January 2006

This World Congress will provide a platform for information exchange on major family issues, policies, research, successful family programmes, and available expertise and resources among experts and groups from different sectors and levels of operation. It also aims to motivate NGOs, governmental and intergovernmental bodies to develop and implement action for the family; and to ensure effective follow-up action as part of an ongoing process towards a more "family-friendly and peace-oriented" society.

Further information: Director, World Congress, SER-FAC, No.140 Manimangalam Road, Varadarajapuram, Chennai - 600 048, India. Phone: 91 44 2276 1328. Fax: 91 44 2276 0149. Email: serfac@md4.vsnl.net.in

**Tenth Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect.
Wellington, New Zealand**

14-16 February 2006

The theme of the 10th Australasian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect is Kua Puawai O Nga Tamariki, "Blossoming of Our Children - Resilience, Rights and Responsibilities". The conference is being held in Wellington, New Zealand at the Wellington Convention Centre and is being co-hosted by the Ministry of Social Development; Department of Child, Youth and Family Services; and the Children's Commissioner. A conference website will be developed early 2005 and a call for abstracts is scheduled for April 2005.

Further information: Fiona McElwee, Ministry of Social Development. Phone: 0064 4 916-3733. Email: Fiona.McElwee001@msd.govt.nz



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**International interdisciplinary conference on children's rights: An appraisal of the Children's Rights Convention
Ghent, Belgium**

18-19 May 2006

The conference aims to evaluate the achievements of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to explore the challenges ahead in realising children's rights. It will in particular do so by creating an open forum where academics can meet and exchange views with other professionals, dealing with children's rights in a more practical way.

**XVth ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect – Children in a Changing World: Getting It Right
York, United Kingdom**

3-6 September 2006

This Congress is being organised by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in collaboration with the British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The speed of change in the modern world brings many new challenges for those working to protect children and safeguard their welfare. The title of the Congress, "Children in a Changing World: Getting It Right," reflects the need to ensure that research, knowledge, policies, the shape of services and practice skills address these challenges and take advantage of the opportunities, as well as recognises the dangers and adverse consequences.

Further information: www.ispcan.org/congress2006