

## CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

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### Child Development in the 0 to fives Noble Park, Victoria

23-24 February 2006

This workshop is designed to extend your understanding of child development so as to be better prepared to assist the families under your care. It is suitable for child protection workers, foster carers, family support workers and early childhood workers. Learning objectives include: understanding of normal development - physical, cognitive and socio-emotional using attachment-based theory; indicators of delay; strategies for supporting families; therapeutic approaches; and when to refer.

*Further information:* Queen Elizabeth Centre, Email: [theqec@qec.org.au](mailto:theqec@qec.org.au), Internet: [www.qec.org.au](http://www.qec.org.au)

### International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights - An Appraisal of the Children's Rights Convention: Theory meets practice, Ghent, Belgium

18-19 May 2006

The conference aims to evaluate the achievements of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and at exploring 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.

*Further information:* Marie Delplace, Ghent University, Internet: [www.law.ugent.be](http://www.law.ugent.be)

### Strengthening Practice: The First National Australian College for Child and Family Protection Practitioners Professional Development Conference, Sydney, New South Wales

21-23 May 2006

This conference is open to all workers in the child and family protection system, both in statutory and non-government roles. Submissions are being sought for presentations on: working with vulnerable people; maintaining professional focus; education and training; service evaluation; quality improvement; and ethical practice developments.

*Further information:* CROCCS, Email [croccs@bigpond.net.au](mailto:croccs@bigpond.net.au) [www.croccs.org.au](http://www.croccs.org.au)

### Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference, San Diego, CA, USA

21-24 May 2006

Conference highlights will include nationally renowned keynote speakers in the fields of child abuse prevention and family support, workshops on a wide range of practical topics, peer-to-peer exchange, and networking opportunities.

*Further information:* Prevent Child Abuse America, Internet: [www.preventchildabuse.org/ConferenceEvents/conference.html](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/ConferenceEvents/conference.html)

### Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Conference Sydney, New South Wales

14-16 August 2006

The Call for Papers for the 2006 Association of Children's Welfare Agencies Conference has now opened. Abstracts are invited for papers, posters and workshops that present research, expert practice and policy initiatives in relation to the conference streams: out-of-home care; family services - early intervention, prevention and protection; Indigenous children and families; education and special needs; and child and family service organisations.

*Further information:* Abstracts can be submitted on-line via the conference website: [www.acwa06.com](http://www.acwa06.com)

### 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](http://www.ispcan.org/congress2006).

### Strengths-Based Practice Conference Brisbane, Queensland

16-18 October 2006

Hosted by Kyabra Community Association Inc. and Lighthouse Resources this conference will build on themes of strengths-based gatherings in both New Zealand and Australia and explore people's personal stories and experiences of strengths-based practice. In addition, it will further develop the application of strengths-based values and principles in an organisational and sector context.

*Further information:* Lighthouse Resources, Email: [info@lighthouseresources.com.au](mailto:info@lighthouseresources.com.au), Internet: [www.lighthouseresources.com.au](http://www.lighthouseresources.com.au)