

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION Newsletter

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Welcome to the second *Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter* for 2006. This newsletter contains a variety of valuable contributions from researchers, practitioners and policy makers.

Our feature article highlights successful community-based child abuse prevention strategies that have been conducted with the assistance of NAPCAN. We also include a call from NAPCAN to get involved in this year's National Child Protection Week (3–9 September). The Australian Institute of Family Studies is proud to be a founding NAPCAN National Child Protection Week Partner. As part of National Child Protection Week, the Australian Institute of Family Studies is hosting a seminar on 'The multiple and complex needs of Australian children in out-of-home care and appropriate service responses' by Dr. Paul Delfabbro, from the School of Psychology at the University of Adelaide. Details are available from the Institute's web page www.aifs.gov.au/institute/seminars/seminars.html

Also in this edition, Dr Peter Dale's model for improving child protection practice (based on an analysis of assessment errors that may have contributed to the fatal outcomes for the infants concerned) is discussed. The US population trial of the Triple P Positive Parenting Program is described. The Victorian Children's Court Clinic is profiled, and an excerpt from the clinic's contribution to a 100-year time capsule to celebrate the centenary of the Children's Court is included. The role of the Australasian Statutory Child Protection Learning and Development Group is described. The newsletter also includes a profile of Play by the Rules—a unique website designed to assist in the prevention of, and developing responses to, inappropriate behaviour in sport and recreation.

Our most recent *Issues* paper, written by Prue Holzer, Jenny Higgins, Leah Bromfield, Nick Richardson and Daryl Higgins, discusses child abuse prevention programs and their evaluation and summarises the research evidence in relation to two specific child abuse prevention programs: parent education and home visiting. If you have just joined the Clearinghouse's mailing list, or want additional copies of *Child Abuse Prevention Issues*, No. 24 entitled 'The effectiveness of parent education and home visiting child maltreatment prevention programs', or any of our other publications, they are available for download at: www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs.html

In addition to our *Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter* and *Issues* papers, the Clearinghouse produces a range of publications that are only available on the Clearinghouse website. In 2006, we will be publishing new Research, Policy and Practice Briefs. Research Briefs will describe findings from research undertaken by the Clearinghouse. The first two Research Briefs are already available and can be downloaded from: www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/researchbrief/menu.html. We also have an electronic series of Resource Sheets. All of the Clearinghouse's e-publications and hard copy publications are available online at: www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs.html

The Clearinghouse undertook several research projects in 2005, which have now been completed. To find out more about new research being undertaken by the Clearinghouse and to access full reports for completed research projects, visit the Clearinghouse website: www.aifs.gov.au/nch/research/menu.html

In addition to our regular mailing list, our *Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter* and *Issues* papers are now being sent to statutory child protection departments in every state and territory, as well as key community-based organisations. We think this makes the *Child Abuse Prevention* series one of the most effective publications in Australia for informing professionals in the child and family welfare area.

We look forward to keeping you informed with news and events from the National Child Protection Clearinghouse.

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