

What is the National Child Protection Clearinghouse?



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National Child Protection Clearinghouse

- λ A specialist information, advisory and research unit focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect
 - υ Part of the Australian Institute of Family Studies
 - υ Funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



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What does a 'Clearinghouse' do?

- λ The Clearinghouse provides a range of services to policy makers, practitioners and the community:
 - υ a “help-desk” information & advisory service
 - υ “*childprotect*” an email discussion list for information sharing moderated by the Clearinghouse
 - υ publications summarising the evidence-base in accessible language (e.g. Fact Sheets, Research, Policy and Practice Briefs, Issues Papers and Newsletters)
 - υ a webpage providing useful information and resources
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Publications

λ Publications include

- υ *Child Abuse Prevention Issues*
- υ *Child Abuse Prevention Newsletter*
- υ NCPC Research Brief
- υ Resource sheets
- υ Conference and workshop presentations
- υ Research reports and journal articles
- υ New publications coming in 2006:
Policy & Practice e-Briefs

λ Issues papers and newsletters are also available in hard copy and are delivered quarterly



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To join the Clearinghouse mailing list go to:
<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/nchmailform.html>

Publications

λ Publications

- υ focus on providing clear information
- υ describing what the research tells us
- υ identifying the implications for the sector
- υ accessible language
- υ brief

λ All Clearinghouse publications are free and can be downloaded from our website, go to:

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs.html>



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Information & Advisory Service

- λ Attend and present at conferences
- λ Provide presentations for the purposes of promotion or education
- λ Representation on key external committees (e.g., reference groups, editorial boards, working groups)
- λ Participate in or resource key forums and events



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“Helpdesk”

- λ Part of the information and advisory service
- λ For information about research evidence in areas of child abuse prevention, child protection, and out-of-home care, for example:
 - υ Statistics on child abuse and neglect
 - υ Requirements for police checks
 - υ Effects of abuse and neglect on children
- λ Any person from anywhere in Australia can contact the helpdesk via phone or email
- λ 03 9214 7888 OR ncpc@aifs.gov.au



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Library services

- λ Part of the information and advisory service
- λ Extensive collection of materials related to child abuse prevention, child protection and out-of-home care
 - υ Australian and key international resources
 - υ Journals, books, articles, reports, etc.
- λ Catalogue searchable online
<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/info.html>
- λ Librarian conducts literature searches on request
03 9214 7888 or ncpc@aifs.gov.au
- λ Staff from NGOs can become a member (free)
- λ Materials also available through inter-library loan



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Childprotect

- λ *childprotect* an email discussion list promoting
 - υ exchange of information and ideas
 - υ sharing of resources
- λ for professionals working in the field of child abuse prevention and child protection and other interested persons
- λ moderated by the Clearinghouse
- λ To join go to <http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/dlist.html>



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NCPC Website

- λ Information and resources for policy makers, practitioners, researchers and the community, including:
 - υ NCPC Publications
 - υ Resources (e.g. bibliographies, AIFS library catalogue)
 - υ NCPC Research
 - υ Getting help (e.g. reporting maltreatment, police checks, government departments, helplines, internet)
 - υ Conferences
 - υ Links to other websites
- λ http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/nch_menu.html



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NCPC Research

- λ The Clearinghouse also undertakes new research
- λ Commissioned or self-initiated
- λ Examples include:
 - υ profiling promising practice in recruiting and supporting Indigenous carers
 - υ impact of neighbourhood on children's outcomes
 - υ identify commonalities and differences across Australian jurisdictions in the provision of child protection services and associated areas
- λ For more information go to:
<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/research/menu.html>



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